



## MOVING ABROAD

### 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE MOVE

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#### 1. Visa and Work Permit

◆ **Check Entry and Residency Requirements:**

Research the entry and residency regulations of the destination country. Determine if a visa or residence permit is required and apply accordingly.

◆ **EU or Non-EU Country:**

For moves within the EU, a visa is generally not required, but there may still be registration obligations. For non-EU countries, a visa or work permit is often necessary. Begin the application process early, as it can take several months.

◆ **Familiarize Yourself with the Destination Country:**

If not already done, consider taking a trip to the destination country to get a better understanding of it. It's essential to experience the country beyond a tourist perspective and to engage with its culture and mindset.

◆ **Research Culture and Markets:**

Learn about the culture, mentality of the residents, and the housing and job markets.

◆ **Start Job and Housing Searches:**

Take initial steps toward finding a job and housing in the destination country.

#### 2. Check Important Documents

◆ **Ensure Validity of Passport and ID:**

Confirm that your passport and/or ID card have at least six months of validity beyond your departure date. Renew them if needed.

◆ **Driver's License:**

Verify if your current driver's license is accepted in the destination country. If necessary, obtain an international driver's license.

#### 3. Finances and Insurance

◆ **Plan Moving and Living Costs:**

Estimate the costs associated with your move and daily living in the new country.

◆ **Adjust Insurance Policies:**

Review and update your health, liability, and household insurance policies. Research the available insurance options in the destination country.

◆ **Understand Tax Implications:**

Investigate the tax implications of relocating and determine if you qualify for relocation allowances or tax benefits related to your move abroad.





## 3 MONTHS BEFORE THE MOVE

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### 1. Visa and Work Permit

#### ◆ **Continue Searching for Housing:**

Proceed with the search for accommodation and prepare rental agreements.

#### ◆ **Prepare Documents for Housing Registration:**

Ensure you have all necessary documents for registering your residence in the destination country.

### 2. Inspection Appointment with Umzugsservice Zürich GmbH

◆ To professionally assess the workload, Umzugsservice Zürich GmbH offers a free and non-binding inspection appointment for its valued customers. This allows for a reliable and precise cost estimate.

#### ◆ **Transportation Mode:**

Consider whether the move will be by land or sea, as this significantly impacts the costs and duration of the relocation.

#### ◆ **Decide on Belongings:**

Determine what to take, sell, donate, or store. Be mindful of customs and import regulations for household goods and vehicles.

### 3. Check Important Documents

#### ◆ **Certified Translations:**

Apply for certified translations of essential documents (e.g., birth and marriage certificates) if required in the destination country.

### 4. Childcare and Schooling

#### ◆ **Research and Enroll:**

Look into schools, kindergartens, or childcare options in the destination country and complete enrollment processes early.

### 5. Terminations and Deregistrations in Switzerland

#### ◆ **Terminate Rental Agreements:**

Cancel rental contracts and adhere to notice periods (usually three months).

#### ◆ **Plan Property Sale or Rental:**

If you own property, inform relevant parties of your intention to sell or rent it out.

#### ◆ **Deregister Services:**

Notify utility providers, local authorities, and other services about your departure.





## 1 MONTH BEFORE THE MOVE

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### 1. Deregistration from Authorities (Resident Registration Office):

- ◆ Complete the deregistration process with the local authorities.
- ◆ If you own a car, arrange for its sale or prepare for import into the destination country. Note that importing a car can be expensive and complicated in many countries.

### 2. Moving Preparations:

- ◆ Pack the belongings you plan to take with you and create a detailed inventory for customs purposes.
- ◆ Organize packing materials and consider purchasing moving insurance to protect your items.

### 3. Finances and Bank Accounts:

- ◆ Open a bank account in the destination country and familiarize yourself with its tax requirements.
- ◆ Review ongoing contracts and subscriptions in Switzerland and cancel or pause those no longer needed.

### 4. Pets and Import Regulations:

- ◆ Research the import regulations for pets in your destination country.
- ◆ Arrange for necessary vaccinations, health certificates, and other required documents to ensure compliance.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE THE MOVE

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### 1. Travel Preparations

- ◆ Ensure all travel documents, such as visas, passports, and tickets, are readily accessible.
- ◆ Double-check that these documents are valid and in order.

### 2. Final Preparations

- ◆ Deregister your residence and cancel or transfer contracts for insurance, internet, electricity, and other services.
- ◆ Notify all relevant parties, including banks, post office, and employers, about your new address.





## AFTER THE MOVE

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### 1. Registration in the Destination Country

- ◆ Register with local authorities for your residence, tax identification number, and social security number.
- ◆ Re-register your vehicle and arrange for insurance in the new country.

### 2. Finalize Moving Preparations

- ◆ Obtain necessary insurance policies in the destination country, such as health, accident, and household insurance.
- ◆ Check if you need to remain insured in Switzerland if you are liable for taxes in multiple countries.

### 3. Finances and Utilities

- ◆ Open a local bank account if not already done.
- ◆ Set up internet, phone, and other utility contracts in the new location.

### 4. Pets and Import Requirements

- ◆ Start making connections in your new community and adapt to the environment.
- ◆ If necessary, enroll in language courses to help you adjust to the new culture and surroundings.

