

Moving house checklist

Tick off each job from 8 weeks out to your first week in your new home. Full guide: finder.com.au

6 to 8 weeks before

- ☐ Lock in your moving date (lease end or settlement date)
- ☐ Give your landlord written notice if you're renting
- ☐ Get at least 3 removalist quotes, or price a DIY truck
- ☐ Declutter: sell, donate or throw out what you won't move
- ☐ List every account that has your address on it
- ☐ Organise school or childcare enrolment

4 weeks before

- ☐ Compare electricity, gas and internet plans for the new address
- ☐ Arrange your internet connection at the new address
- ☐ Check your contents insurance covers the move
- ☐ Make sure insurance covers both homes on moving day
- ☐ Tell strata and book the lift or loading dock (apartments)
- ☐ Check if the truck needs a council parking permit
- ☐ Measure doorways, stairs and rooms at the new place
- ☐ Start packing things you won't need
- ☐ Collect boxes and packing supplies
- ☐ Book time off work for moving day

2 weeks before

- ☐ Book electricity and gas connections at the new place
- ☐ Book a final meter read at the old place
- ☐ Set up Australia Post mail redirection
- ☐ Confirm your removalist or truck booking
- ☐ Use up food in the freezer and pantry
- ☐ Arrange care for kids and pets on moving day

Moving week

- ☐ Pack an essentials box to keep with you
- ☐ Defrost and clean the fridge
- ☐ Renters: end-of-lease clean; check the entry condition report
- ☐ Confirm parking and lift bookings at both addresses

Moving day

- ☐ Meter readings and photos at the old place
- ☐ Check cupboards, garage and shed are empty
- ☐ Renters: hand back all keys, remotes and access cards
- ☐ Check power, water, gas and hot water at the new place
- ☐ Meter readings and photos at the new place
- ☐ Check belongings against the removalist's inventory

First week in your new home

- ☐ Update your address in myGov
- ☐ Check old energy accounts are closed and final bills are right
- ☐ Update car, home and contents or renters insurance
- ☐ Test smoke alarms; find the safety switch and shut-off valves
- ☐ Change the locks if you've bought
- ☐ Find a local GP, dentist and vet
- ☐ Renters: claim your bond

Who to tell when you move

Your change of address checklist

Government

- ☐ myGov (ATO, Centrelink, Medicare and more)
- ☐ Child Support
- ☐ Australian Electoral Commission (after a month at the new address)
- ☐ Driver's licence
- ☐ Car registration
- ☐ Council (rates and pet registration)
- ☐ Toll accounts

Money

- ☐ Banks and credit cards
- ☐ Super funds
- ☐ Home, personal and car loan lenders
- ☐ Share trading, investment and crypto accounts
- ☐ Buy now, pay later accounts

Insurance

- ☐ Home and contents, or renters insurance
- ☐ Car insurance
- ☐ Health insurance
- ☐ Life insurance and income protection
- ☐ Pet insurance

Utilities and home

- ☐ Electricity and gas
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Mobile phone
- ☐ Water (if you own the home)
- ☐ Australia Post mail redirection

Health

- ☐ GP, dentist and specialists
- ☐ Pharmacy
- ☐ Vet
- ☐ Pet microchip registry

Everyday

- ☐ Employer payroll
- ☐ Schools, childcare and universities
- ☐ Gym and sports clubs
- ☐ Streaming and other subscriptions
- ☐ Loyalty programs
- ☐ Online shopping accounts and saved delivery addresses
- ☐ Friends and family

General information only. Deadlines and rules vary by state; see the full moving house checklist on finder.com.au for the licence and rego deadlines in your state. Checked in 2026.