

Moving to Europe checklist

From choosing a visa to your first month there.

6-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Pick a country and a visa route you qualify for
- ☐ Check income, savings and health insurance rules on the official site
- ☐ Get passports renewed if they expire within 2-3 years
- ☐ Order apostilled birth and marriage certificates
- ☐ Get criminal record certificates if required
- ☐ Talk to a tax adviser about leaving and arriving

2-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Book the consulate appointment
- ☐ Get certified translations
- ☐ Arrange private health insurance that meets the visa rules
- ☐ Line up a rental, or a short let for the first month
- ☐ Plan for pets: microchip, rabies shot, EU health certificate

AFTER YOU ARRIVE

- ☐ Register your address with the town hall
- ☐ Apply for or collect your residence card
- ☐ Get a local tax number and bank account
- ☐ Register for healthcare
- ☐ Swap your driving licence if needed (deadlines apply)
- ☐ Keep copies of everything