

Moving to **New Zealand** checklist

First steps

What to do	When to do it* 
Plan a visit to investigate your new country. If this isn't possible, do as much research ahead of your move as you can	18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Investigate housing options	18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Tell your friends and family	18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Assess your finances and plan how you can best repay debt/save for the move	18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Check what type of visa(s) you and your family will need	18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Attend an Opportunities New Zealand Expo	12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Check your passports to make sure they are valid for at least another two years	12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Make a folder with all your personal documents, including driver's licences, birth, marriage and adoption certificates, references for employment, evidence of qualifications, etc	12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Research the requirements for moving your pet	12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>



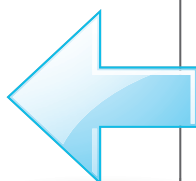
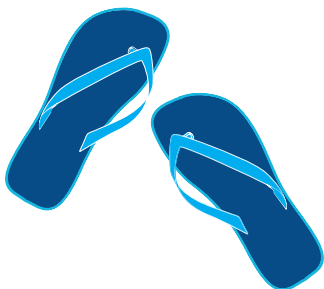
Phase two

What to do	When to do it* 
Start your visa application process	10 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Start job hunting and contacting companies in New Zealand	8 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Put your house on the market	8 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Inform schools that your children will be moving	6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Book your flights to New Zealand	6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Decide whether to transfer your pension to New Zealand	6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Get quotes from freight companies for moving your belongings	6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Go for your medicals and apply for police checks for visas	6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Research schools in New Zealand	4 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Open a New Zealand bank account	4 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Request credit references from your bank	4 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Research cost of living and taxes in New Zealand	3 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Sell any unwanted furniture or belongings	3 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Give formal notice to your current employer	3 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>




Final tasks

What to do	When to do it* 
Sell your car	2 weeks to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Wind down the goodbye parties to give you breathing space	1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Finalise packing	1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Organise transport to the airport	1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Cancel your car insurance and newspaper delivery	1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Change money into New Zealand dollars	1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange little treats for your children to keep them entertained on the flight	1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm transport to the airport	2 days to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Double check your hand luggage has everything you need, including your travel documents	1 day to go <input type="checkbox"/>



Almost there

What to do	When to do it* 
Book temporary accommodation in New Zealand	2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Register your children at their new schools in New Zealand	2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Book your pet's kennel accommodation in New Zealand	2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Give notice to your landlord	2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Hire a car for your first weeks in New Zealand	2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Start packing any non-essential items	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Give a forwarding address to all your contacts, including your bank, passport office, DVLA and accountants	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Cancel accounts for TV, internet, phone and insurance	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Pay off any outstanding debts	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange for your post to be redirected	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Transfer your funds with a foreign exchange specialist	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm bookings with travel agents and freight companies	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Cancel direct debits coming from your account	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>
Ask for a copy of your no claims bonus form from your insurance company	1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/>

* The timeframe should only be used as a reference and will likely vary according to your personal circumstances.