

Your UK moving checklist

Use on screen or print. Tick the boxes, write in the fields and keep it handy on moving day.

MOVING DATE

NEW POSTCODE

KEY / REMOVALS CONTACT

OLD ADDRESS / NOTES

NEW ADDRESS / NOTES

First: confirm the council for your new address

Town names and postal addresses can cross council boundaries. Use the official postcode checker rather than guessing.



Council checker

4-6 weeks before

☐ **Confirm moving date, key handover and access arrangements.**

Check parking, lifts, narrow roads and key collection.

☐ **Book removals, van hire or other transport.**

Keep the booking reference and contact number easy to reach.

☐ **Check broadband availability and installation lead time.**

Book early if an engineer visit is needed.

☐ **Check school admissions if children are changing school.**

Rules vary across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

☐ **Start decluttering, donation, disposal or storage.**

Do not leave bulky-item decisions until moving day.

2-3 weeks before

☐ **Arrange Royal Mail Redirection if you want it.**

Set it up before moving so important post is less likely to go astray.

☐ **Tell current energy, broadband and other service providers.**

Ask what they need on the final day and note references.

☐ **Prepare your address-change list.**

Banks, employer, insurers, pensions, subscriptions and regular services.

☐ **Plan your first-night essentials box.**

Medication, chargers, kettle, toiletries, bedding, child/pet essentials and tools.



Royal Mail



Schools

Moving day and the first 48 hours

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Leaving the old property

- ☐ **Photograph final gas and electricity meter readings.**
Keep the photos until final bills are settled.
- ☐ **Take a final water meter reading if the property is metered.**
- ☐ **Check cupboards, loft, garage, shed and outside storage.**
- ☐ **Do one final walk-through before handing over keys.**
- ☐ **Return keys as agreed and keep evidence of handover if useful.**

Arriving at the new property

- ☐ **Photograph opening gas, electricity and water readings.**
This gives you a clear starting record.
- ☐ **Locate the stopcock, fuse box, meters and heating controls.**
- ☐ **Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.**
- ☐ **If renting, photograph condition and check the inventory before unpacking.**
- ☐ **Keep important documents and overnight essentials accessible.**

Meter-reading record

OLD GAS	OLD ELECTRIC	OLD WATER
NEW GAS	NEW ELECTRIC	NEW WATER

First 48 hours

- ☐ **Confirm your council and council-tax / rates move process.**
Use official services for the relevant nation and council.
- ☐ **Confirm energy suppliers have the opening readings and move-in date.**
- ☐ **Set up or transfer your water account where applicable.**
- ☐ **Check the current bin and recycling collection information.**
- ☐ **Check parking permits or resident restrictions if relevant.**

After the move

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Official and practical updates

- ☐ **Update your driving licence address with DVLA if applicable.**
Vehicle V5C and some Direct Debits may need separate updates.
- ☐ **Update HMRC personal details when required.**
- ☐ **Update the electoral register / register to vote at the new address.**
- ☐ **Find or register with a GP, dentist and other health services as needed.**
- ☐ **Update banks, cards, pensions, insurers and employer/payroll.**
- ☐ **Update subscriptions, memberships, deliveries and online shopping accounts.**
- ☐ **Review home / contents insurance for the new property.**
- ☐ **Store moving documents, meter photos and final bills somewhere safe.**

Official links



DVLA



HMRC



Vote



Find a GP

Nation-specific starting points

England: GOV.UK | Scotland: mygov.scot | Wales: GOV.WALES | Northern Ireland: nidirect

Local rules vary. MovingToHere links to official services and does not replace the relevant authority or provider.

England

Scotland

Wales

N. Ireland

NOTES / THINGS I STILL NEED TO DO