

WORK CENTRAL AB

Relocation Checklist

Every Step of Your Move, in One Place

A Career Resource from Work Central AB

The Work Central AB Relocation Checklist

A condensed, all-in-one checklist covering every stage of moving to Central Alberta. For the full context behind each step, see our complete Relocation Guide and the related guides linked throughout.

2-3 Months Before Your Move

- ✓ Research communities and compare housing costs (see Community Profiles, Cost of Living)
- ✓ Begin browsing housing listings in your target community
- ✓ Research school divisions if relocating with children
- ✓ Begin your job search if you don't already have a role secured

1 Month Before Your Move

- ✓ Secure housing and confirm a move-in date (see Finding Housing)
- ✓ Book movers or a moving truck
- ✓ Set up utilities and internet for your move-in date (see Utilities & Internet)
- ✓ Open or transfer a bank account (see Banking in Alberta)
- ✓ Update your mailing address with Canada Post and key accounts

2 Weeks Before Your Move

- ✓ Transfer or cancel current utility, internet, and insurance accounts
- ✓ Arrange for school records to be forwarded, if applicable
- ✓ Confirm moving day logistics at both ends
- ✓ Pack an essentials box for your first few days

Your First Month in Central Alberta

Priority Registrations

- Register for AHCIP (Alberta Health Care) as soon as you establish residency.
- Get your Alberta driver's licence or update vehicle registration.
- Register children for school.
- Apply for a SIN if you don't already have one.
- Locate a family doctor or walk-in clinic near your new home.

If You're Relocating for Work

- ✓ Confirmed your start date allows enough time for the above steps
- ✓ Asked your new employer about any relocation support offered
- ✓ Reviewed our Job Seeker Toolkit if you're job searching alongside your move

If You're a Newcomer to Canada

- ✓ Confirmed your immigration documents are complete and accessible
- ✓ Reviewed our New to Canada Checklist for additional newcomer-specific steps
- ✓ Identified a local settlement agency for support (see Settlement Services)

Financial Setup Along the Way

- ✓ Built a moving budget covering both one-time and ongoing costs (see Budgeting Tips)
- ✓ Compared renting vs. buying for your situation (see Renting vs Buying)
- ✓ Confirmed how Alberta's tax structure affects your take-home pay (see Tax Information)

Frequently Asked Questions

Common Questions

What's the single most time-sensitive step after arriving? AHCIP registration and, if relocating with children, school registration - both have windows worth acting on quickly.

Can I complete some of these steps before I physically arrive? Yes - job searching, housing research, and even some banking setup can often start remotely.

What if I'm relocating without a job secured yet? Budget for a longer runway and lean on our Job Seeker Toolkit and Financial Assistance Programs guide if needed during the transition.

Explore More at Work Central AB

See our full Relocation Guide and the complete Moving to Central Alberta series for detail behind every step. Visit workcentralab.ca/resources.