

NEED MORE?



- If your child doesn't have an Irish passport apply to the Irish Embassy or Consulate (in Perth or Sydney) using the APS2 form.
- Print your child's immunisation statement from your Medicare online account through my.gov.au.
- Bring your child's birth certificate to apply for Child Benefit in Ireland.
- You must also satisfy the Habitual Residence Condition to receive Child Benefit (and other welfare payments) in Ireland.
 - You'll need documentary evidence to show that Ireland is your 'main centre of interest' and that you're resuming your residence in Ireland.
 - Collect proof that you've moved your life to Ireland - like house sale documents, job resignation and shipping of household goods.
 - Find more details at migrantproject.ie/returning-to-ireland/social-welfare-habitual-residence.
- Check education.ie/en/find-a-school to find and apply for schools in the area where you intend to settle.
- Book an appointment to get your child's Irish PPS number at services.mywelfare.ie.

- Check out the extensive information on Crosscare Migrant Project's site migrantproject.ie.
- Read the Returning to Ireland section on *Abroad*, The Irish Times website for Irish readers overseas.
- Sign up for networks like the Facebook group *Irish Expats Returning to Ireland* and the blog irelandmoveclub.com.
- Explore the safehomeireland.com website and contact their advice and information service.
- For more advice and referrals from Australia contact The Claddagh Association in Perth.

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RETURNING TO IRELAND FROM AUSTRALIA

Tips for a successful move



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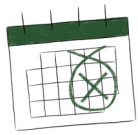
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PLANNING

- List the steps for a successful move and document every task you complete.
 - Keep a paper file or scan records to a note taking app.
 - This keeps track of your move and proves what you've done if there is a problem later.

WORK



- Gather Australian qualification certificates.
 - Check if they are recognised in Ireland with NARIC at qqi.ie.
- Set up a LinkedIn profile.
- Use job sites like jobsireland.ie, ie.indeed.com, irishjobs.ie, cpljobs.com/ie and the non-profit network activelink.ie to start your job search before you return.



TRANSPORT

- Ask for proof of claims free driving from your car insurance company.
- Bring your Australian licence to exchange for an Irish licence.
 - See ndls.ie/holders-of-foreign-licences.html for details of how to do this.
- Explore the possibility of being a named driver on the car insurance of Irish family or friends.

FINANCES



- Log into your my.gov.au account to find super accounts and update your details.
 - Seek financial advice on how to manage your super from abroad.
- Contact the ATO to arrange your tax affairs.
 - Ireland and Australia have a tax treaty to avoid double taxation.
- The HELP, VSL or TSL debts of Australian citizens remain active when you leave.
 - You are required to complete an overseas travel notification on my.gov.au.
 - And you must report worldwide income annually.



HOUSING

- Make sure you have a place to stay on your return, even if it's short term.
 - Research housing on websites like daft.ie or myhome.ie.
- Bring references from landlords if you intend to rent in Ireland.
- Transfer savings to cover rent before you secure a job in Ireland.
 - Currency exchange apps can be much cheaper than banks.
- Costs for shipping household goods vary enormously so shop around.
 - Reputable companies will be FIDI accredited.

WELLBEING



- Be aware that returning to Ireland is like emigrating again.
- Prepare for the emotional impact and the readjustment.
- Check out migrantproject.ie/returning-to-ireland/your-wellbeing to see what other returnees recommend to help you settle back.



AUSTRALIAN DE FACTO PARTNER/CIVIL PARTNER/SPOUSE

- Your Australian de facto partner must apply for and be granted pre-clearance before coming to Ireland.
 - De facto partners must prove they have lived together for two years.
- Your Australian civil partner/spouse doesn't need a visa to enter Ireland.
 - At immigration control they will have to declare that they intend to apply for residency based on your relationship.
- Collect docs that provide a full account of your relationship history.
 - These could be things like your marriage certificate, joint holiday bookings, photos, joint bank account statements and utility bills.
 - An officer may request these documents at immigration control and you will need them when you apply for residency.