

# ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

## 1 Month Before Departure

- Purchase a prepay SIM card which includes data until you are able to make other arrangements. Make sure your phone is SIM unlocked.
- If you are subject to immigration requirements, register at your local immigration registration office.
- Take time to settle in to your new surroundings and explore.
- Check out property prices in your preferred areas.
- Set up email alerts on the Irish property websites and contact local rental agents to register your interest.
- Schedule property viewings.
- Open a bank account if you haven't done so before arriving.
- Arrange Irish health insurance if you require it and don't already have it.
- Apply for your Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) if required.
- If you have children, finalise school and childcare arrangements as applicable. You may also need to purchase a new school uniform and supplies.
- Register with your local GP.
- If you have pets, register with a local Veterinary Practice.
- If you are using public transport then get yourself a Leap Card.
- If you prefer to get around by bike and are living in one of Ireland's major cities, then sign up for the city bike scheme.
- If you are importing a car into Ireland, then ensure you arrange the necessary registration and pay the vehicle taxes.
- If you are purchasing a car, then become familiar with the Irish requirements for owning a vehicle.

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## Setting Up Home and Settling Into Irish Life

- Move into your new accommodation.
- Notify your change of address with anything that requires it both in Ireland and your home country. Set up a mail redirection service through the post office if required.
- Set up utilities and any relevant household insurances.
- Purchase household essentials required to set up your new home.
- If you are planning on purchasing a home in Ireland, then set up your email alerts on the Irish property websites and contact local rental agents to register your interest.
- When purchasing items online, ensure that the delivery address is your current address.
- Take the time to create new friendships. Follow my guide to finding new friends in Ireland.

## Tips

- If you are on a tight budget and have been tracking your relocation costs on a spreadsheet, then don't forget to keep this up to date.
- Now that you have settled into your new life in Ireland, take the time to explore and enjoy it. See my Irish travel section for inspiration and ideas for weekend and longer Irish vacations.