

Moving to London Cheat Sheet

To help you make it to London and land on your feet when you get there, we've created the ultimate Moving to London Cheat Sheet. Here's what to do before leaving:



Step one

Get the right to live and work in the UK



Visas: If you don't have a British passport, you will need a visa to work in the UK

- **Youth Mobility Scheme Visa** – 2–3 years (18–35 year olds)
- **UK Ancestry Visa** – 5 years (if you have a grandparent born in the UK)
- **Skilled Worker Visa** – 3–5 years (if you have a job offer from a UK employer)

Hot tip: Feeling overwhelmed with how complex visas are? Head to [migrate.london](#) for step-by-step guidance.

Step two

Set yourself up for employment success



Work: Need a job? Start with these handy resources and online communities

- **Next Stop London** – Connect with some of London's top professional recruiters in just a few clicks
- **Kiwis in London & Aussies in London** – Find temp and contract work easily
- **Job boards & LinkedIn** – Search by location to find open roles in London

Hot tip: If you land your first role through **Next Stop London** you'll earn £50 commission on yourself. Refer your friends and earn even more!

Step three

Make your arrival as smooth as possible



Services: Get yourself signed up to these

- **NHS** – Sign up for government funded health services
- **HMRC** – Apply for a NIN to work
- **Revolut** or **Monzo** – Online banks with an easy sign up process
- **Wise** – Send money overseas at the best rates

Hot tip: Before you leave home we suggest requesting a bank statement from your local bank to go to a UK address so that you have a local proof of address.



Get the tech: Join these useful groups and apps

- **Kiwis in London** – FB group run by Kiwis with weekly flat posts and work opportunities
- **Aussies in London** – FB group run by Aussies with social activities and work opportunities
- **Ladies in London** – FB group for Antipodean gals with travel tips and weekly flat posts
- **Citymapper** – Best app to get you around London
- **Jacks Flight Club** – A weekly email with Europe's best flight deals
- **Doyouspain & Doyouitaly** – Great for car rentals in Spain and Italy
- **Trusted House Sitters** – House sitting app for the UK and Europe



Find a flat: It's all about the area

Key Aussie/Kiwi areas:

- **Clapham, South London:** Epicentre of Australasians. **££**
- **Highbury & Islington, North London:** Upmarket area is close to the city with lovely parks and well connected. **£££**
- **Hackney, East London:** Trendy area, with great bars, pubs and vibes. **£££**

Top sites to find flats:

- **Spareroom:** Flatting website to find homes with roommates, or whole flats.
- **Facebook pages:** Kiwis in London weekly flat posts, Aussies in London weekly flat posts, Hackney Wick spaces, Flats to Rent London, London House/Flat/Rooms to rent.

Hot tip: Join the pages in advance and start reaching out close to the time you arrive.

Found this useful? Share it with your mates!



Get your job hunt started

Connect with top UK recruiters in your field for free in just a few clicks. Get a job and earn commission on yourself.

Get started



Moving to London, made easy

Be guided every step of the way through the moving to London journey so that you can focus on the adventure.

Sign up today