

Moving Abroad? Don't Wing It.

The Step-by-Step Relocation Checklist Trusted by International Movers Since 1928

An international move isn't just packing boxes — it's paperwork, planning, and perfect timing. Here's your month-by-month roadmap to make it happen without the headaches.



3 Months Before: Lay the Groundwork

The earlier you start, the smoother the ride. Three months out is the time to tackle the big-ticket items:

- Lock in your VISA application — don't wait
- Validate your passport & apply for an international driver's license
- Pull together your essential docs: birth certificate, medical records, tax info & marriage license
- Get 2–3 quotes from international moving companies
- Book your immigration consultant
- Secure housing before you land



Pro Tip: The best international movers book up fast — start comparing quotes early.

1 Month to Go: Pack It Down. Pare It Down.

The packing phase takes longer than you think. Give yourself the full month.



- Tackle one room at a time & label everything clearly
- Decide what to keep, donate, or toss
- Check your destination's prohibited & restricted items list
- Notify your bank and the IRS of your move
- Enroll in STEP for traveler safety updates
- Consider a U.S. storage unit if moving temporarily

Moving permanently? Downsize before you go — shipping less saves more.



2 Weeks Out: Tie Up Loose Ends

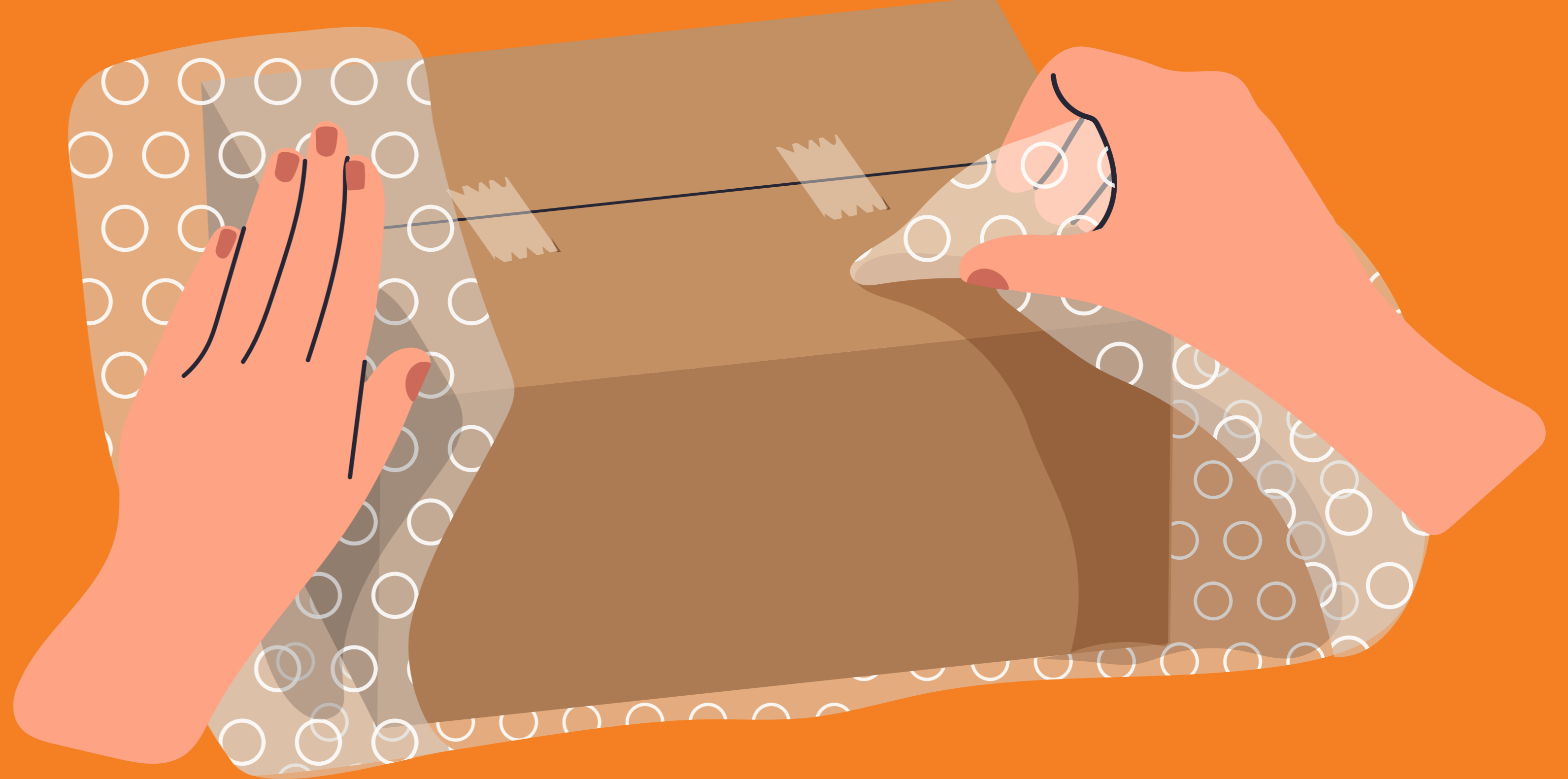
The finish line is in sight. Now it's time to close the chapter on your life here:

- Cancel utilities, subscriptions & memberships
- Set up mail forwarding with USPS
- Pack a go-bag with only your must-haves
- Refill prescriptions & get up-to-date on vaccinations
- Start saying your goodbyes

1 Week Out: Final Checks Only

Nearly there. This week is about confirming — not doing anything new.

- Confirm pickup time & logistics with your movers
- Wrap and protect all furniture for transit
- Do a full walkthrough & deep clean of your home
- Empty the fridge. Defrost the freezer
- Move anything going into storage



Moving Day: Your New Life Starts Now

Get to the airport early — especially if you're traveling with pets.

Your dedicated Allied International Move Rep will be with you every step of the way — handling customs clearance, answering your questions, and greeting you at your destination.

You just focus on the adventure ahead.



The Night Before: Breathe. You've Planned for This.

- Load up your carry-on with travel essentials
- Verify your documents folder — passport, visa, medical records
- Charge every device you own
- Clean up any last-minute items
- Sleep. Tomorrow's a big day.

Make Your International Move Effortless.

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