

Blog 8: Moving From Bangladesh to Australia — Your Complete Pre-Departure Checklist

Your Australian Adventure Is About to Begin

After months of researching universities, preparing applications and completing enrolment requirements, the prospect of moving to Australia can suddenly feel very real.

For many Bangladeshi students, this may be the first time they have lived away from their families for an extended period.

Preparing properly can make the transition considerably smoother.

1. Organise Your Important Documents

Before travelling, prepare both digital and securely stored physical copies of essential documents.

These may include your passport, visa grant notification, Confirmation of Enrolment, university offer documentation, accommodation confirmation, health insurance information and relevant academic records.

Make sure important contact information is readily available.

2. Secure Accommodation

Investigate university residences, managed student accommodation and private rentals.

Compare total weekly costs, location, transport access, included utilities, contract terms and bond requirements.

Be cautious about transferring money to unverified accommodation providers.

If accommodation has not been secured before departure, arrange a safe temporary option and plan how you will inspect properties after arrival.

3. Understand Your Arrival City

Australia is geographically large, and cities can offer very different living conditions.

Research the climate, local public transport system, airport transfer options and proximity of essential services to your accommodation.

Even practical details, such as how to travel from the airport with luggage, can make your first day easier.

4. Plan Your Banking and Finances

Before departure, discuss international transfers, spending arrangements and emergency access to funds with your family.

Research Australian bank account options and the identity verification requirements for newly arrived international students.

Avoid carrying unnecessarily large amounts of cash.

You should also familiarise yourself with exchange rates and the likely cost of basic necessities.

5. Pack for Your Destination

Australia's seasons are opposite those of Bangladesh.

If you are arriving during the Australian winter, investigate the temperatures in your destination city and bring suitable clothing.

Pack essential medication in its original packaging with any necessary medical documents, and check Australia's rules on bringing medicines into the country.

Also check restrictions on food, plant products and other items that must be declared at the border.

6. Attend University Orientation

Orientation activities are an important opportunity to understand your university.

They may introduce students to campus facilities, academic support, student clubs, libraries, healthcare resources and university policies.

Where possible, arrive with enough time to attend these sessions before teaching begins.

7. Prepare for Independent Living

Moving abroad involves much more than attending lectures.

Students may need to manage shopping, cooking, budgeting, laundry, appointments and everyday household responsibilities independently.

Learning a few practical routines before leaving Bangladesh can make the adjustment easier.

8. Build a Support Network

Explore university student associations, clubs and international student communities.

Maintaining contact with family is valuable, but building relationships locally is equally important.

Joining academic societies, sports clubs or cultural groups can make a new city feel more familiar.

9. Understand Emergency and Support Services

Australia's emergency telephone number is **000**.

Keep details of your university's student support services, OSHC provider and accommodation contacts.

If you experience academic or personal difficulties, university support teams can help you identify appropriate assistance.

10. Arrive With an Open Mind

Living overseas is exciting, but it can also involve unfamiliar routines, cultural differences and periods of adjustment.

You do not need to understand everything immediately.

Give yourself time to learn how your new university and city operate.

Ready for Departure?

The best preparation combines practical organisation with realistic expectations.

Your first few weeks may involve considerable learning, but they are also an opportunity to begin developing independence and confidence.

Your next step: Save Vitaliah's pre-departure checklist and review it with your family before travelling.

Further reading: [Study Australia](#), [Australian Border Force](#) and your university's international student arrival guidance.