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Your UK to Australia Move

The Complete Guide

**Practical advice on visas, relocation, and managing
your money — from three trusted experts:**
Caxton, Claymore Thistle, Visa Executive Pty Ltd

Introduction

Why Moving to Australia Is Worth the Effort

More than **1.2 million Brits** already call **Australia** home — and it's not hard to see why. The **weather, the lifestyle,** and the **opportunities** are world-class.

But even for the most prepared mover, the **process** can feel like a maze. From sorting the **right visa** to **finding a home** and **transferring your savings safely,** there are dozens of details that can make or break your move.

That's why we've teamed up with **three specialists** to bring you this simple **guide** — to help you plan with **confidence,** avoid the **common mistakes,** and make **Australia** home **without the stress.**

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Section 1

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What You Need to Know:

Australia offers multiple visa pathways depending on your skills, family, and plans. Understanding which one suits you best is key to avoiding delays or rejections.

Popular Visa Pathways for UK Citizens:

- ➔ **Working Holiday Visa (subclass 417):** Perfect if you're under 35 and want to explore or try working in Australia for up to 3 years.
- ➔ **Skilled Migration (subclass 189/190):** For professionals with qualifications in demand in Australia.
- ➔ **Employer-Sponsored (subclass 482/186):** For those offered a role by an Australian business.
- ➔ **Partner Visa (subclass 820/801):** If your spouse or partner is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.



Expert Tips from Visa Executive:

- Don't assume your UK qualifications automatically transfer — check skill assessments early.
- Keep your visa paperwork clean and consistent. Even small errors can delay approvals by months.
- Plan your visa and relocation timelines together — they often overlap.

Quick Fact:

Around **38%** of permanent migration from the UK is **employer-sponsored** — so having a **job offer** can make a **big difference**.

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What You Need to Know:

Australia is incredibly welcoming — nearly **1 in 3 people** living there were born overseas. But that doesn't mean settling in is effortless.

Relocation Checklist:

Research your preferred state — housing laws, school systems, and job markets differ across regions.

- ✓ If you're renting, agents generally won't approve applications where **rent exceeds 30% of income.**
- ✓ Don't sign a lease **sight unseen** — get someone local to inspect on your behalf.
- ✓ **Plan early** if you're bringing **pets** — quarantine can take up to **9 months.**



Expert Tips from Claymore Thistle:

“Relocating here isn't just about getting your visa approved — it's about understanding how to live well once you arrive.”

“Having someone on the ground who knows the local market saves huge amounts of time, money, and stress.”

Quick Fact:

Around **31.5%** of Australia's population was born overseas — you'll be in good company.



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What You Need to Know:

When moving to Australia, transferring your money is more than a formality — it's a financial decision that can save or cost you thousands depending on timing and FX rates.

Caxton's Key Money Moves:

Research your preferred state — housing laws, school systems, and job markets differ across regions.

- ➔ **Open an Australian bank account early** — some allow remote setup.
- ➔ **Avoid transferring large sums through your bank** — specialist FX providers like Caxton offer better rates and lower fees.
- ➔ **Plan your transfers in stages** — especially if the exchange rate fluctuates.
- ➔ **Set up a Caxton account** to easily move and manage funds between the UK and Australia.



Expert Tip from David Stritch, Senior FX Analyst at Caxton:

“Even a 2% shift in the exchange rate can make a big difference when transferring savings or property funds. Planning ahead is key to avoiding unnecessary losses.”



Quick Fact:

Average salary increases in some Australian sectors (like healthcare and engineering) can be up to **double** those in the UK — but don't lose out when converting your income or savings.

Final Thoughts

Moving to Australia is one of life's biggest adventures — and with the right support, it doesn't have to be stressful.

Our partners are here to help you every step of the way.

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— Relocation & Property Assistance



— Visa & Immigration Support

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Move smart.
Make Australia
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