

Preparing to go – Questions to consider

The following questions are designed to help you think through as many areas of your move as possible. You may find it helpful to answer these questions on several occasions to help you keep track of your progress.

As part of answering each questions give each answer a score as follows:

- 1 – Confident, I have the plans
- 2 – Getting there
- 3 – Not yet started
- 4 – Need some help (if you put '4' where will you go for help?)
- n/a – Not applicable

Sending church / support	Score
Have you communicated with your elders about your plans? Are they supportive?	
Do you have a support base that covers money and / or prayer?	
How will you keep in contact with your friends and supporters?	
Who will you talk to when there is a problem e.g. homesickness?	
How will you keep in touch with news from your sending church?	
Family	
Are your family supportive of your calling?	
If you have or are waiting to have children what are your plans for education? GCSEs and A-Levels?	

Your destination and new culture	
Have you got an entry strategy? Does it require visas etc?	
How are you planning on learning more of the culture?	
What is your plan for dealing with culture shock?	
What is your strategy for work?	
How are you planning to learn the language?	
Have you developed a policy on helping those in need?	
Housing	
Have you made plans to sell or rent your home in the UK?	
What are your plans for selling or storing your furniture and belongings?	
Have you adjusted / cancelled your mortgage arrangements?	
Have you adjusted / cancelled your house insurance?	

Have you adjusted / cancelled your utilities?	
Have you arranged accommodation in your new country?	
What standard of living will you adopt?	
How frequently do you want to receive family or guests?	
Medical and risk	
Have you completed any risk assessments? Have you had any potential emergencies assessed?	
Have you investigated and had necessary immunisations? Do you have copies of these vaccinations for your records?	
Have you taken advice on any medical equipment / regular medication to take with you?	
Have you arranged medical insurance?	
Have you spoken to your GP about staying on their books?	
Do you know your blood group?	

Have you had a recent dental check-up?	
Have you had an eye test and got all the necessary equipment?	
Are you planning to take a first aid kit with you (depending on how isolated your destination might be)?	
Finance and banking	
Have you put a budget together?	
Have you put any insurance in place? Life insurance, travel etc	
Will you make voluntary National Insurance contributions?	
Have you discussed your move with your bank in the UK?	
Have you sought any advice about your financial arrangements (e.g. investments)?	
Have you notified the Inland Revenue of your move?	
Have you checked credit and debit card arrangements?	

Have you cancelled all relevant standing orders and direct debits?	
Have you obtained relevant currency, travellers cheques etc?	
Returning home	
What is your policy for returning home for visits?	
Where will you live on trips home? How will you travel around?	
Paperwork	
Have you made or updated your will?	
Have you adjusted or set up pension arrangements?	
Have you got copies of your family's birth certificates, marriage certificate and any other documentation you may need, including spare passport-sized photos?	
Have you got copies of relevant professional qualifications?	
Travel	
Are your passports valid for the necessary length of time?	
Have you got passports for your children?	

Have you obtained the necessary visas?	
Have you booked travel tickets?	
Technology	
Have you got the necessary security (firewalls, passwords) installed on your computer?	
If necessary, have you set up a secure email account and hard drive encryption?	
Shipping	
Are you planning to ship some of your belongings?	
Have you decided what to take and what to leave?	
Have you found an agent?	
Have you completed the relevant forms and customs declarations?	