
Pre-arrival checklist

Sydney and New South Wales.
Your future starts here.



Advantage
Business Migration Support



Practical steps to plan your move to Sydney and NSW

Congratulations on choosing New South Wales.

New South Wales (NSW) welcomes business and investor migrants. Our vision is to make NSW the best place to live, work and enjoy all that Australia's premier state has to offer—a secure economy; friendly people; world-class culture, education and health care; and plenty of sunshine.

Migration plays an important role in creating jobs, boosting industry productivity and generating economic activity in NSW. The contribution of migrants as members of our business and social communities helps build the NSW of the future.

As a member of Advantage, the NSW customer service program for state-nominated business and investor migrants, you now have access to a range of tools and information to help you settle and thrive in Sydney and NSW.

This 'pre-arrival checklist' has been designed to assist you with information as you start planning your move to NSW.

For more information on living and working in Australia's premier state, download the **Advantage Guide to Living in Sydney and NSW.**

Congratulations



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More information

Visit our website industry.nsw.gov.au/migration

Contact your dedicated Migration Relationship Officer.

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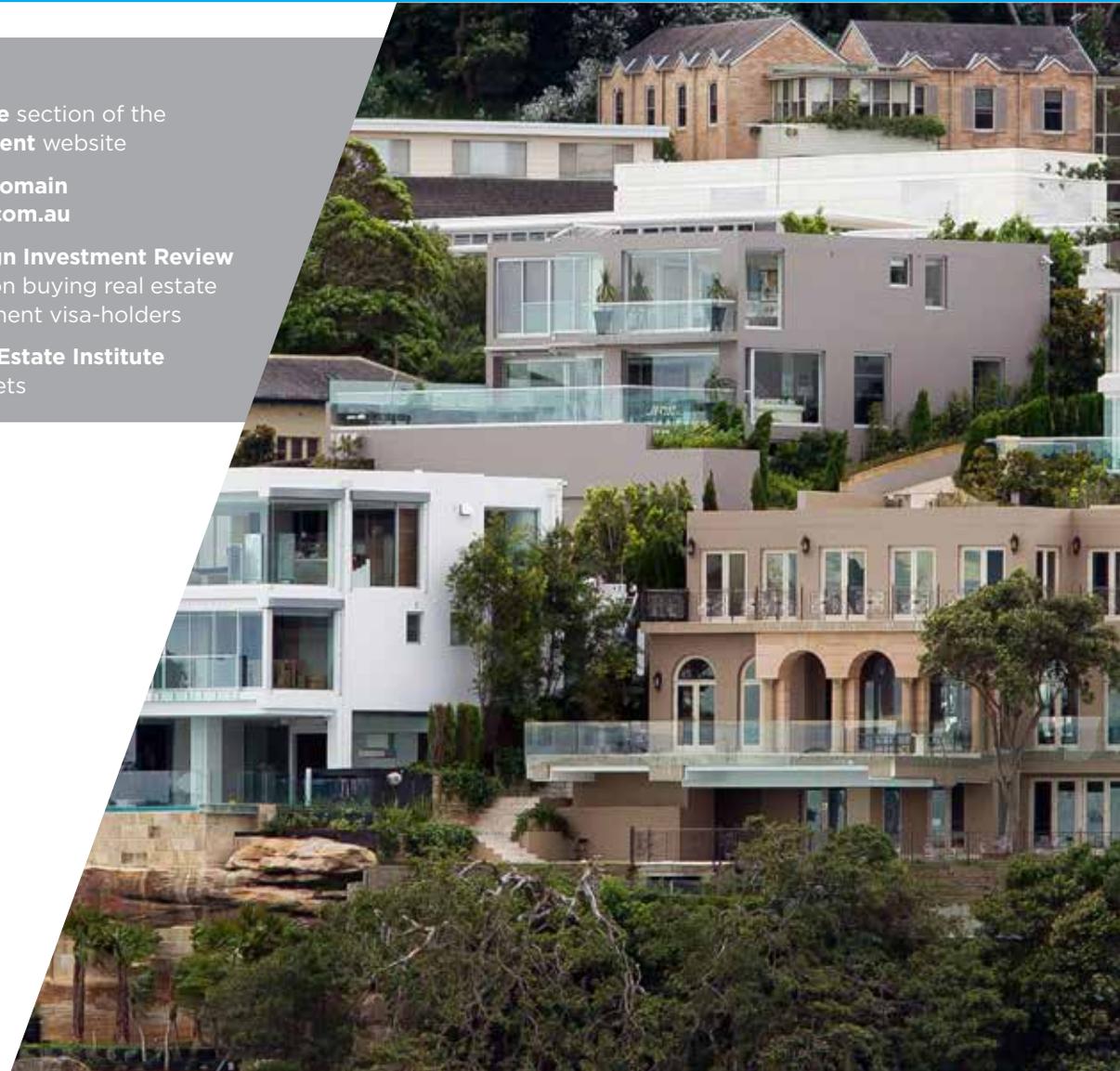
Housing and utilities

Sydney and regional NSW offer a range of accommodation options for you and your family, including family homes, apartments and rural properties. You can choose from buzzing beachside suburbs, leafy family neighbourhoods and rural farming towns.

- Visit **Your home** section of the **NSW Government** website for a wide range of information and advice.
- Use sites like **Domain** or **RealEstate.com.au** for an overview of options and prices for accommodation.
- If you are not a permanent visa-holder, make sure you refer to the **Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB)** rules on buying real estate.
- Read the Real Estate Institute (REI)'s factsheets on:
 - **Buying a property**, which may be useful for planning your move here.
 - **Leasing a property**, available in 10 languages.

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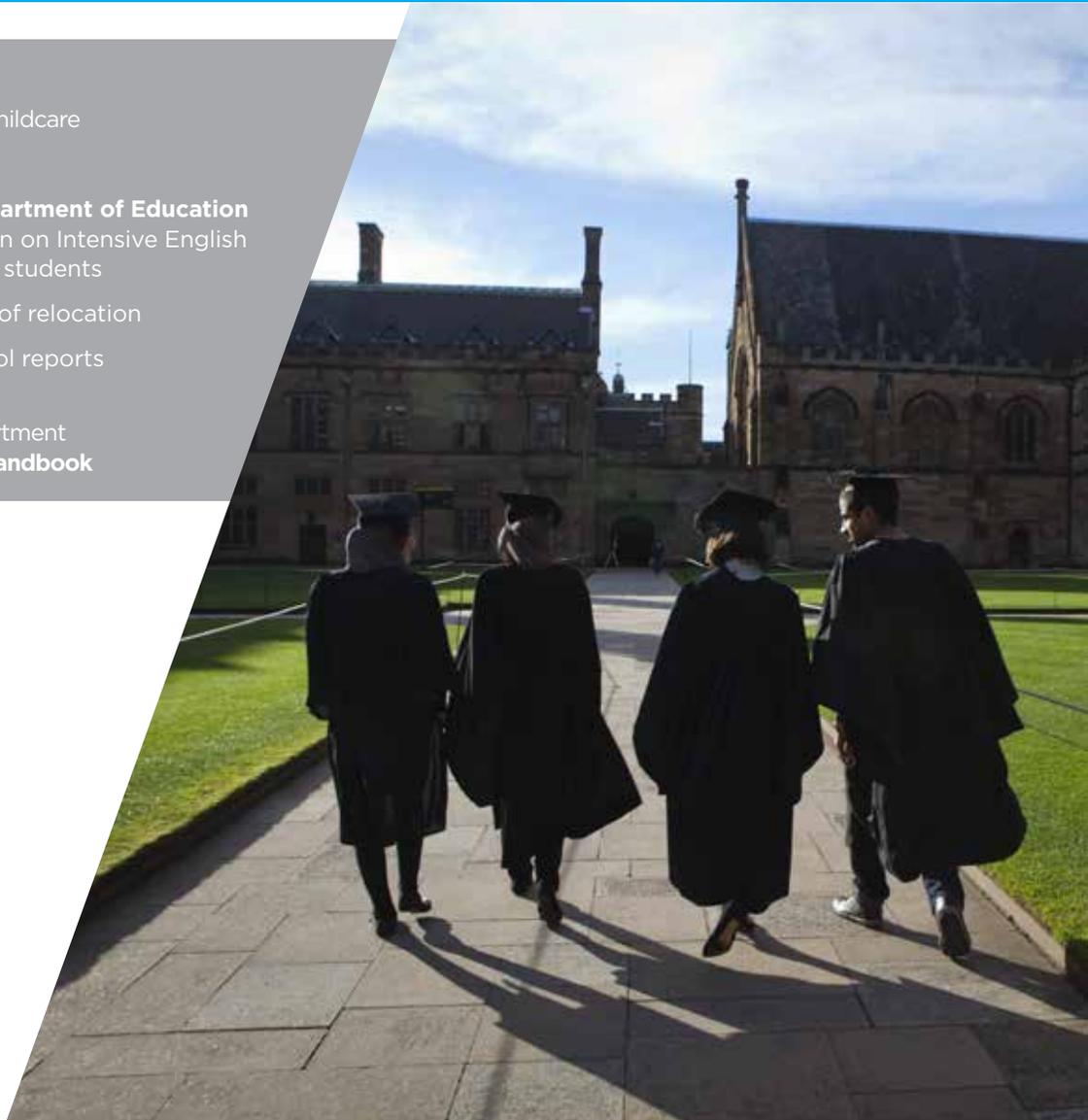
Education

NSW has one of the finest education systems in Australia. Quality education is offered from kindergarten, primary and secondary school to universities, tertiary colleges and adult community education.

- Research schools and childcare for your children. You can find information on education in NSW by visiting the **NSW Department of Education website**.
- Visit **Study.Sydney** to discover the huge range of highly regarded universities, colleges, schools and vocational training facilities to choose from.
- Refer to the **NSW Department of Education website** for information on Intensive English Centres for secondary students.
- Let your children's current schools know about your plans to relocate.
- Ask for copies of your children's documents, such as school reports or awards.
- Consult the NSW Department of Education's **school handbook** if you have any more questions about your children's education or the NSW schooling system.
- The **Department of Education (DE) International** provides information for international students interested in studying at NSW Government Schools, from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

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- Inform current school of relocation
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Health

Healthcare in Australia is provided by both private and government organisations. Medicare is the publicly funded healthcare system. It sits alongside a private health system.

- ➔ Visit **NSW Health** for general information on the NSW health system and **PrivateHealth.gov.au** to learn more about private health insurance, including how it works, and who and what is covered.
- ➔ Talk with your family doctor about your health and wellbeing and any medical conditions that will need special attention or to be raised with your new doctor in Australia.
- ➔ Request medical and dental records for you and your family, including records of your immunisations. This will ensure you have them available if you need them.

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- Visit **NSW Health**
- Talk with your family doctor about your relocation
- Obtain medical and dental records for your relocation



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Relocation

There are many decisions to make when moving house. Organising removalists and deciding on what items to ship, bring on the plane or leave behind is always difficult.

- Visit **Moving Services**, a division of Australia Post, for useful hints and tips to consider during your relocation, including articles and checklists.
- Check the prices of several removal firms or relocation agents that have the experience, knowledge and global network of international relocations.

Make sure you consider all options such as whether to organise insurance for items being shipped and if you prefer air or sea freight.

- Check out information on **Quarantine** so you're prepared for when you move.
- Australia has strict laws on what you can bring into the country. This could affect your pets and any plant-based belongings you may have.
- Scan documents and store them on a USB stick or cloud storage account to make sure you have an electronic copy.

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Banking and insurance

Australia's banking system is competitive and well regulated. There are many Australian and foreign banks that operate in NSW. In fact 90% of international banks have their headquarters in Sydney. Insuring your home, car, belongings and business is also easy. Here are some tips to become more familiar with banking and insurance:

→ Open a bank account.

Some banks will allow you to open a bank account up to three months before you arrive in Australia. Your bank cards may even be ready to collect when you arrive.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) is the regulator of the Australian financial services industry. They provide a **list of institutions** regulated in accordance with the Banking Act 1959.

→ Learn about insuring your home, car, belongings and business.

Read the ASIC MoneySmart guide to **Insuring your home**. Large general insurers can often insure all of the above. You can find a list of all **registered insurance companies** on the APRA website.

→ Consider visiting your local bank and any other lenders to request a credit reference.

Credit references may make it easier to access business loans or credit cards, however it is not guaranteed that the Australian banks will consider them.

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Lifestyle and culture

The state is renowned for its world-famous beaches, the Sydney Opera House and harbour, regional attractions including the Blue Mountains and surrounding national parks. NSW also enjoys a global reputation as a centre for the arts including opera, theatre, live entertainment, music festivals and sport.

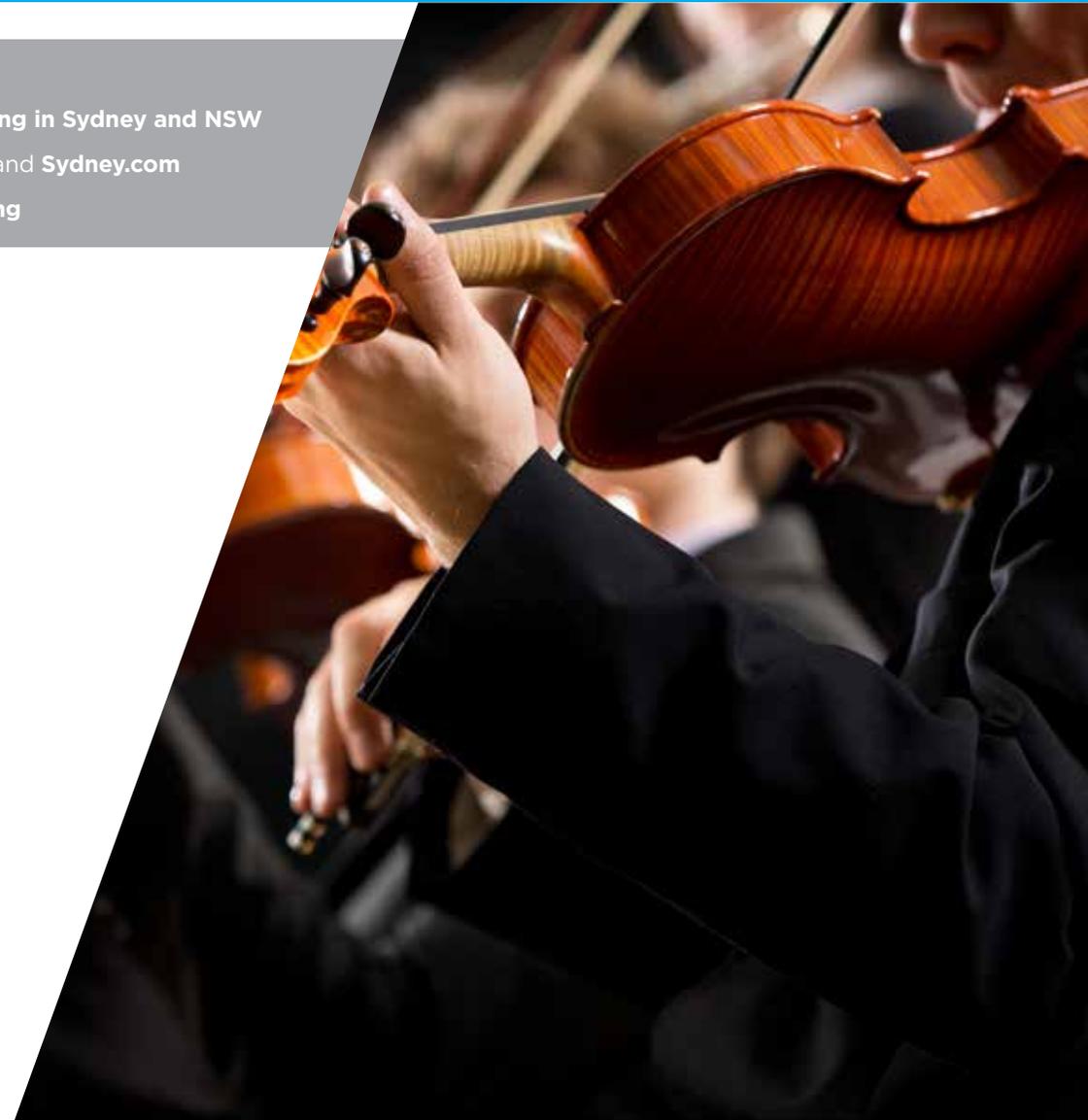
- ➔ Read our **Guide to living in Sydney and NSW**, available as a downloadable PDF.
- ➔ Check out **Visit NSW** and **Sydney.com**, sign up for their newsletters and follow their social media pages for things to do and see in Sydney and NSW.
- ➔ Visit **NSW Cost of living** to estimate the cost of everyday living in NSW.

You may want to consult ASIC Money Smart for an idea of **what Australians spend money on**, and how much. You can also **download an app** that can help track your spending.

The Australian Government also has a useful **Living costs for students** page that might be useful if your children attend a school or university here.

CHECKLIST

- Read our **Guide to living in Sydney and NSW**
- Check out **Visit NSW** and **Sydney.com**
- Visit **NSW Cost of living**



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Community

NSW is Australia's most multicultural state and more than 200 languages are spoken here. There are many places you can discover information, news and entertainment in your language.

- Check out the **SBS Your language** portal for news articles, TV shows, radio, and settlement information in over 75 languages.
- **Multicultural NSW** has a list of the many multilingual newspapers, radio stations and television stations available in the state.
- Join online forums to get first-hand information on living in NSW. You can also ask questions of people who've already made the move here.
- Read the **NSW Multicultural Resources Guide** for information on government services designed for non-English language communities.

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Contact

If you are keen to grow your business in NSW, settle successfully and enjoy a better lifestyle, contact us:

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