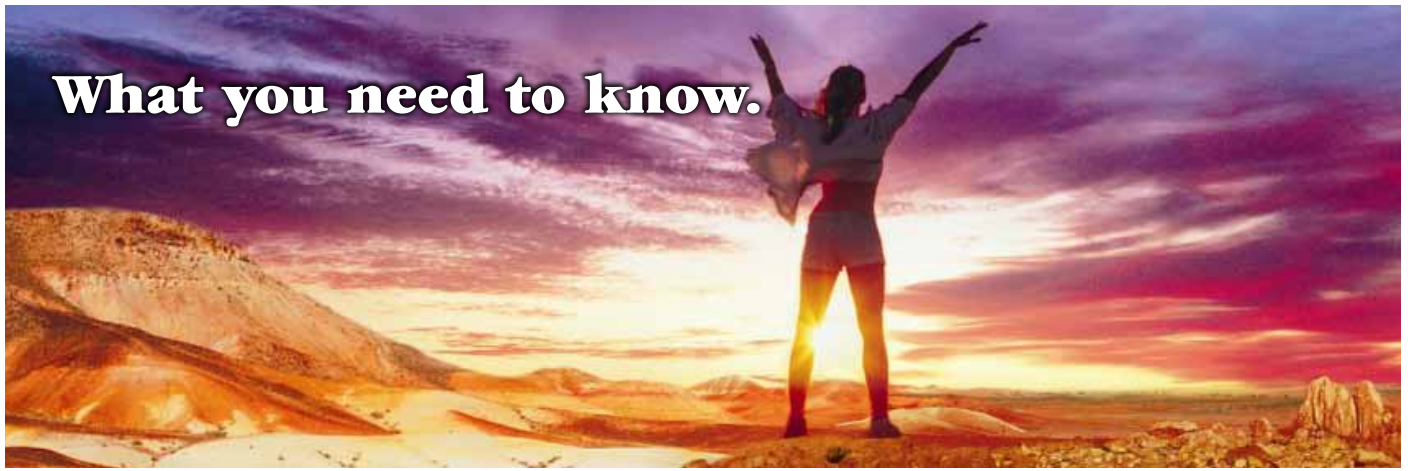


What you need to know.



You will find South Australia welcoming, vibrant and surprising and diverse. Adelaide, the state capital city, is home to more than one million people from over 200 different ethnic communities, living in harmony and sharing the best of their cultural heritage.

Weather

Adelaide has a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and wet, cold winters. Be aware of the harshness of the sun in summer and always wear a hat and sunscreen, particularly in the middle of the day.

It rarely snows in South Australia, but it gets cold and wet in winter. Umbrellas and rain jackets are essential when you are out and about in the winter months.

Banking

If you wish to open a bank account in South Australia prior to arrival, you will need to locate a bank in your own country which has a branch or correspondent bank in Australia, and ask the bank staff to open an account for you.

Credit Ratings from your country of origin are not transferable to Australia. However, some evidence of a good credit/savings history may be useful when applying for loans.

Customs

It is essential that you know what you can and cannot take into Australia and what you need to declare. Customs and Quarantine officers may question travellers at any time or select people and baggage for a detailed examination. Detector dogs may be used to search for illegal drugs and prohibited exports and imports including food, plant and animal material. For information on what goods you can bring into Australia refer to the 'Know Before You Go' brochure on the Australian Customs Service website www.customs.gov.au

Quarantine

When you travel to Australia you must declare all food, plant and animal products on your incoming passenger card. This is a legal document and there are penalties for not filling this in correctly and honestly.

Your luggage may be x-rayed, inspected or checked by detector dogs. If you are found with undeclared items you may receive an immediate fine.

More seriously, you may have to appear before a Court of Law where penalties of more than A\$60,000 may apply and a recording of a criminal conviction against your name.

To find out what items can and can't be brought to Australia visit www.daff.gov.au

Pets

If you want to import a cat or dog into Australia or are returning to Australia with your pet, you will need to perform the necessary health checks, vaccinations and apply with AQIS at least five months prior to departure. To find out more visit www.daff.gov.au

Although the South Australian Government itself does not impose regulations, certain councils have regulations regarding the number of pets allowed per household. Please visit your council's website for further information. All South Australian councils and their websites can be found here: www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm

Driver's Licence

As a visitor to South Australia, you can drive on the basis of a current foreign licence. You may only drive a vehicle of equivalent class of vehicle and must not be disqualified from driving in South Australia or elsewhere. If your licence is in a language other than English, a translated copy will be required. You can have the translation done prior to or after you arrive in South Australia. You must obtain a South Australian licence within three months of becoming a permanent resident. To obtain a South Australian Drivers Licence, you may need to pass a Theory and a Practical Test.

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Ground Floor, EDS Centre
108 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: 13 10 84 Facsimile: +61 8 8204 8308
Website: www.transport.sa.gov.au



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Health Services

While permanent residents are entitled to Medicare Services (www.medicareaustralia.gov.au) temporary or provisional residents are generally not entitled to these services. It is therefore highly recommended that you take out private Health Insurance to cover yourself and your family should a medical need arise. Visit www.phiac.gov.au/for-consumers/ for more details on insurance providers.

Insurance

Personal items such as clothes, jewellery, furniture, appliances, etc, brought by you and placed in the On Arrival Accommodation are not insured.

If you want to insure the contents of your home you will need to take out your own insurance cover.

A Cover Note can be arranged immediately through an Insurance Broker. Agents or brokers are listed in the Yellow Pages under 'Insurance', or located at: www.yellowpages.com.au Some brokers are able to assist after business hours.

When choosing a broker, be sure to select one that is a member of the National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA).

If your motor vehicle has been insured overseas, bring some evidence from your existing insurer, outlining your claims history over the last five years, as this could help in gaining some 'No Claim Bonus' points and a reduction in insurance costs.

Mail

Before you know your permanent address in South Australia, you can arrange to receive your mail in one of the following ways:

Mail can be addressed to you at:

Your Name
Poste Restante
C/- General Post Office
ADELAIDE SA 5001 AUSTRALIA

- You will need to produce identification eg passport, to collect your mail at the General Post Office (GPO). Mail is held for a month and then returned to the sender, if not collected.
- You can have your mail addressed 'Poste Restante' to any Post Office in South Australia, provided you know the Post Code of that particular Post Office. Mail will also be held for a month and, if not collected, returned to the sender.
- You can also organise for a locked private post box at any Post Office to receive your mail. Costs vary depending on the box size and location of the Post Office. Enquire at any Post Office.

Telephone

A mobile/cell phone may be the most convenient option to arrange upon arrival, until you have a more permanent address. Normally it is cheaper to use mobile phones to call another mobile phone and a land line to call another land line (conditions apply). For international phone calls, it is cheaper to use international phone cards. This is a pre-paid calling card that works from virtually any phone in Australia. For land lines there are two main carriers of home telephone services in Australia – Telstra and Optus. Telstra is the company that owns the telephone infrastructure.

There are two types of connection:

- New service connection (up to five days) is where there is no phone point and where a technician is required to visit your home to install one;
- An existing (in-place) connection (two days) is where a service can be connected without a technician visiting your home. A standard connection cost applies.

Contact: Telstra (for connection and service)

Tel: 13 22 00 www.telstra.com.au

Optus (for service)

Tel: 133 937 www.optus.com.au



Taxation

Australia's financial year is from 1 July to 30 June. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is the Government's principal revenue collection agency. If you intend to work in Australia, it is essential that you have a Tax File Number (TFN), a unique number issued by the ATO, which you can apply for once you settle in Australia.

All workers are required to lodge a tax return by the end of October for the previous tax year. The ATO website offers important information, including current tax rates, and assistance on all areas of taxation. www.ato.gov.au

For further information, please contact:

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South Australia, Australia
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Website: www.migration.sa.gov.au
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Please Note: The Government of South Australia is not responsible for processing visa applications. If you wish to migrate to South Australia, you will need to apply for a visa through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

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