

# Useful Links

## 1. Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN)

Telephone: 13 2861  
Translating and Interpreting Service: 13 1450 - 24 hours

### Apply for a tax file number online:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/>

Website: [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

## 2. Register with Medicare

Telephone: 13 2011

How to enrol:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/how-enrol-or-re-enrol-medicare>

Reciprocal Health Care:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/reciprocal-health-care-agreements>

Website: [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)

## 3. Beginning a life in Australia

All the information (plus more) is available here:

[https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/02\\_2014/eng\\_access.pdf](https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/02_2014/eng_access.pdf)

## 4. Mobile phone/internet

Regulation and identification checks for anyone purchasing a mobile phone.

[https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00399/Html/Text#\\_Toc478627156](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00399/Html/Text#_Toc478627156)

We recommend planning to purchase a new mobile phone as soon as possible after arriving. With so many things to organise, it can make your settlement a little more challenging, if people can't get hold of you, and vice versa.

When the required paperwork is presented at the telephone shop to open a new pre-paid mobile account, we trust that the three steps listed below will allow you to meet the strict government requirements to purchase a mobile phone on your arrival in Australia.

Before you arrive:

1. Apply for a tax file number (TFN);
2. Open a bank account;
3. If you are able to nominate a residential address (for example, a relative etc), you can register it with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and on bank statements.

## 5. Private health care

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/private-1>

## 6. Immigration department

<https://www.border.gov.au/Trav>

## 7. Emergency services

In an emergency, **dial 000**

- Police
- Ambulance
- Fire Brigade

## 8. Purchasing a car – ownership check (“REVS”)

[https://www.revs.com.au/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=618845903&utm\\_term=%2Bcar%20%2Bcheck&utm\\_content=102348262526](https://www.revs.com.au/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=618845903&utm_term=%2Bcar%20%2Bcheck&utm_content=102348262526)

## 9. Socket amps (power plugs)

In Australia, the power sockets are of Type I. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz (see below graphics).

