

Relocation Resource



Congratulations! You found a new job and you are relocating to London. This document will help you get up to speed with what you need as you prepare for this big change.

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VISA, REGISTRATION & OTHER KEY INFORMATION

The first thing you will need to do in the process of relocating to the UK is to sort out your paperwork. If you are an EEA citizen, a Swiss citizen or are from a Commonwealth country then you do not need to apply for a UK visa. So firstly you want to find out if you need a visa - check out this [government website](#) for more information and [here](#) you can find out more information about the different visas. This [Visa Guide](#) link also provides information on the different visas. [This website](#) has more information on the visa process including how to appeal if your visa is denied.

After moving, opening a bank account and getting health insurance will likely be the first administrative things on your list to do as you settle into your new city.

Some Major Banks are:

- [HSBC](#)
- [Barclays](#)
- [Lloyds Banking Group](#)
- [NatWest Group](#)

Some Online Banks are:

- [Starling Bank](#)
- [Monzo](#)
- [Atom Bank](#)
- [Monese](#)



The healthcare system in London falls under the National Health Service (NHS) is one of the best healthcare systems in the world. Something to note is that not all expats are immediately eligible to use the NHS, and some individuals have to pay a visa surcharge - to find out more check the [NHS website](#).

Here are a few more links with information about healthcare in the UK:

- [Expat arrivals](#)
- [Move Hub](#)
- [Expat Financial](#)

HOUSING

Looking for a place to stay will likely be your biggest challenge. For some affordable options check out:

- [Zoopla](#)
- [Rightmove](#)
- [OpenRent](#)
- [Foxtons](#)
- [PrimeLocation](#)

While London is known as one of the most expensive cities to live in, it's best to be informed of some more affordable neighbourhoods when searching. [This nifty resource](#) does well in navigating North, East, South and West London to pinpoint affordable areas.

Social media can once again help you find accommodation according to your needs - check out [Facebook groups](#) to find places to rent or [share](#).

If you are strongly considering having roots in London, buying a property may not be a bad idea - you can check out [JaneWoodPropertyLocation](#) for more information that will help you come to a decision.

WORKING CULTURE

Londoners like to 'work hard' and 'play hard'. As part of the work culture, grabbing drinks after work is a very common thing and also a great way to make friends with your coworkers. In London, politeness is also something that is very highly valued in the workplace. Just a tip - avoid showing too much emotion as this can make locals uncomfortable. Check out these links for more information:

- [Expat Arrivals](#)
- [Student Job](#)
- [Education First](#)
- [Startup Guide](#)
- [Expatica](#)



COMMUNITIES & COWORKING SPACES

If you are interested in meeting people in the London tech scene check out:

- [Big Data LDN Meetup](#)
- [London Tech Network](#)
- [Geek Girl Meetup](#)
- [TechCitizen](#)

For more communities in the London tech space, check out [Meetup](#).

If you like being dynamic about where you work co-working spaces might be what you need. Check out the following coworking spaces:

- [Work.Life](#) in Camden
- [UNCOMMON](#) in Highburg & Islington
- [The Clubhouse](#) in Mayfair
- [WeWork](#) in Marylebone
- [Second Home](#) in Clerkenwell Green

For additional coworking places, check out [Hubble](#).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Here you can find all you need to know about the different types of transportation available. The main forms of transportation in London include, but are not limited to, Buses, The London Underground (The Tube), Docklands Light Railway (DLR), Riverboat Services, Local Trains in London, London Trams, London cycle hire scheme, as well as the iconic London black cabs and other taxis.

Bus: [Fares and routes](#)

Tube and rail: [Fares and routes](#)

Here are some insights from locals that could be of use when aiming to get the most out of your money. [Citymapper](#) is known to be the most popular and effective transportation app for navigating the city through busses, tubes and rails.

COST OF LIVING

To find out the cost of living in London vs Elsewhere check out [Numbeo](#).

INCOME TAX & BENEFITS

This [government website](#) has a lot of information about taxes - have a read-through or utilise this nifty [calculator](#). It will help you get an idea of how much income tax you will need to pay according to your salary.

This [government website](#) shows some mandatory benefits that you would be eligible for when working in London. [Here](#) is another link with that summarises some of the information.



LANGUAGE LEARNING RESOURCES

As you may already know English is the main language in the UK, so the level that companies will be expecting is very high.

Here are some common British phrases to get you going:

Normal English	British English
Hey, how are you?	Alright?
Friend	Mate
I'm very pleased!	I'm chuffed to bits!
I'll give you a phone call	I'll ring you
Very	Bloody
I'm tired	I'm knackered
Would you like a cup of tea	Fancy a cuppa?

EXPAT BLOGS ON LIVING IN LONDON

Relocating to a different country or continent is not an easy thing. There is so much to consider in terms of the administration that you would have to do to prepare. After all the administration then comes the fun part of actually living in this trendy international city. Getting an idea of what you can expect when you move and getting tips from individuals that have made a similar move could be very helpful and save you a lot of trouble. The [OfferZen London City Guide](#) is a good place to start, in terms of getting familiar with the information. Additionally, here are some links to some expat blogs that you can have a look at as you prepare for your big move too:

- [Moving to London for a Tech Job](#)
- [Expats in London](#)
- [Expat info desk](#)
- [Blog Expat](#)
- [Visit London](#)
- [Good Migrations](#)

