

Relocation Guide

Useful Guide For Employees of Garvan
When Relocating to Sydney

Garvan Institute of Medical Research

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* IMMIGRATION

- Department of Immigration www.immi.gov.au
- Settling in to Australia: Guide www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/settle-in-australia/beginning-life

* MOVING TO SYDNEY

- * Moving Pets : be aware your pet will be required to undergo quarantine procedures which may require isolation with Australian Quarantine – see www.daff.gov.au/aqis
- * Prohibited items: certain items are restricted or prohibited from entry into Australia. For example some food, wood, seeds, weapons, drugs etc. Refer to www.customs.gov.au

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* SETTLING IN SYDNEY

- * Accommodation – for short term accommodation, please contact HR by email hr@garvan.org.au
- * Buying / Renting in Sydney consider real estate websites www.domain.com.au www.realestate.com.au www.mcgrath.com.au
- * Schools
 - * Education commences Kindergarten and goes through to Year 12
 - * Primary / Junior School Years 1 – 6
 - * Senior / High School Years 7 – 12
 - * Garvan has an arrangement for reduced fees with KU Kira Childcare Centre contact HR – hr@garvan.org.au

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- * **SETTLING IN SYDNEY continued**
 - * Home Services (Water, Electricity, Telecomms)
 - * Water services provided by www.sydneywater.com.au
 - * Electricity provided www.agl.com.au
 - * Telstra – telecommunications www.telstra.com.au
 - * Utilities can be connected for you see Direct Connect www.directconnect.com.au
 - * Newspapers – The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph and The Australian

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* MONEY & FINANCE

- * Banking Institutions – the main banking institutions are Westpac (www.westpac.com.au) ANZ (www.anz.com.au) National Australia Bank (www.nab.com.au) Commonwealth Bank of Australia (www.commbank.com.au)
- * Superannuation – What Is It? A compulsory fund known as a retirement savings account. Your employer makes compulsory deductions into your nominated Superannuation account which you may receive upon retirement. Refer to <http://australia.gov.au/topics/economy-money-and-tax/superannuation>
- * Australian TAX Office (www.ato.gov.au)
 - * Getting a tax file number <http://www.ato.gov.au/youth/content.aspx?doc=/content/40962.htm>

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* HEALTH & WELFARE

- * Medicare refer to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au
- * Private Health Insurance
 - * Imans Australian Health Cover www.austhealth.com
 - * Bupa www.bupa.com.au
 - * Medibank Private www.medibankprivate.com.au
 - * HCF www.hcf.com.au
- * Hospital / Emergencies
 - * St Vincent's Hospital Emergency is the closest to the Garvan Institute

* ENJOYING SYDNEY

- * Getting around – Sydney is easy to get around by car, bike, train or bus. Some useful contacts are:
 - * Car hire:
 - * No Birds www.nobirdscarhire.com.au
 - * Thrifty www.thrifty.com.au
 - * Hertz www.hertz.com.au
 - * Driver's Licence – for information on an International Driver's Licence refer to NRMA <http://www.mynrma.com.au/travel/services/international-driving-permit.htm>
 - * If you have been in Sydney for over 6 months you can apply for a NSW driver's licence www.mynrma.com.au

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* ENJOYING SYDNEY continued

- * Buying a car:
 - * www.carsales.com.au
 - * www.drive.com.au
 - * www.redbook.com.au
 - * Transport
 - * Sydney buses www.sydneybuses.info
 - * Sydney trains www.cityrail.info
 - * Cycle ways www.sydneycycleways.net
 - * Food / dining out
 - * There are a number of fantastic eating establishments in Sydney and Darlinghurst near the Garvan Institute
 - * Useful guide <http://www.urbanspoon.com/c/70/Sydney-restaurants.html>
- City and Regional Guides – some useful sites:
- * Sydney City www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
 - * Sydney www.sydney.com
 - * Time Out Sydney www.au.timeout.com/sydney/
 - * Regional NSW www.visitnsw.com.au

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- * DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION (DIAC)

- * www.immi.gov.au

- * See Guide to Living in Australia:

- * <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/settle-in-australia/beginning-life/>

- * RELOCATION SERVICES – please contact HR by email
hr@garvan.org.au

- * MAPS

- * Garvan Institute of Medical Research

- 384 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, Australia

- http://maps.google.com.au/maps?oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a&q=384+victoria+st+darlinghurst&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=ox6b12ae11d146fb85:0xb7fe99f3e907f2ed,384-392+Victoria+St,+Darlinghurst+NSW+2010&gl=au&ei=6ZNYt4zdFcKhiAeeo5HkDw&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CCQQ8gEwAA