

Relocation Guide

Useful Guide for Employees of Garvan
when Relocating to Sydney

Garvan Institute of Medical Research

Relocation Guide

* 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

Relocation Guide

* 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

Relocation Guide

- * 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

Relocation Guide

* 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)

Relocation Guide

* 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 (telephone 000)
 - * St Vincent's Hospital Emergency is the closest to the Garvan Institute

Relocation Guide

* ENJOYING SYDNEY

- **Driver's Licence** – for information on an International Driver's Licence refer to NRMA 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
- **Car hire:**
Thrifty www.thrifty.com.au
No Birds www.nobirdscarhire.com.au
Hertz www.hertz.com.au
- **Buying a car:**
Drive www.drive.com.au
Car Sales www.carsales.com.au
Redbook www.redbook.com.au
- **Transport**
Sydney trains www.cityrail.info
Sydney buses www.sydneybuses.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

Relocation Guide

- * 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://g.co/maps/s5em2>