

Working Holiday: before departure

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Your steps to feel ready for the trip · 16 steps, in order

- ☐ **Check passport validity for destination + blank pages**
~10 min · gov.uk foreign travel advice
 - ☐ **Apply for the working holiday / youth mobility visa**
~1–2 h · online via destination immigration portal
 - ☐ **Accumulate required savings and obtain bank statement**
Variable · amount and any holding period set by your destination — check its portal
 - ☐ **Hold a return or onward ticket, or proof of funds to buy one, if your scheme requires it**
mandatory: false (scheme-conditional, not universal). · tested at visa application by some schemes — check your destination's portal'.
 - ☐ **Buy working holiday travel & health insurance**
~30 min · check your scheme's required cover — typically hospitalisation, repatriation, liability and any paid work
 - ☐ **Apply for free UK GHIC card (EEA, Switzerland and Australia destinations)**
~5 min · online · allow 15 working days for delivery
 - ☐ **Notify bank and set up international debit/credit card**
~20 min · online or in-branch
 - ☐ **Get International Driving Permit from PayPoint if needed**
~15 min in-store · £5.50 · instant issue
 - ☐ **File P85 with HMRC — leaving the UK / tax refund**
~20 min · print and post if still in UK; online after departure
 - ☐ **Consider paying voluntary National Insurance while you are abroad (optional)**
~20 min · online · optional and eligibility-gated — gaps in your NI record can reduce your future State Pension
 - ☐ **Set up Royal Mail post redirection (3/6/12 months)**
~15 min · online · apply ≥5 working days before leaving
 - ☐ **Cancel council tax and close utility accounts**
~30 min · contact local council + utility providers
 - ☐ **Notify Student Loans Company of overseas move (if applicable)**
~15 min · online · you must tell SLC if you leave the UK for more than 3 months
 - ☐ **Notify GP surgery and collect repeat prescription supply**
~15 min · in-person or phone call to GP surgery
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Assemble document pack (passport, visa, insurance, funds proof)

~30 min · physical and digital copies



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~5 min · online · subscribe to destination email alerts

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