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Things to consider before relocating:

We are often approached by candidates who are interested in relocating for a new role, but often they have not considered what is involved and how this will affect their personal life, career, family, bank balance and quality of life.

This guide highlights some areas you should think about before relocating:

Finance:

Renting a property:

If you will be renting your new home, you will usually need to have a deposit and the first month's rent available to pay up front to the landlord.

Deposits are usually 1.5 times the monthly rent, so the initial outlay can become expensive.

Also, bear in mind that you may need to buy furniture, utensils, curtains, and appliances etc.

Information on properties to rent can be found in our resource portal alongside this guide at www.orbis-resourcing.com/relocationguide.html.

Buying a property:

If you are buying a property, then you will obviously need a stable income, possibly a deposit and will need to source all of your own furnishings.

Information on properties to buy can be found in our resource portal alongside this guide at www.orbis-resourcing.com/relocationguide.html.

Transport:

When relocating closer to your new role, you will still need to travel to your chosen area on a number of occasions to make arrangements for your move.

Family and friends:

Have you thought about how the move will affect your immediate family and also your wider circle of family and friends?

Areas to consider:

- Local schools and colleges
- Will your children want to move schools? Is this the right time (exams etc)?
- Distance back to meet relatives you leave behind
- Have you discussed the move with your partner and family?
- Is there anyone you can live with in the area you are relocating to, so that the move is easier?



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Time:

Making arrangements takes a lot of time. Do you have the spare time outside of your current commitments to organise this?

You will need to:

- Chose an area to live in
- Visit the area
- Meet with landlords and / or visit properties
- Organise utilities, electoral roll and children's entrance to schools etc
- Liaise with solicitors, estate agents and mortgage brokers if purchasing a house
- Buy furniture, utensils, curtains, and appliances etc

Career:

Is the area you are moving to the right career move? Does the new area have other good career opportunities available in case you eventually leave the new company?

Quality of life:

The new area you relocate to will need to be the type of environment that you are interested in, and have the same type of activities that interest you in your personal life.

Also, will you be happy living further away from family or friends?

Do you rely on local family and friends for things that wouldn't be available if they are further away (e.g. childcare)?