

AI-01371 Migration to the USA Checklist

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Create a bulleted journal for Migration to the USA. I'm recreating a Time travel scenario for Britta and me in 1989. This will serve as a template for future time travelers like us.

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A. Immigration & Legal:

1. Secure Visa/Green Card
2. Obtain Social Security Number (SSN) application
3. Apply for a driver's license in the USA
4. Research state-specific licensing requirements for RN

B. Housing:

1. Research potential neighborhoods/cities
2. Find temporary housing
3. Start apartment hunting
4. Secure rental agreement/lease

C. Finance:

1. Open a US bank account, choose Bank of America (BoA)
2. Apply for a US credit card (Two Cards only)
3. Set up direct deposit for employment to (BoA)
4. Update beneficiaries for insurance and financial accounts

D. Employment:

1. Research job opportunities in the target area
2. Update resume and cover letter
3. Network with healthcare professionals in the USA
4. Schedule job interviews

E. Logistics:

1. Book flights and arrange transportation to/from airport
2. Obtain necessary travel documents (passport, visa)
3. Inform utility companies (electricity, water, internet) of move-out date
4. Consider packing light and purchasing larger items (furniture, appliances) in the USA.
5. Utilize packing cubes to maximize suitcase space and keep items organized.
6. Make copies of important documents and store them electronically.

F. Packing:**Suitcase 1:**

- Essential clothing (tops, bottoms, underwear, socks)
- Formal/professional attire (for interviews/work)
- Comfortable shoes (sneakers, sandals)
- Toiletries (travel-sized)
- Important documents (passport, visa, licenses, certifications)
- Medications (with prescriptions)
- First-aid kit
- Electronics (phone charger, laptop, adapters)
- Jewelry (limited selection)
- A few sentimental items

Suitcase 2:

- Additional clothing (outwear, swimwear, pajamas)
- Casual wear
- Comfortable shoes (flats, boots)
- Books/magazines for entertainment
- Small comfort items from home
- Snacks (non-perishable)
- Travel pillow and blanket

G. For Paper Journal (non-chronological)

1. Papa, Mama above else. This is your motivation in America, so that when you start crying and misses home, you remember that your Papa and Mama are your inspiration... then you become courageous and encouraged.
2. Choose Bank of America for your bank
3. Choose Wise.com to move money from US to BPI or BDO or GCash
4. In your 401k, choose Large Cap (one fund only)
5. Save 6% to 10% at work for 401k
6. Save \$1000 per month and invest in stock market ETF to build your emergency fund
7. Don't buy a car unless you really need it
8. Don't buy a house unless you really need it
9. Live a Cebu Lifestyle (cheap lifestyle) but with a dollar paycheck.
10. Find a nice but affordable apartment nearby ... walking distance or near a bus or subway station.
11. Follow the 50/30/20 Rule. 50% of your income goes towards necessities (housing, groceries, utilities) 30% is allocated for discretionary spending (entertainment, dining out) 20% is dedicated to savings and investments.
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