

NOTE: A repatriate can take advantage of this tax exemption once every five years.

PRO TIP: Check out [this video instruction](#) (available only in Armenian) describing the process and required documents.

For more details, please refer to the [Moving Your Personal Belongings](#) section.



STEP 6

Moving your financial assets to Armenia may seem somewhat difficult to do but there are a couple of easy ways to do it:

1. You can bring **up to \$10,000** with you when coming to Armenia by air or land. You must declare cash of \$10,000 and more (or the equivalent in other currency). If you take it between Armenia and any non-EEU country. Cash includes travelers' checks.
2. An amount of more than \$10,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) is recommended to be transferred through a bank via International SWIFT transfers to bank accounts and fast money transfers such as MoneyGram, Unistream, Best, Moneytun (USA-Armenia-USA only), Intelexpress, Converse Transfer (Russia-Armenia-Russia only) and RIA.
3. Some of the banks provide the opportunity of opening a bank account online. For the list of banks, check the [Financials](#) section below.

NOTE: Import and export of local currency is prohibited.

STEP 7

Improve/learn Armenian

Armenian (Eastern) is the official language, while knowledge of Russian and English will also be helpful. You can start learning Armenian before coming to Armenia. See how:

1. Learn online: There are several websites you can use to learn Armenian, as well as apps, depending on your level. Please, check the [Armenian Virtual College](#) which offers a variety of courses to help you in the process or download [AYOlingo application](#).
2. Private lessons: While more expensive, it could be most beneficial, especially since there are many private tutors available in Armenia. Search for one on [our network](#).
3. Read Armenian books and newspapers: Armenian newspapers are often online these days. Books are also available in different genres, from Armenian classics to translated works of both classic and contemporary writers.
4. Watch Armenian television: If you like drama, Armenian series are full of them. If you enjoy music, there are a large number of shows that feature Armenian music competitions. Radio is also an option. Much of this is available on the Web.
5. Follow Repat Armenia's social media to be informed about [the free Armenian language classes](#).
6. Repatriation and Integration Center of the Diaspora Office provides similar free Armenian language classes as well. You can find more information [here](#).

PRO TIP: Check out more [here](#) for online opportunities and regular classes [here](#).

STEP 8

Start searching for employment/business opportunities. This is the most important aspect for most people who move to Armenia. Your repatriation is highly dependent on your success in securing financial sustainability and finding a job that both satisfies your personal aspirations and contributes to Armenia's development. Start doing research in advance so that you have an idea of the most in-demand jobs and the required qualifications. For more information please refer to the [Employment](#) section below.

PRO TIP: Be flexible in the job search process by taking into consideration areas close to your major/experience or those where you can apply some of your skills. You can get more tips [in this section](#).

NOTE: Armenian companies are not in the habit of long-distance recruitment. If they need an employee, they expect you to hire immediately. At the most, you'll have a few weeks, should they offer an online interview.



ARRIVING IN ARMENIA



You've arrived in Armenia! Chances are, this was by air at the Zvartnots International Airport or Gyumri Airport. You may have driven over the Iran or Georgian borders as well. Zvartnots airport is about 20 minutes from the city center and you have the option of taking a taxi, public transportation or the airport shuttle bus.

- ▶ **Taxi Cost:** 2,000–6,000 AMD, depending on the type of taxi, km travelled, etc. In case you take personal taxi, make sure you negotiate the final price from the very beginning. You can also use taxi apps such as [GG](#), [Yandex Taxi](#), [Utaxi](#) to order a car.
- ▶ **Express No. 201:** Departing every 30 minutes from 07:00 to 22:00, the shuttle costs 300 AMD, complete with WiFi. It takes you to and from Republic Square. You can track the route of the express by clicking [here](#).
- ▶ **Public bus No. 100:** It connects city center with Zvartnots Airport. From January 1, 2025 the new fares apply. You can check them [here](#).

If you are planning to arrive by land, there are three transportation routes taking you to Armenia from Georgia and one from Iran. The most optimal way to get to Armenia from Georgia is via Bagratashen checkpoint. It is a 4h trip from the border with Georgia to Yerevan (221 km.). If you arrive from Iran, you will have a 7,5 h drive from the border with Iran (380 km.). There is also a train from Tbilisi that takes longer (around 10h) but might be more comfortable, bringing you right to the Sasuntsi Davit railway station. Budget between 7,000 and 25,000 AMD is for this trip to and from Tbilisi. Please, check the schedules [here](#).