

First Weeks in Poland

A practical orientation checklist for people relocating to Poland

1**Confirm your legal basis of stay**

Work, study, business, family - the right permit or registration depends on your purpose. Sorting this first shapes everything that follows.

2**Apply for your PESEL number**

This national identifier is needed for almost every office, bank, clinic and tax matter. Arrange it early rather than when you are already stuck.

3**Arrange health insurance**

Public (ZUS/NFZ) or private - put cover in place before you need a doctor, not after.

4**Open a Polish bank account**

It makes rent, salary, deposits and everyday bills far smoother, and some formalities expect a local account.

5**Keep certified translations ready**

Official documents from abroad usually need a sworn (certified) translation to be accepted by Polish authorities.

6**Watch the deadlines**

Residence and registration steps are time-sensitive. A late or incomplete filing can cost you far more time than it saves.

7**Get advice before anything cross-border**

Tax residence, family status and work in two countries interact in ways that are cheaper to plan than to unwind.

Planning a move? Book a consultation.

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