

GUIDELINES FOR NEWLY ARRIVED MEMBERS IN AUSTRALIA

All Jamaats around Australia contact details can be found by clicking below link.

<http://www.ahmadiyya.org.au/index.php/contact-us/postal-addresses>

STEP 1: GETTING LOCAL NUMBER (MOBILE NETWORKS)

When you moving in Australia first thing is to buy a SIM Card. This is necessary because later on at all stages you need to provide your contact details in all offices etc. For prepaid just buy a SIM card costs \$2 or sometimes free from any supermarket, fuel station shop, and activate it by going online web and activate it. You can port number later on if you want to go for post paid plan phone. For new comers pre paid mobile option mostly suits (if you have already a phone). Most common pre paid mobile options are Lycamobile, Lebara Mobile, TPG, Amaysim, etc which includes cheap calls to overseas as well, but always browse the website for different plans. Or either you can buy a Plan 24 months contract etc Vodafone, Yes Optus, Telstra are most common and widely used.

Note: When first time coming to Australia always have your relatives or emergency contact person details in hard copy format in your wallet in case your phone is dead etc.

STEP 2: OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

The most common and widely used banks across all states are Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, NAB (National Australian Bank), ANZ Bank etc. All banks have monthly charges check with the Bank before opening a account. All students can have Bank Account with no monthly charges. Even you change your address or state don't need to open e new bank account.

STEP 3: APPLY FOR TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN) OR AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER (ABN)

TFN is required before starting any job (other than business or self employment). You can apply online for TFN by clicking below.

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/>

If you are going to conduct a Business then you need an ABN (Australian Business Number) which you can also apply online by clicking below link

<https://abr.gov.au/For-Business,-Super-funds---Charities/Applying-for-an-ABN/>

STEP 4: HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Knowing how to drive by Australian Standards and having a valid Driver's License very important. Road and License rules vary from state to state. In some of the states Overseas Licence can be converted. Details can be found on related state website described below.

Adelaide (South Australia)

In Adelaide (South Australia) if you are on student visa you can drive on your overseas licence until the expiry of your student visa, if your arrival is on Permanent Residence (Skilled Migrant etc) you can drive maximum up to 90 days from your arrival date after that you need to get converted your licence. Few countries Licence are directly converted others need to go through Theory and Practical Test. Below is the link of countries recognized licence (direct conversion)

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/drivers-and-licences/drivers-licence/drivers-licence-transfer>

1. To learn about theory test and road rules follow below online links to practise test exam
<http://www.raa.com.au/motoring-and-road-safety/learning-to-drive/take-the-online-learners-test>
2. When you are applying for driving Licence or any other Australian Document most widely Australia wide 100 Point of Identification is used. Below is link to find out points
<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/100-point-identification>

Sydney (New South Wales)

In Sydney for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/licence/driver/index.html>

Melbourne (Victoria)

In Melbourne (VICTORA) for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences>

Brisbane (Queensland)

In Brisbane (Queensland) for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/applying/>

Perth (Western Australia)

In Perth (Western Australia) for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/my-drivers-licence.asp>

Darwin (Northern Territory)

In Darwin (Northern Territory) for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/licences/get-your-driver-licence>

Canberra (ACT)

In Canberra (Australian Capital Territory) for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1581/~/_act-driver-licence-information-and-renewal

Hobart (Tasmania)

In Hobart (Tasmania) for getting drivers licence all details can be find out by clicking below link.

<http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/licensing/getting-a-licence>

STEP 5: REGISTER AND APPLY FOR MY GOV FACILITIES (MEDICARE, PARENTING PAYMENTS etc)

First you open a mygov account by clicking below link.

<https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e1s1>

After that you can apply all categories account you are eligible.

Otherwise you can visit any nearest Medicare Office to get Medicare Card by clicking below link and providing your suburb post code to get the facilities of Clinic and Hospital.

<http://findus.humanservices.gov.au/>

Easy way of finding nearest GP (General Practitioner), Dentist, Physio etc is using smart phone app **HEALTH ENGINE** and locate your nearest. Use the Bulk Bill Medical Centres if you don't want to pay the Gap money.

STEP 6: FINDING ACCOMMODATION AND HOUSE HOLD FURNITURE

www.realestate.com.au is most widely used Australia wide to find the residence for renting or buying.

The most General criteria is 100 points of ID for every member aged over 18 and all details of kids etc if applicable. The most common requirement is rental history which is not available when you move first time in Australia. If you have a full-time job than mostly this problem is resolved otherwise you

provide a cover letter along with rental application, explaining your conditions and advance rent of 3 to 6 month sometime helps in making your application successful OR higher bond amount. Along with rental application when you inspect a property always discuss your circumstances with property agent that you moved recently here etc. Keep in mind to get a rental property you must or someone else on your behalf inspect the property and get application form.

It's also useful to discuss with Jamaat friends to see if any permanent or temporary accommodation is available. Please contact local Sanat o Tijarat Nazim via Qaid Majlis or Qaid Region. Sometime temporary accommodations are also available on www.gumtree.com.au

To find reasonably priced 2nd hand house hold appliances and furniture www.gumtree.com.au is most widely used Australia wide. **Garage Sales** are also good for this which are advertised in local newspapers.

STEP 7: OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS VS AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATIONS

To upgrade your education and qualification TAFE are Government Institutes which offer different Certificates, Courses and are Australia Wide.

To get all details of Skill or Education Recognition below two links are useful for all states and Territories across Australia.

<http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/education-and-training/qualifications-and-skills-recognition>

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/services-and-resources/pages/qualifications-recognition.aspx>

Apart from above below few websites are also helpful for different professions.

<https://www.employment.gov.au/>

<http://www.professionalsaustralia.org.au/>

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au>

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au>

<https://www.itpa.org.au/>

In Australia IAAAE (Engineers Association) and AMA (Doctors Association) has also started working so you can get help from the Sadar Jamaat to find these peoples which exist in almost every state.

STEP 8: JOB SEARCH

If you are looking for a job www.seek.com.au is most widely used Australia wide. Apart from that for casual jobs local jamaat people reference is very helpful. Sometimes casual jobs are also available on www.gumtree.com.au

In Australia Doctors Association and Engineers Association is actively working to help new comers in finding jobs and guidelines in their field. Their contact details can be found by contacting local Jamaat President.

STEP 9: BUYING A CAR/VEHICLE

For buying a vehicle www.carsales.com and www.gumtree.com.au is most widely used. It is useful to have a Jamaat member guide in purchasing the first vehicle. All vehicles in Australia must be registered and insured which have a monthly/quarterly/annual cost vary from state to state.

STEP 10: BUYING A GROCERIES

For every day use *Coles*, *Woolworths*, *Aldi*, *Foodland* are most common supermarkets for buying groceries. Some of the traditional stuff can be bought at local area Indian, Afghani and Pakistani Stores etc

STEP 11: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

For public transport network Buses, Trains, Trams, Ferries etc check the below link which will guide you in which particular state you looking for public transport.

<http://www.australia.gov.au/information-and-services/transport-and-regional/public-transport-services>

In some states google maps app of mobile phone works very good to give you info on public transport.

Except that Taxi is available all across the states very easily but its not cheap, so cheap alternative is Uber which is near to half of the price of Taxi. You have to install a app on your phone to use it, you cant hail it. Below is the link for information.

<https://www.uber.com/en-AU/>

STEP 12: LEARNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE

For learning English Language check through your visa conditions in some scenarios like spouse visa within first six month its free to join in Tafe for learning. Except that below are few links through which you can get info.

<https://www.ames.net.au/>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/yourlanguage/hindi/en/article/2016/09/01/are-you-new-migrant-australia-learn-english-free-cost?language=en>

Apart from above information MKA Australia's Department of Sanat o Tijarat can be contacted at sanatotijarat@khuddam.org.au for further information and assistance.