

# Moving to Réunion checklist

The 13 steps to tick off, from 6 months before leaving to your arrival on the island.

Start preparing your move to Réunion 6 months ahead. Tick off each step as you go.

## The steps

### 6 months before leaving

- ☐ Ask several removal companies for quotes, for a full container or a shared one.

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- ☐ If you are a transferred public servant, check whether your relocation costs are covered.  
Conditions for coverage

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- ☐ Decide whether to ship your car or buy one locally. Shipping your car

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### 3 months before leaving

- ☐ Draw up a detailed inventory of your belongings, dated and signed, in 2 copies.  
Exemptions when settling in an overseas department, French customs

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- ☐ Gather proof of purchase, VAT included, for your valuable items.

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- ☐ Prepare proof of settlement: employment contract, transfer order or certificate of change of residence.

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- ☐ Fill in form cerfa 10070 if you import a vehicle. It includes the commitment not to sell it for 12 months.

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## 1 month before leaving

- ☐ Check the school start and holiday dates of the Réunion education authority.  
School calendar
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- ☐ Estimate your monthly budget on the island. Budget simulator
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## After arriving

- ☐ Change the address on your vehicle registration certificate within a month of moving. It is free for up to 3 changes.

Changing the address on a vehicle registration certificate, Service-public

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- ☐ Bring in your belongings within a year of settling to keep the exemption.
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- ☐ Do not sell, rent or lend the belongings you imported tax-free for 12 months.
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- ☐ Find your cyclone shelter and write down the emergency numbers. Cyclone checklist
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French customs, exemptions when settling in an overseas department. Service-public, changing the address on a vehicle registration certificate (page checked on 6 March 2026). Civil service, payment of relocation costs (page updated on 20 August 2025). Consulted on 26 October 2026.

## Further reading

- The conditions for bringing in your belongings tax-free are on the [octroi de mer exemption page](#).
- The rules for your car are on the [shipping your car to Réunion page](#).