

Moving Out for the First Time Checklist



Save Up Enough Money

- ☐ Find an apartment based on the rent you can afford
- ☐ Determine how much you need to save:

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(1st month's rent) (last month's rent) (security deposit) (broker's fee) (emergency: at least one month's expenses)



Secure a Job

- ☐ Update resume
- ☐ Write cover letter
- ☐ Apply to several jobs
- ☐ Schedule interviews
- ☐ Negotiate start date
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Formulate Plan B

- ☐ HOUSING PLAN B
 - Could you get a temporary job or find another source of income?
- ☐ INCOME PLAN B
 - If a job falls through, will family/friends financially support you?
 - Could you get a temporary job (hosting, etc.)?



Make a Budget

- ☐ Calculate monthly income after taxes:
- ☐ Determine how much rent you can afford (around 30% of monthly income)
- ☐ Add cost of utilities to monthly rent: + + + =
- ☐ Subtract rent and utilities total from monthly income and divide the remaining amount between food expenses, transportation expenses and leisure activities