

60-Day Migration Checklist

Your structured roadmap for a tax-efficient move from India to UAE. Every step, every deadline, nothing missed.

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How to Use This Checklist

This checklist covers the complete 60-day migration window from India to the UAE, broken into 5 sequential phases. Work through each phase in order. Check off (☐) each task as you complete it. Do not skip phases — later steps depend on earlier ones being in place.

Tip: Print this document and keep it with your migration file. Review weekly with your tax advisor to ensure nothing falls through the cracks.

Total Tasks: 50 | **Phases:** 5 | **Timeline:** 60 days pre-move + 30 days post-arrival

Financial Foundation

60 – 45 days before move | 15 tasks

- Get RNOR eligibility assessed — calculate your window
 - Obtain PAN card status update (link to NRI status)
 - Open NRE savings + NRE FD account if not already done
 - Convert existing savings accounts to NRO
 - Inform all banks of NRI status change
 - Apply for UAE Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) — If you are already a UAE tax resident with 183+ days, apply for TRC now. If this is your first UAE residency, apply after completing 183 days in the UAE. Processing takes 30–60 days.
 - Review all Indian insurance policies — check NRI validity
 - Get property valuations for capital gains planning
 - Review LRS (Liberalized Remittance Scheme) limits — \$250K/year
 - Consult CA for pre-departure tax planning
 - Cancel/convert Indian credit cards to NRI-compatible ones
 - Update nomination on all financial accounts
 - Collect Form 16 / salary certificates from current employer
 - Review PPF account — can continue but no new deposits as NRI
 - Assess EPF withdrawal or transfer options
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Legal & Structure

45 – 30 days before move | 10 tasks

- Apply for Golden Visa or appropriate UAE visa
- Draft/review Power of Attorney for Indian properties
- Update will/succession planning for Indian assets
- Set up corporate structure in UAE if applicable (freezone/mainland)
- Register for VAT in UAE if turnover > AED 375K expected
- Get Indian assets appraised (for future capital gains reference)
- Notify tenants if renting out Indian property
- File pending Indian tax returns
- Get police clearance certificate if required
- Apostille educational/personal documents

Execution

30 – 15 days before move | 8 tasks

- Open UAE bank account (Emirates NBD, ADCB, etc.)
- Set up SWIFT/wire transfer from NRO to UAE account
- Apply for Emirates ID
- Get UAE health insurance
- Transfer first tranche of funds via LRS
- Set up utility bill payments in India on auto-pay
- Forward mail / update address with banks
- Cancel Indian subscriptions not needed

Final Prep

15 days to Day 1 | 7 tasks

- Complete Form 10F filing for DTAA benefits
 - Ensure NRO FD has DTAA-compliant TDS rate applied
 - Get medical check-up / records
 - Arrange accommodation in UAE
 - Set up UAE mobile number
 - Download and set up UAE banking apps
 - Carry original documents: passport, visa, POA, property papers
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Establish

First 30 days in UAE | 10 tasks

- Activate Emirates ID
- Open UAE investment/brokerage account
- Register for UAE corporate tax if applicable
- File for UAE TRC (Tax Residency Certificate) — takes 30–60 days
- Set up DEWA (utilities)
- Get UAE driving license (easy conversion from Indian)
- Register children in school if applicable
- Join local Indian business network / Indian Business Council
- Set up regular remittance schedule India → UAE
- Schedule quarterly review with tax advisor

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