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This checklist is a planning aid for aliyah applicants. Requirements vary by country, family situation, eligibility route, and current policy. Confirm the current list with the Jewish Agency, Nefesh B’Nefesh, your local shaliach, or your aliyah adviser before relying on it.

Core Identity Documents

- Current passport for every applicant
- Long-form birth certificate for every applicant
- Marriage certificate, if applicable
- Divorce decree, if applicable
- Death certificate for a previous spouse, if applicable
- Legal name-change documents, if applicable
- Adoption documents, if applicable
- Passport photos in the requested format

Jewish Status and Eligibility

- Rabbinic or community letter, if requested
- Synagogue membership or community records, if relevant
- Conversion certificate and beit din information, if relevant
- Parents’ or grandparents’ Jewish-status documents, if needed
- Ketubah or family religious records, if available and relevant
- Documents connecting name changes across generations

Authentication and Translation

- Apostille or equivalent authentication for required civil documents
- Notarised translation where requested
- Scans of the original document and apostille page
- Clear file names with person, document type, and date
- Physical copies kept in a travel folder

Application and Interview Folder

- Application forms and submission confirmations
- Interview appointment confirmation
- Background check or police certificate, if requested
- Proof of address and contact details
- Education or professional documents, if relevant
- Questions to ask your adviser or interviewer

Travel and Arrival

- Flight confirmation
- Teudat oleh or aliyah approval documents, if issued before travel
- Accommodation address for arrival
- Emergency contacts in Israel and abroad
- Digital and paper copies of critical documents
- Medication list and prescriptions

First Weeks in Israel

- Bank account opening documents
- Kupat cholim registration information
- Bituach Leumi reference information
- Lease or temporary accommodation paperwork
- Phone plan and address update notes
- Copies of family documents for schools, childcare, or local offices

Practical Rules

- Do not send originals unless explicitly instructed.
- Keep one digital folder and one physical folder.
- Save confirmation emails as PDFs.
- Write dates in a consistent format.
- Ask for document requirements in writing.
- Re-check the list if your arrival date moves by several months.

Official starting points:

- Jewish Agency: <https://www.jewishagency.org/making-aliyah/>
- Nefesh B’Nefesh: <https://www.nbn.org.il/>
- Israel Ministry of Aliyah and Integration:
https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ministry_of_aliyah_and_integration