Your arrival checklist.

Visas, housing, banking, phones and documents in one list. Tick the boxes in your PDF viewer or print and tick by hand.

Visas.

BEFORE YOU FLY → FIRST 90 DAYS

- [ ] Visa issued or entry permission confirmed for your nationality and purpose.
  Guide: Visa guide → https://www.settleseoul.com/visas
- [ ] Checked whether you need K-ETA or an e-Arrival Card.
  Guide: Before you arrive → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/before-you-arrive-in-seoul
- [ ] Residence card (ARC) appointment booked on HiKorea within your deadline.
  Guide: Visa to residence card → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/immigration-from-visa-to-residence-card
- [ ] Health check booked if your visa or employer requires one.
  Guide: Health checks → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/health-checks-starting-work

OFFICIAL LINKS

Visa Portal (Ministry of Justice) — https://www.visa.go.kr/
HiKorea immigration services — https://www.hikorea.go.kr/
K-ETA — https://www.k-eta.go.kr/
Korea e-Arrival Card — https://www.e-arrivalcard.go.kr/

Housing.

BEFORE YOU FLY → FIRST MONTH

- [ ] First-night address confirmed, saved in Korean and in Naver or Kakao Map.
  Guide: Before you arrive → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/before-you-arrive-in-seoul
- [ ] Airport-to-door route planned, including last train or bus times.
  Guide: Your first 48 hours → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/your-first-48-hours
- [ ] Lease and deposit terms understood before you sign or pay.
  Guide: Housing guide → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/the-apartment-is-only-half-the-decision
- [ ] Address reported once you move in (usually as part of ARC or a change of address).
  Guide: Forms & documents → https://www.settleseoul.com/forms

OFFICIAL LINKS

Incheon Airport: transport to Seoul — https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/tpt/pblcTpt.do
Government24 (address reporting) — https://www.gov.kr/

Banking.

FIRST WEEKS

- [ ] Two cards from different networks plus some cash for the first days.
  Guide: Banking & payments → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/banking-and-everyday-payments
- [ ] Korean bank account opened (usually after your ARC).
  Guide: Open the right account → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/open-the-account-you-actually-need
- [ ] Chosen a way to send money home and compared fees.
  Guide: Sending money home → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/sending-money-home

OFFICIAL LINKS

Financial Supervisory Service (English) — https://www.fss.or.kr/eng/main/main.do

Phones.

BEFORE YOU FLY → FIRST WEEK

- [ ] Phone unlocked; eSIM or airport SIM arranged for arrival.
  Guide: Your phone is your identity → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/your-phone-is-your-identity
- [ ] Naver Map or Kakao Map, Papago, KakaoTalk and Kakao T installed.
  Guide: The apps that run Seoul → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/the-apps-that-run-seoul
- [ ] Local phone plan in your name once you have an ARC.
  Guide: Your phone is your identity → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/your-phone-is-your-identity
- [ ] Transport card bought and topped up.
  Guide: Seoul by subway → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/seoul-by-subway

OFFICIAL LINKS

Seoul Metro — http://www.seoulmetro.co.kr/en/

Documents.

PACK BEFORE YOU FLY

- [ ] Passport plus originals your sponsor asked for (degree, apostilles, record check or admission letter).
  Guide: Before you arrive → https://www.settleseoul.com/articles/before-you-arrive-in-seoul
- [ ] Passport photos (3.5 × 4.5 cm) for ARC and other applications.
- [ ] Everything scanned to storage you can open offline, and shared with someone you trust.
- [ ] First 30 Days checklist and Korean address card printed.
  Guide: Printable checklists → https://www.settleseoul.com/forms

OFFICIAL LINKS

Korea Customs Service: traveller guidance — https://www.customs.go.kr/english/main.do
Visa Portal (Ministry of Justice) — https://www.visa.go.kr/

Original Settle Seoul planning checklist. Requirements differ by visa, nationality, employer and university; follow your sponsor's instructions and check official sources before you act. Not legal advice or a government form. Settle Seoul does not collect what you tick.