

Four Steps to Manage Money for Expats while Working Abroad

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While money management is important, [living and working abroad](#) can put additional stress on your personal finances if you're not prepared ahead of time. If you are currently living overseas, you should start planning your money management strategy immediately to ensure that you - and your family - have the funds needed to live comfortably.

With that in mind, here are four steps to better manage your finances while working abroad:

1. Start your money management planning early

When it comes to money management, the earlier the better. According to InterNations, [you should plan ahead](#), especially when it involves your family and enrolling your children into [international schools](#).

2. Set cash aside

Daily Finance recommended that you should [set money aside for an emergency](#), and create an emergency relief fund. The goal should be to set aside funds each month, so you will be able to accumulate several months of living expenses.

3. Pay yourself first

A general rule for personal finance that you should always live by is "always pay yourself first". This means allocating a portion of your paycheck to your savings, or other investment account before you begin paying your monthly living expenses and making discretionary purchases. If you can set up automatic payments to your savings account with your employer, then it will make the process smoother and ensure that you are contributing to your monthly savings.

4. Get international insurance coverage

[International insurance](#) can be an extremely valuable asset while living and working abroad. Coverage will provide financial assistance in case something happens, such as a [medical emergency](#) or [damaged belongings during a move](#). Policies are customized to the exact needs of expats and their families, such as [political violence extensions](#) for [auto insurance plans](#). As a result, you won't have to pay many expenses out of pocket and it will give you the peace of mind to live and work comfortably while abroad.