

# General Instructions Checklist

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## Your purpose as a missionary is to:

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"Invite others to come unto Christ by helping them receive the restored gospel through faith in Jesus Christ and His Atonement, repentance, baptism, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end" (Preach My Gospel, 1).

## Things to Do Immediately:

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### Call Packet

- Read this packet completely.

### Medical

- Please complete all necessary medical tests and treatments, including orthodontic, dental work, and eye exams. Complete all follow-up treatment.
- All orthopedic problems (ankles, feet, knees, hips, shoulders, back, etc.) need to be completely resolved before you begin your mission.

### Immunizations

- Obtain and record the required immunizations listed on-line. Visit [missionary.lds.org](http://missionary.lds.org) and click on the "Quick Links" menu and select "Immunizations" or go directly to [missionary.lds.org/immunization](http://missionary.lds.org/immunization). Your PIN is located on the immunization card at the back of this packet. It is also the same PIN used to access the Missionary Portal.

### Mobile Device

You have been called to a mission where mobile devices will be used. Please do not purchase a mobile device before you leave for your mission or take one with you to the missionary training center. You will receive instructions for purchasing a mobile device after you arrive in your mission.

### Travel

- Follow instructions in the "Missionary Travel" section of this packet.

### Military

- If you currently serve in the United States Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Navy Reserve, or Marine Corps Reserves, or if you serve in the Army National Guard or Air National Guard, please take a copy of your mission call letter to your unit administrative section and complete the application to be transferred from Active Reserve to Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) or from Active Guard to Inactive National Guard (ING). If approved, you will be allowed to serve your mission. Do not go to the MTC or begin your mission without receiving approval for IRR or ING status.
- All male U.S. citizens are required to register with the selective service when they turn 18. If you have not yet registered, you can do so online at [sss.gov/RegVer/wfRegistration.aspx](http://sss.gov/RegVer/wfRegistration.aspx) or at a U.S. Post Office. If you have questions, please contact the Military Relations Division at Church headquarters at 1-801-240-2286 or 1-800-453-3860 ext. 2-2286 or email [PST-Military@ldschurch.org](mailto:PST-Military@ldschurch.org).

## Before Entering the Missionary Training Center (MTC)

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### Visit the Missionary Portal at [missionary.lds.org](http://missionary.lds.org).

Click "Online Missionary Courses" and begin working on the tasks assigned to you. For example:

- Be worthy of and obtain a temple recommend.
- Read or reread the Book of Mormon before beginning your mission.

- Watch all three episodes of "The District 2." You may also watch the three episodes of "The District 1."

- Create a Mormon.org profile.
- Learn about your family history.

Your PIN to access the Missionary Portal and record your immunizations is 353940.

- If you have difficulties accessing this site, please contact Global Service Support at 1-801-240-4357 (worldwide) or 1-855-LDS-Help (United States and Canada only) or email [MLSSupport@ldschurch.org](mailto:MLSSupport@ldschurch.org).
- If you have not obtained your temple endowment, please do so.
- If possible, receive a patriarchal blessing.
- Resolve all worthiness issues with your priesthood leaders (Alma 26:22).
- Settle all personal debts.
- Make sure your name is marked on all clothing, luggage, and other belongings.
- Have your hair cut according to missionary standards (see the "Dress and Grooming Guidelines" section of this packet).
- If possible, continue private health insurance coverage (see the "Medical Information" section of this packet).
- Be set apart as a full-time missionary by your stake president as close to your MTC date or the beginning of your mission as possible. Once set apart as a missionary, you should live by mission rules, including always having a companion with you.

- Be aware that your assignment may be modified according to the needs of the Brethren or your mission president.

## Reporting to the MTC

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### Report to the MTC dressed in missionary attire.

While at the MTC, laundry facilities and products are available without charge to missionaries. All bedding is also provided. However, you will need to provide your own towels while at the MTC.

Your family should not plan to enter the MTC buildings with you. They will be directed to a curbside location to drop you off and say goodbye.

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Farewells should be said at home before the missionary departs for the MTC. Also, families and friends should not plan to visit departing missionaries at the airport.

Only immediate family members should go to the airport to pick up missionaries returning from their missions. Extended family members and others who wish to greet a returning missionary should do so at the missionary's home or at some location other than the airport.

### Bring with you (readily at hand, not in your luggage):

- The completed Immunizations/Preventive Medication Requirements form found near the end of this packet. You should obtain