CHECKLIST

# Your First 90 Days in Basel

*Tick each step as you go. Save the file to keep your progress.*

## Days 1–14 IMMEDIATE FOUNDATIONS

- [ ] **Register your arrival**
  At the residents' office within 14 days. Bring passports and your rental contract.
- [ ] **Health insurance**
  Mandatory within three months of arrival. Cover applies back to your arrival date.
- [ ] **Swiss SIM card**
  A local number for schools, doctors and services.
- [ ] **Contact schools**
  Start now. Waiting lists, especially at international schools, can be long.
- [ ] **Bank account**
  Book an appointment and bring your residence documents.
- [ ] **Public transport**
  Download the SBB app. Ask about the U-Abo, the monthly pass for the Basel region.

## Days 15–45 BUILDING STRUCTURE

- [ ] **Choose your health insurer**
  Compare premiums, choose your deductible (Franchise) and any supplementary cover.
- [ ] **Confirm the school place**
  Visit your shortlist and complete the enrolment.
- [ ] **Find a family doctor (Hausarzt)**
  Many practices have waiting lists, so register early.
- [ ] **Explore neighbourhoods**
  Walk your quartier at different times of day.
- [ ] **Read the Hausordnung**
  Your building's rules on quiet hours, laundry and shared areas.
- [ ] **Waste and recycling**
  Official «Bebbi-Sagg» bags for rubbish. Paper, glass and PET are collected separately.

## Days 46–90 CREATING HOME

- [ ] **Start a German course**
  Even basic German makes daily life much easier.
- [ ] **Activities for the children**
  Clubs and courses build friendships. Many have waiting lists.
- [ ] **Exchange your driving licence**
  Foreign licences must be exchanged within 12 months.
- [ ] **Understand Swiss taxes**
  Without a C permit, tax is usually deducted from salary (Quellensteuer). A tax advisor (Treuhänder) helps early.
- [ ] **Build your own network**
  Parent groups, clubs and expat associations are the easiest way in.

## My notes

*A guide, not a schedule. Every family moves at its own pace.*