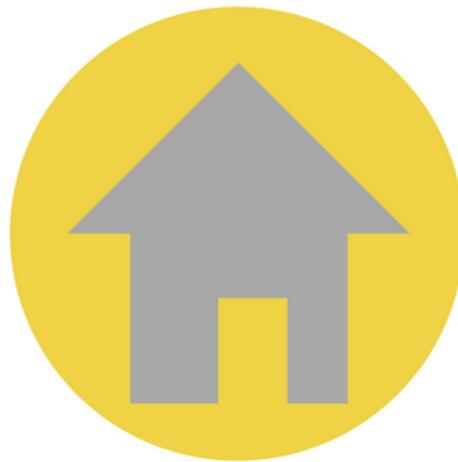


# GUIDE TO RELOCATION CHARTS



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## Introduction

Relocational astrology focuses on how different places impact us astrologically. One component of relocational astrology is something called a relocation chart. A relocation chart uses the current location of residence in place of the natal birth location to construct a new chart (and if the time zone is different, the time of birth is also adjusted to the new location).

The planets in the natal chart remain exactly the same in terms of their placement in the Zodiac. What changes in a relocation chart is the houses. For some, this may be a very slight difference if the location isn't very far from birth or within the same time zone. But even if it's just a few degrees, this can make a big difference in terms of when the slower-moving planets enter a new house. If the houses change signs, the houses also get a new planetary ruler, and so aspects to the planets will impact new houses.

I am a very strange astrologer because I use relocation charts with predictive readings in conjunction with the natal and progressed charts. I found personally that when I moved from Connecticut to Florida - a long distance but still within the same time zone - the houses in the relocation chart were earlier, and everything was happening sooner than I'd been expecting and seeing with just the natal chart. Once I discovered relocation charts, the transits synced up, and it all made sense.

This is not something you need to work with - most astrologers just use the natal chart in predictive readings, and I find many students, including advanced ones, get awfully confused when they try to implement the relocation chart - but it is something you can play around with and see if it makes sense for you to use.



If you're going to do any relocation readings, then analyzing a relocation chart is essential. You can't get away with not using it in that situation!

One impact of the relocation chart that is up for dispute is how much it impacts your personality. For some people, it can become integrated with their natal chart, almost like a progressed chart, but this usually happens over time (1-3 years). For others, they don't ever seem to connect with their relocation chart personality-wise, and most fall somewhere in the middle. But in terms of predictive analysis, the relocation chart kicks in the second you move somewhere.

In case you're going to wonder about travel, or living somewhere temporarily - I sort of have a not-super-strict rule of not considering current location if you'll only be there for 2 weeks or less, so this would be most vacations.

Also, I don't abandon the natal chart completely. I still consider when a planet enters a new natal house, and when transit and progressed planets aspect the natal house cusps, as well as new/full moon and eclipse aspects and retrograde impact to the natal houses. But for the faster planets, I pretty much only look at the relocation chart, and put more weight on the relocation chart aspects and transits than the natal.

You can create a relocation chart for free using astro.com (create a birth data entry for the regular birth data, then in Extended Chart Selection, modify the reference place to the location you want to create the relocation chart for, and then in the dropdown menu, select Relocation chart).



## First: Relocation versus Natal Chart

When you first generate a relocation chart, assess what has changed from the natal chart. How much has each house changed its location? Have any houses - or all houses - changed signs? If so, who are the new planetary rulers for each house, and how are they different from the natal rulers? Have any planets changed their house location?

One thing that you should immediately take a look at is if any planets are conjunct a house cusp, particularly an angle, in the relocation chart but not in the natal chart, and vice versa. A planet on a cusp amplifies the importance of that pairing, especially when the house cusp is an angular cusp since they're the action houses. When this comes up in a relocation chart, this can show that the location is going to be more dynamic with this pairing. When it's present in the natal chart but not the relocation chart, this may be a downside to the location, unless it's a pairing you'd like to have downplayed.

The Sun, Venus, or Jupiter on a house cusp in the relocation chart can make the location a beneficial place, while Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, or Pluto can make it more challenging.

What you hope to gain from the location can dictate whether any position is positive or negative for you. If you want a place that will be good for your career, you'll want a location with an auspicious 10th house; if you want a place that'll be good for love, you'll want a location with an auspicious 5th and 7th house, and so on.

You should also consider the sizes of the houses (unless you use Equal or Whole House systems). If you want a place that's good for your career, a location with a small 10th house likely won't be good for you. If you want a place that's good for your love life, a location with a small



5th or 7th house likely won't be good for you. Tiny houses (under 20 degrees) don't get as much focus unless they're crammed with natal planets because the transit planets don't spend much time there. If the house is considerably smaller than in the natal chart, the areas of life that house rules can become less important or prominent in your life in the new location.

Assess if any of the house cusps are at critical degrees or anaretic. You can benefit if you have natal house cusps that are critical or anaretic and they aren't in the relocation chart because any aspects made to the relocated house cusps won't have that extra challenging energy to contend with. If any of your relocation house cusps are critical or anaretic but they aren't in your natal chart, whenever you experience a transit aspect to the relocated house cusp, it'll present extra challenging energy that you may not be used to.

Lastly, though perhaps most importantly, see if any planets are intercepted in the relocation chart that aren't intercepted in the natal chart. I almost always advise against living somewhere with an intercepted natal Sun or Moon or chart ruler, and strongly caution against an intercepted Mercury, Venus, or Mars. These are the personal planets, and it's best if they're free from containment to express themselves fully in your personality and life. You may find you feel very contained, restricted, limited in a location with an intercepted personal planet that isn't intercepted in the natal chart, and have difficulty using the energy of transits to that planet.

If you have a planet intercepted in your natal chart, you may find it quite beneficial to move somewhere that doesn't have that planet intercepted. It can be much easier for you to access the energy of the planet.



## Second: Transits in the Relocated Houses

Next, you should consider how the transit planets will move differently through the relocated houses versus the natal houses. Relocated houses that are earlier in sign will experience planets entering them sooner than the natal, and relocated houses that are later in sign will experience planets entering them later than the natal. If you're going through a difficult transit house-wise that you'd like to speed up, move somewhere that makes the house cusps earlier in sign, while if you're going through a beneficial transit house-wise and want to prolong it or experience it again, move somewhere that makes the house cusps later in sign.

Assess where the transit planets are currently in the relocation chart versus the natal chart, and what differences there are. Any planets that are in a different house, assess if the change syncs with what you want to focus on in that location. See when they'll change houses and how that's different from the natal chart.

Any transit planets that get thrust into the relocated 1st house will suddenly become strong energy in that location for you and your life. Any transit planets that get thrust into the relocated 12th house will suddenly quiet down, and you may not have access to the energy in that location.

If you want to adjust to the new location quickly, look for transit planets in the relocated 4th house. The Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, or Jupiter in the relocated 4th house when you move there can help make the transition easier and the new location feel more like home quickly. Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto might make it more difficult to adjust to.



See where Saturn will be in the relocation versus natal chart to know what lessons this new location will be teaching you right away, or where you may experience rewards for hard and smart work quickly; see where Uranus will be in the relocation versus natal chart to know where changes will come in this new location; and see where Pluto will be in the relocation versus natal chart to know where you may struggle for power and control and have to undergo transformations in this new location.

Also consider upcoming Mercury, Venus, and Mars retrogrades, and see how they'll impact the relocation versus natal chart, as well as upcoming eclipses.



## Third: Transit Aspects & Progressions to the House Cusps and Rulers

Now move on to the transits to the house cusps and new house rulers, if any of the house rulers change in the relocation chart compared to the natal chart. What transit aspects will occur to the house cusps in the relocation chart but not the natal house cusps, and vice versa? Aspects that occur in one and not the other can be weighed against what you want to focus on.

Are they more challenging aspects, or beneficial? More challenging aspects can make the new location more difficult, and more beneficial aspects can make the new location easier to deal with.

Are there more aspects, or less? More aspects can show a place that will be more active, giving you more to work with but perhaps more challenges or discomfort, while less aspects can show a place that will be quieter and perhaps calmer, but may have less opportunity.

Look at the hard aspects - conjunctions, squares, and oppositions - being made to your natal planets, and if they rule a different house in the relocation chart than the natal chart, assess how the impact will be different. The impact to the planet itself remains the same, but the impact to the house the planet rules changes. It can be helpful to see positive aspects to the rulers of the 1st and 4th houses with a move.

You should also take a look at how your progressed chart interacts with the relocation chart that is different from the natal chart. Are the progressed planets in different relocated houses versus natal houses? Are the progressed planets making aspects to relocated house cusps that they don't make to the natal house cusps, or vice versa? How are aspects to the new house rulers impacted? You can assess the



progressed chart's influence over the relocation chart and see how that differs from the natal, just like with the transit planets. In particular, pay attention to the Progressed Moon and her house location and aspects to the house cusps in the relocation chart since the Progressed Moon moves the quickest, as well as any progressed planets conjunct a relocated house cusp that they're not conjunct in the natal chart, since that brings a lot of energy.