

PCS CHECKLIST

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Before you move:

- ☐ Confirm PCS orders & reporting date
- ☐ Research VA loan eligibility & benefits
- ☐ Request BAH info for Tampa Bay
- ☐ Set a moving budget & track expenses
- ☐ Create a moving folder for documents (orders, housing info, insurance)

Housing Search

- ☐ Decide whether to rent or buy
- ☐ Get pre-approved for a mortgage or secure a lease
- ☐ Research neighborhoods for commute, lifestyle, and amenities
- ☐ Schedule virtual or in-person home tours
- ☐ Ask about HOA rules, flood zones, and insurance requirements

Packing & Moving:

- ☐ Declutter & donate items you don't need
- ☐ Create an inventory of everything you're moving
- ☐ Label boxes by room & contents
- ☐ Schedule moving truck or moving company
- ☐ Check for military move benefits with DOD-approved movers

Utilities & Services:

- ☐ Transfer electricity, water, gas, internet, & cable
- ☐ Set up trash & recycling services if buying a home
- ☐ Change your address with USPS, banks, and subscriptions

Arrival in Tampa Bay

- ☐ Confirm move-in date & keys
- ☐ Set up utilities & internet
- ☐ Locate nearest grocery, pharmacy, and medical facilities
- ☐ Explore local restaurants, beaches, and recreation options
- ☐ Update your address on ID, vehicle registration, & voting info

Final PCS tips:

- ☐ Keep important documents handy (orders, ID, VA info)
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with base locations & commute times
- ☐ Budget for initial expenses (security deposits, utilities, groceries)
- ☐ Connect with local groups or online communities for advice



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