

## Tips for Your Next PCS

- Print copies of everything pertaining to your move that you need and keep them with you – or scan them and put them on a thumb drive. Copies will include your PCS orders, moving forms, apartment leases, etc. It's recommend to have 10 copies of your PCS orders handy for all of your appointments/meetings that have to do with moving.
  - Keep life's important documents with you – birth certificates, marriage certificate, divorce decree/custody agreements, social security cards, POAs, wills, vehicle documentation (title, lease, insurance, and registration), school records, and medical records. Organizing Tip: Get a sturdy binder with sleeve protectors, labels, and dividers, and fill it with all of your important documents. Include an extra sleeve to keep receipts during the move. It also helps to create a folder in your email and file any correspondence that pertains to your PCS there.
- Check out the .Mil website for your new duty station. Research the area before you arrive.
- Got kids? Get their physicals done before you depart. You can register them for summer camps right away upon arrival at your new duty station.
- Visit your dentist and makes sure they know you are moving – get their email and phone number. When you find a new dentist, they can quickly and easily reach out to confirm what's been done so you don't have to pay out of pocket or repeat services.
- Have pets? Be sure vaccinations are up to date. Carry your pet records with you (or scan them and take them electronically). If you're going OCONUS with a pet, call and visit your vet to find out exactly what you need to get your pet overseas with you.
- Call or stop by your kids schools to see if you need anything special to help your child get into the same type classes they are enrolled in currently (e.g. AP classes). Not sure about this? Contact our School Liaison Office – details are on the front page of the Carson website.
- If you want to get a job at your new location, refresh your resume so you can start networking right away.
- Weather in Colorado can change daily – sometimes two or three times in a day. Pack clothes for varying types of weather including a jacket.
- Check the expiration dates of all your credit and debit cards – If needed, order new cards now to avoid worrying about mail forwarding or cards expiring before you have a new mailing address.
- Refill prescriptions – Tricare recommends having a 90 day supply to cover any lag time in getting started with a new clinic at your next duty station

## MAKING YOUR NEXT MOVE EASIER

### **Military One Source Resources**

Planning Your Move:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/planning-your-move/planning-your-move-the-essentials>

PODCAST: Making the Move Easier for Your Children

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/training-resources/podcasts/making-the-move-easier-for-your-children>

ARTICLE: Moving with Pets

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/planning-your-move/moving-with-pets>

ARTICLE: What to Hand Care When You Move

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/planning-your-move/what-to-hand-carry-when-you-move>

### **Current TIPS/Tricks for PCS from the web:**

<https://www.militaryspouse.com/military-life/pcs/50-tips-you-need-before-your-next-pcs-move/>

<https://www.semidelicatebalance.com/25-genius-moving-tips-pcs-moves/>

<https://www.militarytimes.com/spouse/2017/04/22/military-moves-2017-13-tips-for-your-next-pcs/>

<https://themilitarywifeandmom.com/military-pcs-tips-decrease-stress/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/militaryfampins/pcs-tips-and-tricks/>

<https://www.usaa.com/inet/wc/advice-real-estate-pcs-tips-tricks-for-move?akredirect=true>

<https://www.saveandinvest.org/military-everyday-finances/financial-tips-your-next-pcs-move>

<https://spouselink.aafmaa.com/blog/first-pcs-move-10-tips-for-smooth-transition/>

<http://www.wetooktheroadlesstraveled.com/2014/08/tips-for-moving-with-the-military.html>

<http://armylifefromthewife.blogspot.com/2014/05/pcs-tips-preparing-for-your-movers.html>

<https://www.geico.com/more/geico-community/military/pcs/>