

PCS to Bahrain checklist

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When you have orders

- ☐ Contact the transportation office at your current installation as soon as you have orders. That office helps with entitlements, the household-goods shipment, and problems with the moving company. Military OneSource (<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-pcs/living-oconus/a-service-family-checklist-for-moving-oconus/>).
- ☐ Book and track the shipment in the Defense Personal Property System (<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-pcs/moving-personal-property/>).
- ☐ Active-duty members may enter under the Status of Forces Agreement with a DoD ID and orders. Family members, civilian employees, and contractors need valid passports. Navy homeport guide (<https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/Portals/54/Documents/CNSP/Homeport%20Change/Bahrain%20Homeport%20Change%20Guide.pdf>).
- ☐ A no-fee passport is for official travel between the United States and Bahrain. It is not for personal travel outside Bahrain. Apply for tourist passports before you need them.
- ☐ If family is coming, ask for command sponsorship. It is not guaranteed. If it is approved, your orders say dependents are authorized. Military OneSource (<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/benefits/obtaining-command-sponsorship-before-oconus-move/>).

Pets

- ☐ Bahrain requires a rabies titer for pets from countries that are not rabies-free. NSA Bahrain's steps can take the place of that titer if you follow them. Start three to four months ahead. Navy (<https://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/RMC/FDRMC/Bahrain/MovingToBahrain/Prepping/YourPets/>).
- ☐ On a commercial flight, that page says pets travel as manifested cargo, not in the cabin and not as checked bags. Confirm the current rule with the airline.

Driving and a car

- ☐ Ask your sponsor about vehicle access.
- ☐ The vehicle processing center will not take a car that will not run, has a major crack in the windshield, or leaks. The brakes, including the parking brake, have to work. It will not take a car with dirt, soil, mud, or water on it. Navy homeport guide (<https://www.surfpac.navy.mil/Portals/54/Documents/CNSP/Homeport%20Change/Bahrain%20Homeport%20Change%20Guide.pdf>).

Before you search for a home

- ☐ There is no government-owned family housing. Check in with the Housing Service Center when you arrive. The housing brief is required before you start looking. Navy Housing (<https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/Housing-By-Region/Europe-Africa-Central/NSA-Bahrain/>).
- ☐ The Navy housing page does not give one rule for barracks and for town housing. Ask the housing office which rule applies to you.
- ☐ That page says 99 percent of leased homes are furnished, and that major appliances are usually provided. Power is 220 volts.
- ☐ Look up the rate for your locality. A rate for another locality does not apply. DTMO OHA Rate Lookup (<https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Overseas-Housing-Allowance/OHA-Rate-Lookup/>).

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