



Top Things to Know Before Moving to Alaska

If you are driving to Alaska, and/or crossing the Canadian border at any point, **PASSPORTS** are **REQUIRED** for all **ACTIVE DUTY** and **family members of age 16 and above**.

**Official government-issued passports are authorized.
Apply at the local Military Personnel Office.**

1. Visit www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil
2. **PCS Medical & Financial Assistance: Tricare is not accepted in Canada.**
 - If you need **Financial Assistance** during your PCS call the Red Cross at **1-877-272-7337**.
 - If you need **Medical Assistance** call the Healthcare Military & Veterans hotline at **1-877-988-9378** to make an informed decision.
3. **Travel:** The Milepost is available in most major bookstores, can be downloaded, or in your app store. It provides mile-by-mile information for roads in Alaska and parts of Canada leading to Alaska (ALCAN). Visit <http://www.themilepost.com/>.
4. **POV:** DUI or DWI plan to FLY: As a general rule Canada does not allow persons with DUI's/DWI's, felonies or some misdemeanors to enter their country via POV. For more information contact <http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/travel-voyage/gbi-rgf-eng.html>
 - **If not a U.S Citizen, please visit** <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/facts.html>
5. **Ferry:** You are authorized to travel via ferry from Bellingham, Washington to Alaska. Make reservations through your official travel office. For more information: www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs.
6. **Command Sponsorship and COLA** Alaska is considered an overseas assignment. All Family members **MUST** be in a Command Sponsorship status in order to travel with the active duty Soldier. Your dependents airfare will not be reimbursed if you are **NOT** Command Sponsored and travel to Alaska. COLA will not start until you sign in off of leave. You may request Command Sponsorship through your chain of command.
7. **Aurora Military Housing:** You sign up for on-base privatized housing 30 days before your scheduled arrival date. Submit the DD Form 1746 Application for Assignment to Housing and AF Form Sex Offender Disclosure and Acknowledgement with a copy of your orders. <https://www.auroramilitaryhousing.com/application/>
8. **Homes.mil:** Service designed to connect Service members and their Families with community housing rental listings located near U.S. military bases. <https://www.homes.mil/homes/DispatchServlet/Back?Mod=HomesWelcome&SSRedir=true>
9. **Pets by Air:** Many airlines restrict pet shipment due to extreme temperatures. Most will not transport pets if it is more than 85 degrees or less than 20 degrees. Airlines require pets have current shots and a health



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certificate. Contact the airline for the most current up to date information concerning your pets.

- **Pets by Land:** If travelling via ALCAN, your pet will need a 30 day health certificate. Some lodging facilities will allow you to keep your pets in your room but you may have to pay additional fees.
- **Pets on Post:** Some breeds are not allowed on the installation. Visit <https://www.auroramilitaryhousing.com/residents/pets/>.

10. **Firearms:** For air travel, contact your airline for the most current up to date information concerning firearms.

- By land: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/import/iefw-iefa-eng.html>
- By Ferry: www.dot.state.ak.us/amhs

11. **School Enrollment:** Hand carry Birth certificate, shot records, SSN, Individual Education Plan (IDP), 504 plan, current years' transcript. Call the School Liaison Officer at (907) 384-1505

- Anchorage School district: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/1445>
- Matanuska-Susitna School District: <https://www.matsuk12.us/>

12. **Lodging:** Lodging is conveniently located on JBER. Make reservations as soon as you receive notification of PCS by calling (907) 552-2454 or visiting www.jberlife.comlodging.

13. **Cellular Service Providers:**

- ACS Wireless
- AT&T Wireless
- Cricket
- GCI
- StraightTalk
- T-Mobile (T-Mobile subscribers can gain signal via the Alaska-owned GCI network)
- Verizon

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Do you or your spouse have a professional license and want to work in the state of Alaska?

1. Upon determination of equivalency, relevant military experience will be credited for licensing requirements and educational credit will be granted for appropriate training.
2. Spouses of active duty military personnel with Alaska orders may request that their temporary or courtesy licensing applications be expedited.

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/MilitaryLicensing.aspx>

**For More Information contact:
Military & Family Readiness Centers
Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson
907-384-1517 or 907-552-4943**