



## PCS Checklist: What to Do Before Moving to Fort Benning

Every PCS is different, but a simple checklist can make your move to Fort Benning, Columbus, GA, feel more manageable. Consider using this list as the backbone of a printable or downloadable PCS guide.

### 60 - 90 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL:

- Confirm your orders and projected arrival window.
- Research on-post vs. off-post housing, date of availability, and decide which path fits your family.
- Start exploring Columbus neighborhoods, commute ranges, and school options.
- Verify school admission requirements and eligibility if pursuing a magnet program.
- Gather school records, IEP/504 documentation, and vaccination records.

### 30 - 60 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL:

- Join local spouse or unit Facebook groups and follow official Fort Benning channels.
- Contact the Fort Benning housing office and, if living off post, connect with a local real estate agent or property manager.
- Pre-register or learn requirements for DoDEA or local public schools.
- Review TRICARE coverage, identify preferred civilian providers in Columbus if needed, and ensure providers accept it.

### 14 - 30 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL:

- Confirm your arrival date and any temporary lodging arrangements.
- Plan gate access: ensure you have IDs, vehicle documentation, and understand which ACPs you'll use most often.
- Download the GuidOn App on your phone, for free, and set Fort Benning as your home for assistance with finding building numbers and services.
- Map your route from Columbus Airport (CSG) or Atlanta Airport to post and your new home.
- Remember: CSG offers Delta Airlines service; Atlanta is about a two-hour drive.

### FIRST 30 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL:

- Check in with the unit, ACS, and on post support programs.
- Register children in school and meet with counselors or transition staff.
- Explore your neighborhood, local parks, grocery stores, and healthcare options.
- Take a weekend to experience the RiverWalk, Uptown Columbus, and a few local restaurants to start feeling at home.

### MAKE YOUR MOVE TO COLUMBUS, GEORGIA EVEN SMOOTHER.

Whether you need help finding housing, schools, or local resources, the Amazing Columbus team is here to help. **Reach out to us today!**