

CHECKLIST · AUSTIN

Moving to Austin Checklist: The First 90 Days

What newcomers should do, in order, with deadlines and where to do it. Print it and check items off.

SHORT ANSWER

If you are subject to the address-reporting requirement, report your new address to USCIS within 10 days. In the first week, open electricity, water and trash service with City of Austin Utilities and book your DPS appointment. Register your car in Travis County within 30 days and get your Texas license within 90 days. You do not need an SSN or green card to enroll your children in school.

First 10 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Report your address to USCIS (AR-11)	As a general rule, most noncitizens (green card holders included) must report within 10 days of moving; A and G visa holders and Visa Waiver visitors are exempt. Enter every receipt number: uscis.gov/addresschange
☐ In immigration court? File EOIR-33	Within 5 days: respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov
☐ Released by DHS? Update ICE	With an NTA, parole/ATD or a notice to report, within 5 business days: DRIL 1-888-351-4024 · check-ins: checkin.ice.gov
☐ Change your address with USPS	Separate from USCIS; one does not update the other.

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electricity, water and trash	City of Austin Utilities, one bill: 512-494-9400 or coautilities.com . No retail choice in Austin Energy's area
☐ Avoid the \$200 deposit	Enroll in AutoPay and paperless eBill and keep both for 12 billing cycles, or bring a reference letter from your current utility
☐ Living in a suburb? Check your provider	Some suburbs are in competitive areas, where you compare plans on powertochoose.org
☐ Trash and recycling days	Austin Recycles app or "My Schedule." Bulk and brush pickup by appointment only, up to 3 times a year each

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ DPS license appointment	txdpsscheduler.com · "Original" service
☐ School enrollment	Enroll Austin · 512-414-1700
☐ SSN application (if eligible)	Start online, visit SSA within 45 days: ssa.gov

Within 30 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Texas car insurance	At least 30/60/25
☐ Emissions test	DPS-certified station in Travis or Williamson County, up to \$11.50
☐ Vehicle registration	Travis County Tax Office, 2433 Ridgepoint Dr. Passport + I-94 (or green card), \$90 new resident tax
☐ Toll tag	New tags are EZ TAGs from HCTRA: hctra.org · 281-875-3279
☐ Library card	Free for Austin and Austin ETJ addresses; a passport is accepted
☐ Keep a copy of your lease	Proof of address for DPS, school and the tax office

Within 90 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Texas driver's license	ITAD certificate, knowledge and road tests, \$33. Book the road test early
☐ Bought a home? Homestead exemption	Update your license address, then file Form 50-114 with TCAD (online, by mail or at 850 E. Anderson Ln)
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate registration	Address declaration and services at the Houston Consulate General, konsolosluk.gov.tr

IF YOU ARE NOT A U.S. CITIZEN

- Never check "U.S. citizen" on any form and never register to vote. If you get a jury summons, state that you are not a U.S. citizen.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for SNAP, Medicaid, Central Health MAP or any public benefit: a new public charge rule took effect on September 18, 2026.
- Check your I-94 at i94.cbp.dhs.gov. Your license term, car registration and work authorization depend on it.
- With a green card application pending, do not travel abroad without advance parole.



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