

CHECKLIST · DALLAS

Moving to Dallas 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, put electricity and water in your name and book your DPS appointment. Register your car in Texas 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)	Required for noncitizens. USCIS online account: uscis.gov/addresschange
☐ In immigration court? File EOIR-33	Within 5 days: respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov
☐ Change your address with USPS	Separate from USCIS; one does not update the other.

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electricity	Compare plans: powertochoose.org · address number (ESI ID): Oncor
☐ Water and trash	Dallas Water Utilities: DallasGo or (214) 651-1441
☐ Trash and recycling days	Dallas Sanitation app or the schedule on dallascityhall.com
☐ DPS license appointment	txdpsscheduler.com · "Original" service
☐ School enrollment	Choose Dallas ISD · 972-925-5560
☐ 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, up to \$18.50
☐ Vehicle registration	Dallas County Tax Office, Form 130-U, \$90 new resident tax
☐ TollTag account	ntta.org · pay-by-mail tolls cost double
☐ Library card	Free inside Dallas city limits; a passport is accepted
☐ Keep a copy of your lease	Proof of address for DPS and school

Within 90 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Texas driver's license	ITAD certificate, knowledge and road tests, \$33
☐ Bought a home? Homestead exemption	Update your license address, then file Form 50-114 with DCAD
☐ 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.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for SNAP, Medicaid 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 and work authorization depend on it.
- With a green card application pending, do not travel abroad without advance parole.



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