

CHECKLIST · FLORIDA STATE

Moving to Florida 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're subject to the address-reporting requirement, report your new address to USCIS within 10 days. From the moment you become a Florida resident, whether by taking a job, enrolling a child in school, registering to vote, filing for homestead, or living there over 6 months, you have 30 days for your driver's license but only 10 days for your vehicle's insurance, title and registration. If you'll own a home, don't miss the March 1 homestead exemption deadline each year, worth up to \$50,000 off your assessed value. Preparing for the June through November hurricane season should be part of your first few months too.

First 10 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Report your address to USCIS (AR-11)	As a general rule, required for most noncitizens, including green card holders; A and G visa holders and Visa Waiver visitors are exempt. USCIS online account: uscis.gov/addresschange
☐ In immigration court? File EOIR-33	Within 5 days: respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov
☐ ICE check-in obligations?	Update ICE too: portal.ice.gov
☐ Change your address with USPS	Separate from USCIS; one does not update the other.
☐ Florida insurance and vehicle registration	Within 10 days of starting a job or enrolling a child in school: at least \$10,000 PIP plus \$10,000 PDL, then title and plates

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electricity	Set up an account with your local utility (for example, Florida Power & Light, depending on your area).
☐ School enrollment	Find your zoned school; a Social Security number is not required to enroll.

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ SSN application (if eligible)	Start online, then visit an SSA office within 45 days: ssa.gov

Within 30 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Florida driver license	Within 30 days of establishing residency; tests are in English only
☐ SunPass account	Through SunPass.com or 1-888-TOLL-FLA
☐ Hurricane prep	Check your evacuation zone: floridadisaster.org/knowyourzone

Within 60-90 days and after

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Homeowner? File for the homestead exemption	The deadline is March 1 every year; it's worth up to \$50,000 off your assessed value and caps future increases under the Save Our Homes rule, filed with your county property appraiser
☐ Consider flood insurance	Standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flood damage; new NFIP flood policies typically don't take effect immediately, so apply well before hurricane season
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	Turkish Consulate General in Miami, appointments at konsolosluk.gov.tr

IF YOU ARE NOT A U.S. CITIZEN

- Never check "U.S. citizen" on any form and never register to vote; only citizens can vote in Florida too.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for Florida KidCare, Medicaid or any public benefit: a new public charge rule took effect on September 18, 2026.
- Check your I-94 record at i94.cbp.dhs.gov. Your license term and work authorization may depend on it.
- With a green card application pending, do not travel abroad without advance parole.



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