

CHECKLIST · VIRGINIA STATE

Moving to Virginia 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. In the first week, put electricity in your name and enroll your children in school; Virginia schools cannot require an SSN. Virginia has three separate deadlines: 60 days for a driver's license, 30 days to title your vehicle, and 30 days to register it. If you lack lawful presence documents, you can apply for a Driver Privilege Card instead; no SSN required.

First 10 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Report your address to USCIS (AR-11)	As a general rule, most noncitizens (including green card holders) must report within 10 days of moving; 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.

First week

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Electricity	Depends on your address (in Northern Virginia, Dominion Energy or NOVEC, for example). No SSN? Call the utility and ask about an alternative ID-verification option.
☐ School enrollment	Find your zoned school; Virginia schools cannot require a Social Security number (Code of Virginia § 22.1-287.03).
☐ SSN application (if eligible)	Start online, then visit an SSA office within 45 days: ssa.gov

Within 30 days

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Virginia insurance	Minimums since January 1, 2025: \$50,000/\$100,000 bodily injury, \$25,000 property damage
☐ Title your vehicle	Within 30 days of moving; required before registration
☐ Register your vehicle	Within 30 days of moving, at any DMV customer service center
☐ Emissions inspection, if you're in that zone	Required before registration in specific Northern Virginia localities, including Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax
☐ E-ZPass Virginia account	ezpassva.com

Within 60-90 days and after

TASK	WHERE / HOW
☐ Finish your Virginia driver's license	Within 60 days of moving; if you lack lawful presence documents, apply for a Driver Privilege Card instead
☐ Renting? Know your security deposit rights	In Virginia, a deposit can't exceed 2 months' rent, and it must be returned with an itemized statement within 45 days after the tenancy ends
☐ The personal property (car) tax	The county or city where your vehicle is registered charges a separate annual tax; check the local rate with your Commissioner of the Revenue
☐ Turkish citizens: consulate services	The consular section of the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D.C., 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; even DMV may offer to register you, so decline.
- Talk to an immigration attorney before applying for any public benefit: a new public charge rule has been in force since 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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