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Fort Gordon PCS Checklist

A general, step-by-step guide for military families relocating to the Fort Gordon / Augusta, Georgia area. This checklist covers the most common PCS milestones, but every situation is different — always confirm requirements with your official orders, your gaining unit, and the resources linked in the Sources and Verification section on page 2.

12+ Weeks Before Your Report Date

- ☐ Request or confirm official orders
- ☐ Contact The Wright Team to start a home search or listing plan
- ☐ Research neighborhoods and school zones
- ☐ Begin gathering financial documents if buying

6–8 Weeks Before

- ☐ Get pre-approved with a VA-savvy or conventional lender
- ☐ Schedule a house-hunting trip, if possible
- ☐ Narrow down target neighborhoods
- ☐ If selling, begin decluttering and prepping your current home

4 Weeks Before

- ☐ Finalize an offer (buying) or go live with your listing (selling)
- ☐ Schedule household goods pickup with your transportation office
- ☐ Start your official address-change checklist (bank, mail, insurance, etc.)
- ☐ Confirm school enrollment paperwork, if applicable

Moving Week

- ☐ Household goods pickup
- ☐ Final walkthrough on your outgoing home
- ☐ Travel to your new duty station

Arrival and First 30 Days in Augusta

- ☐ Complete installation in-processing (check with your gaining unit for current requirements)
- ☐ Register your vehicle and update your driver's license with Georgia DDS
- ☐ Set up electric, water, gas, and internet service at your new address
- ☐ Confirm your Tricare network and find a local primary care provider
- ☐ Enroll in schools, if applicable
- ☐ Explore your new neighborhood

Financing and Housing Allowance

- ☐ Confirm your VA Certificate of Eligibility, if using a VA loan
- ☐ Look up your current BAH rate at the official DoD BAH Rate Lookup tool
- ☐ Build a home search budget around your BAH and target monthly payment

BAH rates update annually and vary by rank, dependency status, and duty station ZIP code — always confirm your current rate at travel.dod.mil rather than an outdated printout.

This checklist is general guidance and not a substitute for official installation, DoD, or lender instructions. For help with any step — or a real drive-time comparison between neighborhoods — reach out to The Wright Team.

Sources and Verification

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General PCS timeline and moving guidance	Military OneSource — Plan to Move / PCS and Military Moves militaryonesource.mil/moving-pcs
VA loan guidance	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs — VA Home Loans va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans
BAH rate lookup	Defense Travel Management Office — BAH Rate Lookup travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing
Fort Gordon installation information	Fort Gordon official site (home.army.mil/gordon) home.army.mil/gordon
Georgia driver's license and vehicle registration	Georgia Department of Driver Services dds.georgia.gov
Tricare enrollment and provider search	TRICARE tricare.mil
Richmond County school enrollment	Richmond County School System rcboe.org
Columbia County school enrollment	Columbia County School District ccboe.net
Local utility providers	City of Augusta, GA — Local Utilities and Services augustaga.gov/2360/Local-Utilities-and-Services

This checklist reflects official guidance available at the time of publication. Requirements, links, and agency names can change — always confirm current details directly with the official source before relying on them.