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PART 1: GETTING READY FOR THE MOVE

Apply

When deciding to complete a DITY move, also known as a Personally Procured Move (PPM), you must submit an application to do so. If you make a Permanent Change of Station, Temporary Duty, Temporary Additional Duty type of move, or are ordered to move to or from government quarters, you could be eligible to participate in this program. Service members are typically required to attend counseling before performing a move, so it is important to apply ahead of time so it doesn't put you behind schedule.

Receipts

Make sure to keep track of the receipts of costs incurred throughout your cross-country move. This is important so that you have supporting documentation for reimbursement. A great way to

make sure all of your receipts and paperwork are accounted for is to create a separate folder to hold only these items.

Reserve Early

Moving cross-country is especially popular during the summer (May-August), so make sure you plan accordingly if this is when you are scheduled to move. Moving during this time will require you to make your reservations early to guarantee you get your preferred dates.

Fun Facts

30 of our 43 Presidents have served in the military*

The Department of Defense is the single largest employer in the U.S.*

The Department of Defense owns 29,819,492 acres of land worldwide*

The Air Force's F-117 fighter uses aerodynamics discovered while researching how bumblebees fly*

*<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/military-trivia-facts.html>



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PART 2 :BUDGETING

Savings

Know your cost savings! The government will reimburse you for 95% of what it would have cost them to move you if you properly file a claim. You will even receive the difference if the cost of your move falls below the 95% government allowance. Be sure to pre-plan all of your moving expenses so you know if it is worth planning the move yourself. Also, make sure that you receive your official orders before you move, to ensure that you will be reimbursed.

Boxes

Moving is a very common occurrence as a member of our armed forces. As such, you can usually find spare boxes around base from people

who have recently moved in. Take advantage of this cost saver!

Stick to Your Budget

Create a detailed budget of all of your expenses and try to stick to it closely. Be sure to include items such as the moving services, packing supplies and any travel expenses you may need to cover. This will help you to fully maximize your reimbursement.

Discounts

Take some time to look into discounts that each service company may provide, chances are they offer a military discount. At 1-800-PACK-RAT we offer a 10% discount for all active and retired military personnel. Learn more at our [Military Moving page](#).

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PART 3 : RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL

Know Your Contact

Your point of contact for questions concerning your move will be your Transportation Office or Personal Property Shipping Office. Make sure you take advantage of this contact to ask questions about your move and learn more about your moving options.

Resources

[Move.mil](https://www.move.mil) can be an excellent resource to register for a DPS account and consult informational pamphlets. The pamphlets can help explain responsibilities you have regarding your belongings and more in-depth information on the policies regarding weight allowances.

PPM Move

Although most people think that a PPM move means that you'll be in charge of doing all the work yourself, with 1-800-PACK-RAT you will be far from alone throughout this process. We have representatives available 24/7 during the week that will help you enjoy a smooth cross-country move.

