

NSA BAHRAIN PCS GUIDE



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Welcome to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain! Located in the Kingdom of Bahrain, NSA Bahrain is home to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT), U.S. 5th Fleet, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), and more than 100 tenant commands. NSA Bahrain provides operational support to U.S. and Coalition Forces operating throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, ensuring security to ships, aircraft, detachments and remote sites. NSA Bahrain operates and maintains superior facilities and services for tenant commands, their deployed assets, service members, DoD civilians and their dependents.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Sponsors Your sponsor will help to make your move as smooth as possible. Sponsors typically make temporary lodging arrangements, answer questions, and provide useful information for your transition overseas. It is your responsibility to communicate with your sponsor to let him or her know your needs and arrival date. To request a sponsor, please email nsa-sponsorteam@us.navy.mil

Passports Official passport/visa required for travel to Bahrain. You will be required to go through immigration at the airport upon arrival. Provide your Official (No-Fee/Brown) Passport for visa issuance. If you do not have an official passport prior to detaching your current command, ensure you have a copy of your orders and your military ID. You must, at a minimum, apply for the official passport and retain/bring a copy for your records. Dependents cannot enter Bahrain with just ID and orders. Traveling without an official passport will be subject to a Visa fee of 25 Bahraini Dinar (Approximately \$70) per dependent, regardless of command dependent entry approval status. This must be paid in cash upon arrival when processing through Immigration. Check the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide for any updates prior to traveling: <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg>

Preparing Financially Be advised that if proper paperwork is not provided on time, you may experience a delay in your pay and allowances. Prepare to have a few months of savings (around \$5,000) in case your pay is delayed. Personnel E5 and above will live off base and will pay the first month's rent in cash or check up front, in accordance with local practice. Make sure you are ready for this by saving beforehand. If you foresee a problem, you are authorized to request one month of advance Overseas Housing Allowance. Ensure your bank and credit card companies are notified that you are moving overseas to ensure that your accounts are not locked.

Electronics Electricity voltage in Bahrain is 220 Volts. If you bring electronics, make sure they are rated for dual voltage i.e., 120/220V. Transformers change the voltage; adapters only adapt the plug to fit.

Uniforms Bring a full seabag with all uniform items! (swords/cutlass/saber are not allowed).

REQUIRED ITEMS

- Copies of orders
- Updated copy of pg. 2
- Valid military I.D. cards (including all dependents age 10+)
- Completed overseas screening for service member and dependents
- Health records, immunization records and dental records
- Birth/Marriage/Divorce certificates
- Citizenship/naturalization papers
- Social security cards
- No-fee Passports for all dependents
- Travel receipts
- A valid non-expired driver's license
- Power of attorney (if necessary)
- DEA Approval letter (if necessary)
- For parents – all records of school-aged children
- For personnel shipping a vehicle to Bahrain:
 - Bring a valid U.S. vehicle registration
 - Present a power of attorney if the active duty sponsor is not present

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- All narcotics and recreational drugs: (including but not limited to) cocaine, heroin, cannabis and opiates and their derivatives.
- Radio/remote controlled model aircraft (including drones) and unauthorized communication devices.
- Fireworks, weapons, explosives and ammunition, swords and knives.
- Gambling equipment, tools and machineries.
- Inert, expendable, imitation, model, display or children's toy guns capable of firing projectiles.
- Printed publications or material which contradict Islamic teachings, decency, or morality.
- Raw ivory, ivory articles and rhinoceros horn.
- Pornographic material (print, video, audio, hard disk etc.)
- Any other items prohibited by Kingdom of Bahrain customs laws, or any other laws of the country. For more visit: www.bahraincustoms.gov.bh

PETS

Start the entry process at least 3–4 months in advance of your arrival date by emailing the NSA Bahrain Veterinarian at NSABahrain.Vetclinic@gmail.com for a complete checklist. Pet health certificate must be current (within 10 days) before your flight. The Kingdom of Bahrain requires that all pets arriving from a country that is not considered rabies-free have a valid rabies titer test (FAVN) precluding service members and DoD employees provided the following guidelines are adhered to:

- You must provide documentation/proof of at least one dose of all required vaccines during the pet's lifetime however, the vaccines must be current and not expired. Requirements are:
 - Dogs: Current Rabies, DA2PP, and Leptospirosis.
 - Cats: Current Rabies and FVRCP.
- All pets must have a 15-digit ISO-compliant microchip implanted.
- Your pet must be older than four months of age upon entry.
- Return your pet's complete vaccination information and the provided checklist to the email above.

