



YOUR MILITARY MOVE

OPTIONS & EXPERTISE YOU CAN TRUST

UNDERSTANDING YOUR MILITARY MOVE OPTIONS

As an active-duty service member relocating domestically (CONUS), you have several options for your Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. With the Pentagon's termination of the Global Household Goods Contract (GHC) in early 2026, military moves have reverted to the traditional, installation-based system. Here's a breakdown of the main methods to help you choose what's best for you in 2026.

MOVE METHODS:

PPM (Personally Procured Move / Do-It-Yourself)

- You arrange your own move (full or partial)
- Entitlements vary by rank, dependents, and distance
- Booked through your installation's PPSO/TMO under the DP3 system
- Reimbursement is 100% of the Government Constructed Cost (GCC); the temporary 130% incentive from 2025 has ended
- 2026 Dislocation Allowance rates are up 3.8% (confirm with your TMO)

Pros: Full control over movers and timing; flexibility to pocket the difference between your costs and the GCC reimbursement.

Cons: Time-intensive; you handle logistics, weight tickets, and receipts.

DPM (Direct Procurement Move)

- TMO/PPSO contracts a local mover for you (often for local moves)
- Mover is assigned and paid directly at no cost to you
- Less common; depends on base contracts (more typical for OCONUS markets)

Pros: Hassle-free; no out-of-pocket costs.

Cons: Limited availability; no mover choice.

DP3 (Defense Personal Property Program)

The primary system in 2026

- Your PPSO/TMO assigns your shipment to a vetted commercial carrier
- Roughly 800–900 carriers participate, including Central / Scobey
- Covers origin, haul, and destination services through one of those vetted carriers

Pros: Wide carrier network; established process; experienced military-move providers.

Cons: Capacity is tight heading into the 2026 peak season as the system absorbs volume previously routed through GHC, so book early.

What's New for 2026

- New oversight agency: The Personal Property Activity stands up May 1, 2026 at Scott AFB, IL. This is the first permanent DoD body dedicated to household-goods moves
- Discretionary PCS moves are being cut 50% by FY2030 (operational, overseas, and training moves are not affected)
- PPM reimbursement returned to 100% of GCC; DLA rates up 3.8%
- Peak PCS season in 2026 will be the first full season under the restored DP3 system, so plan ahead.

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