

MAKING FLORIDA YOUR DOMICILE



1) DECLARE INTENT TO RESIDE IN FLORIDA PERMANENTLY

File a Declaration of Domicile with the Clerk of Court in your county

Update mailing address with USPS and notify contacts of your Florida address

3) ESTABLISH A FLORIDA HOME

Buy or lease a primary residence in Florida

Apply for the Florida Homestead Exemption (can save thousands in property taxes)

Cancel homestead claims or tax exemptions in your prior state

5) CUT TIES WITH PREVIOUS STATE

Cancel your previous state's driver's license and vehicle registration

File a final state tax return if required and inform your accountant of the move

Change your primary address with financial advisors, accountants, attorneys, and employers

2) OBTAIN FLORIDA IDENTIFICATION

Apply for a Florida Driver's License or State ID (required within 30 days of residency)

Register your vehicles in Florida and obtain Florida license plates

Update your voter registration and register to vote in your Florida county

4) UPDATE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

Update your estate planning documents (wills, trusts, POAs) to reflect Florida law

Move your safe deposit box to a Florida bank

Update legal residence on bank accounts, credit cards, insurance policies, etc.

6) BUILD COMMUNITY PRESENCE

Transfer professional licenses (if applicable) to Florida

Update your address with the IRS using Form 8822

