



## NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENCE CHECKLIST

Recommendations for establishing bona fide [residence in New Hampshire](#), include but are not limited to the following – believed to be accurate as of the date of this edition (9/1/2025):

- Obtain [automobile registration](#) of at least one **automobile**. Display the New Hampshire plates on your car. Obtain local beach/parking/transfer station **permits** and display on your car.
- Obtain New Hampshire **Driver License(s) – now Real ID**. If you have moved to New Hampshire, you are required to relinquish your valid out-of-state Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card (RSA 263:4). [Real ID](#) is not transferable from one state to another. Each state has its own requirements.
- Voter** registration – You must be registered to vote in the state of New Hampshire only. After you become a legal resident of New Hampshire, contact the town hall to register. [Register to Vote | New Hampshire Secretary of State](#).
- Request the Voter Registration Office for your former residence to **strike you from the records**.
- File future **Federal Income Tax Returns** in New Hampshire (IRS Service Center in Manchester if you're sending paper returns – rare these days. To amend returns you may need to file paper).
- [“New Hampshire Has No Income Tax. What Does That Mean for You?” - Accounting Insights.](#)
- Declaration of **homestead** in New Hampshire – homestead is *automatic* for a primary residence under RSA 480:1 (unless you are filing for bankruptcy or defending collection, in which case seek legal advice).
  - Unless you are selling your former primary residence (in which case the homestead will be released with your deed to the buyer), sign a **release of your former state's homestead** (if recorded such as in Massachusetts) and record it at the Registry of Deeds. [Here is a form for this](#) under Mass. law, c. 188.
- Sign a new set of **state-specific estate planning forms** for power of attorney, durable power of attorney for health care, living will, and last will and testament stating you are a resident of New Hampshire, preferably signed in the state (such as at [Borchers Trust Law's](#) New Hampshire office).
- Physically reside** in the state of New Hampshire for at least part of the year. There is no magic to “six months and one day,” but the more *bona fide* time residing there, the better. **Vacations**, extended seasonal stays, and traveling to the old home for holidays, birthdays, funerals, vacations, **medical appointments**, and the like are all a normal part of living, wherever you are.
  - HOWEVER, to be sure you are not thought of as a resident of your former state, we recommend that you track your days and nights in New Hampshire. You can use an app for this, such as [Mile IQ](#) or [Domicile365 Residency and Tax Day Count Tracking App](#).
- Give notice to your **insurance** companies as to which residence is primary – both home and auto.
- Change your **membership** of social clubs, churches, and other **affiliations** where state residence is a requirement. Join at least one New Hampshire local organization if you are a “joiner” – a club, a library, a church/synagogue/mosque. Serve on a board or run for office, if you are so moved.
- Change your **mailing address** for all **financial statements**. In future legal documents, refer to yourselves as being of New Hampshire.
- Learn the state motto, memorize the New Hampshire state song, and learn to imitate the state bird – got ya! Bonus points only.

Allow a couple of months to get all these tasks accomplished! Learn more about the key financial benefits of a move to New Hampshire [here](#).