# Air Force Basic Training Packing Checklist

This list is to ensure all new recruiters entering US Air Force BMT have proper items to minimize the possibility of interruptions in processing/training.

**Items for all BMT recruits:**

1. _____ Pre-addressed envelopes (ensure full address and name is correct (personal/legal size)
2. _____ List of all important contacts (i.e. mother, father, spouse, significant other) to include full LEGAL name, address and contact phone number (hand carry on route to BMT, identify as previously completed to Air Force personnel).
3. _____Completed VARL (Visitor Access Request Letter). Must be completed and signed by RECRUIT, not recruiter, with all required information to ensure ample time for background checks for graduation event attendees. Failure to complete fully and correctly WILL hinder guests from attending graduation ceremonies.
4. _____ 120 minute phone card
5. _____ Cash (in case of pay issues; recommend $20.00)
6. _____ Social Security Card (to include members/spouse/children)
7. _____ Driver's license OR state issued numbered picture ID/Military dependent ID.
8. _____ Birth certificate (certified)
9. _____ Marriage Certificate – must be filed and recorded with file number and seal (certified).
10. _____ Copy of legal spouse's birth certificate (certified)
11. _____ Copy of legal spouse's driver's license or state issued numbered picture ID (certified, must be in color with visible picture, cannot be expired or within 30 days of expiration)
12. _____ Copy of children's birth certificate (certified)
13. _____ College/ROTC/Civil Air Patrol transcripts or any advance rank documents.
14. _____ Alien card/naturalization certificate
15. _____ Stationary
16. _____ Debit card with recommended $100.00 available
17. _____ Bank statement with account number and routing number (voided check is no longer acceptable, failure to bring this item will result in military pay issues).
18. _____ Ensure clothing worn to/taken to BMT is of good taste and relevant to temperatures current to the JBSA Lackland area. 3 changes of clothes is recommended for Week 0 (arrival week) of training.
19. _____ The Airmen not attending Tech Training at Lackland/Ft Sam are leaving in civilian clothes. Therefore, a nice shirt (button/collar) and a pair of slacks is the recommended attire. Complete (i.e. top, bottoms, belt, shoes, jacket) set of business casual attire (i.e. collared polo type shirt, slacks. No shorts, hoodies holes in pants and skirts. Shoes must be closed toe)
20. _____ ALL DOCTOR PRESCRIBED medications currently taking with prescriptions (to include birth control) must be in original packaging. Note: Birth Control is typically the only prescription which may be brought to Basic Training. However, under circumstances where a Trainee is taking approved medication, he/she may bring it with them to Basic Training. When approved they must bring with them the medication in its original container, and the prescription if available.

**Items for female recruits:**

1. _____ Black or white undergarments only (athletic and non- athletic, 6 pairs each)

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2. _____ Ensure hairstyle/color is NATURAL and in accordance with AFI 36-2903 (those not in compliance with the Air Force regulation will be corrected at the RECRUIT'S expense)
3. _____ Hair ties and hair pins/clips of same natural hair color
4. _____ Feminine products
5. _____ Conservative make-up
6. _____ NO acrylic or fake/false nails of any kind

**Items for male recruits:**

1. _____ All necessary shaving equipment (no electric razors, fully disposable are encouraged)

**Items for Special Tactics candidates (Combat Control, Pararescue, TACP, Special Operations Weather):**

1. _____ 1 pair sports swim goggles.
2. _____ 2 pairs athletic swim trunks (male)/swimsuit (female)

**Items for recruits applying for US Citizenship:**

1. _____ Completed N-400 Application (make sure to sign and date page 18/part 12 and do not to further unless needed).
2. _____ N-426 (completed and signed by Commanding Officer/or Designated Representative the bottom of the form (Commander/Operations Commander)
3. _____ Form G-1145 (recommended)
4. _____ Copy of military ID (once available)
5. _____ Copy of Alien Registration Card (front & back/I-94 with passport)
6. _____ Fingerprint receipt/form
7. _____ COPY of any pertinent documents (marriage certificates, divorce decrees, birth certificates)
8. _____ If arrested within the last year (one year from date sending in paperwork) you MUST provide certified copies of the police and court documents
9. _____ 2 Passport style photos (must be provided by interview time. They are required)

**Optional (highly encouraged items):**

1. _____ 5 pairs spandex undergarments (dark blue or black only).

**Additional notes:**

1. NO travel size toiletries
2. NO retractable "clicking" writing utensils
3. NO aerosol products
4. NO smart watches
5. NO electronic face exfoliators
6. NO items containing alcohol (to include face wash, mouth wash, shaving products, etc.)
7. NO over the counter medications, supplements, food or beverages
8. Contact lenses are extremely hard to care for in the BMT environment and will only be worn until military issued glasses are distributed. It is preferred and recommended that recruits bring glasses with hard case and current prescription to BMT.
9. _____ All recruits are to ensure they bring their cellular phone with a working charger. Ensure the phone will be available for use throughout the entirety of BMT (i.e. bill paid, minutes purchased, auto-payment set).

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10. _____ All additional electronic devices/high value items (i.e. Beats, designer glasses, jewelry, designer clothing, etc.) other than primary cellular device will be stored in civilian luggage closet, in side recruit's civilian bag, stacked with baggage of other flight members. It is recommended no additional electronic devices/high value items are brought until Technical Training School to prevent damage which will be at the recruit's expense.

Members will be provided a backpack upon arrival as part of the Backpack Initiative which will have the below items provided. Member's pay for the backpacks out of their initial clothing allowance. The backpacks are provided to make the process smoother. Members will be able to purchase any additional items needed during their flights initial shopping run at the Base Exchange (BX) upon arrival. If you have any further questions you may contact your local recruiters for further information and guidance.

**Backpack Initiative –Issued Upon Arrival**

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| **1 Laundry bag -$ 7.30** | **1 Toothpaste $ 2.49** | **1 Backpack -$ 44.85** |
| **4 Mesh Bags -$ 15.96** | **1 Toothbrush Case -$ 1.35** | **1 Reflective belt -$ 5.95** |
| **1 Pad Lock -$ 3.95** | **1 Dental Floss -$ 0.99** | **2 Silver Sharpie -$ 2.99** |
| **2 Writing Pens -$1.30** | **1 Foot Powder -$ 2.90** | **1 Ruler -$ 0.29** |
| **2 Black Sharpies -$ 1.89** | **1 Deodorant -$ 2.89** | **1 Highlighters -$ 1.99** |
| **4 Brown Towels -$ 10.00** | **1 Laundry Detergent -$ 4.45** | **1 Note Pad -$ 0.99** |
| **4 Blousing straps -$ 2.00** | **1 BX Trash Bags -$ 1.79** | **1 BK Stamps -$ 9.80** |
| **1 Flashlight -$ 9.30** | **Nail Trimming Kit -$ 3.99** | **1 BX Envelopes -$ 1.29** |
| **ID card Holder -$ 5.25** | **1 Canteen -$ 3.40** | **1 "3 in 1" Soap -$ 2.95** |
| **1 Toothbrush -$ 0.79** | **1 Storage Container -$ 5.99** | **Shower Shoes -$ 1.10** |

Backpack initiative –w/ backpack: $165 -$177

NOTE: This is due to availability of products listed above. If an item is unavailable, PRC staff will provide a list of those items that will be picked up at the flights Initial BX Run. The cost maybe higher/lower based on product name. If you have any further questions you may contact your local recruiters for further information and guidance.