



Motorcycle Licensing Requirements



Motorcyclists should attempt to complete all required motorcycle training and stateside license endorsement actions prior to arrival in Europe as courses are not offered as frequently as they are in the U.S. **IAW the Status of Forces Agreement, US Army Europe (USAREUR), is *not allowed* to issue a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement on a license to Soldiers, dependents and U.S. civilians that do not have one on their U.S. license prior to arrival in Germany.** The USAREUR license is nothing more than a translation of a valid U.S. license. It is very difficult to obtain a motorcycle license in USAREUR if you don't already have one.

DoD/US Army requirements:

1. **Initial Training:** Complete Motorcycle Safety Foundation® (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) or State-approved curriculum for motorcycle operator's safety training. This is one-time requirement for all active-duty military riders. BRC course completion certificates/cards do not expire.
2. **Intermediate Training:** Based on the type Motorcycle(s) owned and operated, Soldiers will complete either the MSF ERC/BRC-2, Military Sportbike Riders Course (MSRC), Advanced Riders Course (ARC), or DoD Component defined curriculum within one year (12 months) after completing initial training (BRC).
3. **Sustainment/Refresher Training:** Complete at least every 5 years (ERC/BRC-2, MSRC, or ARC).
4. **Obtain a motorcycle endorsement on state driver's license.**

NOTE: Riding without a motorcycle license is illegal and punishable under the UCMJ. You must have a valid USAREUR, or temporary USAREUR license to complete any USAG Bavaria MSF training course.

US Army Europe (USAREUR) requirements:

1. Attend the USAREUR Motorcycle Orientation Course and pass the written examination. Contact your local Drivers Testing Station to attend this course.

Rider training courses: Motorcyclists can self-register for all USAG Bavaria motorcycle safety courses here: <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

All courses are free of charge and Soldiers will not be charged leave to attend any of these courses.

The Army Progressive MC Program is designed to consistently keep MC operator training current and sustain or enrich rider skills.

MC refresher training (MRT) is required for Soldiers deployed for more than 180 days. Soldiers must attend MRT prior to operating his or her MC on a public or private street or highway with the exception of riding to the training site or location. This training is conducted at the unit level. Contact your Unit Motorcycle Mentor for details.

Additionally, after a 5-year period of inactivity or the acquisition of a new or change in MC(s), operators will complete sustainment training. Soldiers are encouraged to take sustainment training after a major geographical change. Commanders are not authorized to waive or defer sustainment training.

For more information on MSF Classes within USAG Bavaria please call:

Garmisch Safety Office, DSN 440-3595, Commercial, 08817-50-3595

Grafenwoehr / Vilseck Safety Office, DSN 526-2306, Commercial, 09641-70-526-2303

Hohenfels Safety Office, DSN 466-2865, Commercial, 09472-83-2865