

DBIDS 5 Transition FAQ
Tower & Rose Barracks

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is DBIDS?

The Defense Biometric Identification System version 5 (DBIDS 5) upgrades the Installation Access Control System (IACS) currently used in Europe with new security capabilities that will transform and streamline the installation access process and improve the installation's protective posture overall.

What new improvements are included in the transition to DBIDS 5?

Some of the DBIDS 5 improvements include:

- Faster and more accurate feedback on security risk factors for those desiring access to the installation (i.e. warrants for arrest).
- Increases Escorted Visitor (Paper) Pass to be valid up to 30 days.
- Sponsors will be able to increase visitor passes to up to 10 individuals/vehicles for single instances.
- Minors under 16 will no longer be required to show ID upon entry when accompanied by an adult.

What do I need to do to get on base with the DBIDS 5 transition?

US persons in possession of a valid DOD ID card (service members, GS employees, US contractors, dependents, etc.) will automatically register at the gate when entering the installation for the first time once the new handheld DBIDS scanners are operational at the installation access control points (ACPs) – a visit to the IACS Office to manually register an ID card will no longer be required. Once registered in DBIDS 5, US persons in possession of a valid DOD ID card are authorized to sponsor visitors and physically escort them on the installation.

Local National (LN) employees possessing a "blue stripe" Common Access Card (CAC) will require a new installation access application (AE Form 190-16A) signed and submitted by their supervisor/sponsor listing installation name(s), days, and times of access is required and then visit the IACS Office (Bldg. 244, Tower Barracks) to manually register their "blue stripe" ID card for DBIDS 5.

Current installation pass holders will also require a new installation access application (AE Form 190-16A) signed and submitted by their sponsor listing installation name(s), days, and times of access is required and then visit the IACS Office (Bldg. 244, Tower Barracks) to be issued a new DBIDS 5 card to replace the current installation pass – the current installation passes are incompatible with the DBIDS 5 handheld scanners.

Foreign Military/Foreign Military Dependent, DOD Civilian Retiree ID Card Holders, Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC), and Gold Star Family members currently eligible for an installation pass will also require manual registration at the IACS Office (Bldg. 244, Tower Barracks) but should contact the IACS office directly as their installation pass application documents may vary slightly from other installation pass holders.

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How long will the new DBIDS cards be valid for?

The current US Army Europe-Africa policy governing the DBIDS transition allows for a DBIDS 5 card to be valid for 1 year or until the expiration date of the supporting document that was used to obtain the DBIDS card (for example, visa, passport), whichever is earlier.

DBIDS cards valid for not longer than 90 days will be used to replace the temporary installation passes that were previously issued for 90-day periods.

When is this DBIDS 5 transition set to begin?

The transition is tentatively planned to start in September 2021 but could begin sooner or be delayed based upon availability of equipment and the skilled technicians required to bring the system online.

A 90-day “phase in” period is also planned once the DBIDS 5 handheld scanners are operational at the gates. During this time, a person who possesses an installation pass or other credential that is incompatible with the DBIDS 5 handheld scanners will be required to present a second form of ID to verify their identity in order to enter the installation.

Will there be changes to the paper visitor passes?

The key improvement with the DBIDS 5 transition is the ability to produce a paper visitor pass for ***escorted*** access for up to 30 days but the requirements to obtain that pass will not change.

Visitors may be signed-in and must be ***physically escorted*** on and off the base.

Will the current access roster procedures change?

At this time, the DBIDS 5 transition is not expected to change the current access roster procedures but future changes to the US Army Europe-Africa installation access control policy could affect access roster procedures.

Where can I find the forms need to apply for installation access?

The new installation access application (AE Form 190-16A) which includes the block to select a DBIDS 5 card can be found here:

<https://intranet.eur.army.mil/aepubs/CatalogActive/AEF190-16A.pdf>

Other Army Europe forms regarding installation access can be found here:

<https://www.aepubs.eur.army.mil>

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Where do I have to go to get my DBIDS card or register my ID card?

Individuals requiring a DBIDS card or manual registration of their DOD ID card should visit the IACS Office in Bldg. 244, Tower Barracks on Mon – Fri, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (closed on U.S. Federal holidays).

To be registered into DBIDS is by APPOINTMENT only. Please call the Tower Barracks office to schedule a appointment at CIV 09641-70-526-4421 or DSN 526-4421

I was denied access to the installation because the DBIDS 5 handheld scanner indicated a derogatory flag or security alert associated with my ID card – what do I do now?

Currently, USAG Bavaria is waiting for additional information from US Army Europe-Africa on installation access denial and appeal procedures – please check back for more info later.

Who can I contact for more information or with questions?

Please contact the Installation Access Control (IACS) Office with questions about what you will need to do to register yourself, your family, or coworkers in DBIDS 5 – contact details below:

- Location: Bldg. 244, Tower Barracks
- Phone:
 - DSN: 314-526-4422 / 4421
 - Commercial: +49 (0) 9641-70-526-4422 / 4421
- Email: usarmy.bavaria.id-europe.list.des-iacs@mail.mil
- Hours of Operation:
 - Mon – Fri 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Closed on U.S. Federal holidays