INFORMATIONAL GUIDE

Driving in Germany

USAG Rheinland-Pfalz

Welcome to Germany!

All U.S. personnel officially assigned to Germany – including uniformed service members, civilian employees, contractors, and their dependents – whether on a permanent or temporary assignment, are required by the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) to possess valid driving authorization to operate a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) registered with US Forces in Europe. This means you must have one of the following:

- A valid U.S. state driver's license.
- A valid German driver's license.
- A valid European Union (EU) driver's license.
- A valid driver's license from another country (with an English translation, if applicable).

The minimum age to operate a POV in Germany is 17.

Obtaining a US Forces Certificate of License
If you possess one of the licenses listed above, you must obtain a US Forces Certificate of License to legally drive a vehicle registered with US Forces in Europe

Complete the Joint Knowledge Online Course here: https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/page/login/Login.jsf

Important JKO Information:

- CAC Holders: Individuals with a Common Access Card (CAC) can log in to JKO and create an account.
- Non-CAC Holders: Must request a sponsored account by signing up with JKO. Sponsored accounts require the USERID and PASSWORD issued by JKO to access the system and take the exam.
- Course Codes:
  - USA 007: Driver's Certificate of License Training (Must be completed before the exam).
  - USA 007B: Driver's Certificate of License Exam.
- Validity: Exam scores are valid for 60 days from the completion date. You must visit a Driver's Testing Station within this 60-day window for your score to be considered valid. If you wait longer than 60 days, you must retake the exam.

International Travel
The US Forces Certificate of License is only valid within Germany. If you plan to drive a US Forces registered vehicle outside of Germany, you must obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP).