

I WANT TO LET MY VISITING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES USE MY POV. CAN I LET THEM DRIVE MY VEHICLE?

Do you want to let your visitors drive your USAREUR-AF registered vehicle in Germany on their own? Then you must **first** obtain approval from your military Customs Office.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you or another member of your household in possession of a USAREUR-AF driver's license is in the vehicle you don't require approval.

HOW DO I OBTAIN APPROVAL?

Visit your local military Customs Office to obtain an AE Form 550-175D (Authorization to Operate a POV). The customs staff will fill out the AE Form 550-175C (Request for Exception to Policy for Authorization to Operate a POV)

WHAT DOCUMENTS MUST I BRING WITH ME?

- Sponsor's / vehicle owner's ID card
- POV registration(s)
- Full name of visitor
- Passport or clear copy/copies of passport(s) of your visitor(s)
- International driving permit (IDP) or driver's license valid in Germany with official German translation for your visitor(s).

PLEASE NOTE:

- If your visitor is a resident in Germany you cannot apply for an AE Form 550- 175D.
- In case your visitor(s) are not yet in country please bring along clear copies of the listed documents.

ARE THERE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER LICENSES?

- Only international driving permits issued by the American Automobile Association (AAA) will be accepted for visitors from the US. IDPs issued by other providers, especially online versions, are not genuine and are considered invalid.
- An international driving permit must be issued outside the country of intended use and by an authorized entity.
- An official German certified translation is required for **valid** US driver's licenses or driver's licenses from other countries.
- No translations are needed for driver's licenses from EU Member states or countries within the European Economic Area. Also, no translations are required for following countries: Andorra, Hong Kong, Monaco, New Zealand, San Marino, Switzerland and Senegal.

AFTER OBTAINING THE AE FORM 550-175D IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I MUST DO?

After receiving the approval visitors can use the USAREUR registered POV on their own. The visitor **must at all times** have the AE Form 550-175D in the vehicle when driving together with the vehicle registration, proof of insurance and respective driving permit or driver's license. The AE Form 550-175D is granted for a maximum of 90 days within a six-month period.

PLEASE NOTE:

For US Forces members, civilian components and their dependents, driving in Germany is a duty and tax-free privilege that your visitors do not enjoy. The AE Form 550-175D does not allow visitors to use a fuel card in order to buy tax-free gasoline at AAFES or ESSO gas stations.

VISITING SPOUSES:

Visiting spouses of US Forces personnel stationed in Germany (i.e., a non-command or agency sponsored husband or wife temporarily in Germany for less than 90 days) enjoy certain privileges in their own right as they are the spouse of a SOFA status / US ID card holder.

They may operate their spouse's USAREUR-AF registered vehicle IAW AE Reg 190-1 Ch 4-10 b.

The spouse must apply for an AE Form 190-1AQ which will be issued by the military customs office. You will be required to have this form with you when using the sponsor's USAREUR-AF registered vehicle together with all other above listed documents.

PLEASE NOTE:

IAW with AER 190-1, Para 4-10 b, should the visiting spouse be in Germany for more than 90 calendar days, they must apply for a U.S. Forces Certificate of License.

All documents will be issued on a walk-in basis.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

0800-1600

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Garmisch MP Station

Artillery Kaserne, Building 209
CIV: +49-(0)9641-70-521-3601; DSN 314-521-3601

Geilenkirchen

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With

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