### WHEN DO I NEED A SHORT-TERM FUEL CARD?

The AAFES Fuel Card Ration Card allows US personnel stationed in Germany to get tax-free fuel for their USAREUR-AF registered vehicle. You are however not permitted to use the card for purchasing fuel for any other vehicle.

Should you require fuel for a rental car or a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) that is registered outside of Germany you will need to obtain a **short-term fuel card** which will be valid for up to 30 days.

## WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO GET A SHORT-TERM FUEL CARD?

Eligible personnel will need to obtain an AE Form 550-175L from their local Customs Office or after opening hours you can go to your local MP desk or terminal:

To find your local MP desk check here:

**!!!FILL IN THE LOCATION OF YOUR MP STATION OR LOCATION OF TERMINAL!!!** 

#### WHAT DO I HAVE TO BRING WITH ME?

- Valid ID card
- Valid USAREUR-AF driver's license or PCS orders
- Rental agreement from an authorized car rental company
- German vehicle registration (usually can be found in the glove box)
- For contractors: DOCPER number or passport with SOFA stamp

### IF I AM ON LEAVE OR PASS DO I HAVE AN ENTITLEMENT TO OBRAIN A SHORT-TERM FUEL CARD?

US Forces personnel on leave or pass in Germany from a duty station in Europe or North Africa in Germany during deployment are entitled to a short-term fuel card.

### YOU WILL NEED TO PRESENT FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION TO THE CUSTOMS OFFICE TO RECEIVE AN AE FORM 550-175L:

- Valid ID card
- Leave/Pass Form
- Rental agreement from an authorized car rental company
- German/European vehicle registration (usually can be found in the glove box)

# WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR PERSONNEL ON TDY?

US Forces personnel on TDY in Germany are also entitled to a short-term fuel card.

### YOU WILL NEED TO PRESENT FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION TO THE CUSTOMS OFFICE TO RECEIVE AN AE FORM 550-175L:

- Valid ID card
- TDY orders which specify Germany as the TDY location
- Rental agreement from an authorized car rental company
- German/European vehicle registration (usually can be found in the glove box)

### WHO ELSE IS ENTITLED TO A SHORT-TERM FUEL CARD?

 NATO personnel (assigned or on TDY; see AE 600-17 and 600-700 for more details), personnel assigned to the US Department of State, non-DOD government agencies and other authorized activities (for more on this please go to AE Regulation 600-700).

## WHEN I HAVE RECEIVED MY AE FORM 550-175L WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO NEXT?

On receipt of the AE Form 550-175L you will need to take it to your nearest fuel card issuing site in order to get your short-term fuel card.

To find your nearest fuel card issuing site check here:

http://www.aafes.com/exchangestores/overseas/germany-fuelration/issue.htm

#### PLEASE NOTE:

After you have obtained the AE Form 550-175L make sure you promptly go to your nearest fuel card issuing site as the card will only be valid up until the stated date and not extended if you go later.

Should you go later you may NOT be entitled to the full fuel amount granted on AE Form 550-175L!

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



#### **HQ Customs Customer Service**

Clay Kaserne, Building 1015 CIV: +49-(0)611-143-537-3957; DSN: 537-3957



#### **Ansbach Field Office**

Bismarck Kaserne, Building 5843-C, room 286 CIV: +49-(0)9641-70-587-5352/5353; DSN: 314-587-5352/5353

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#### Wiesbaden Field Office

Clay Kaserne, Building 1025, room 102 CIV:+49-(0)611-143-537-3932/3933; DSN: 314-537-3932/3933

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## For Customs Information and/or support at Garmisch and Geilenkirchen contact:

#### **Garmisch MP Station**

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

#### Geilenkirchen

470 ABS/US Customs, Bldg. 84, rooms 8 and 9 CIV: +49-(0)2451-9151-4031; DSN 458-4030/4031

#### **Short-Term Fuel Ration Cards**

## For Vehicles Not Registered in USAREUR-AF

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AE Form 550-175L (U.S. Forces POL Authorization for Rental Vehicles; or Privately Owned Vehicle Registered in Europe but not in Germany)



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