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DEPLOYED U.S. ARMY EUROPE PERSONNEL ELIGIBLE FOR FREE VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXTENSION

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MANNHEIM, Germany -- U.S. Army, Europe Soldiers and civilian employees in Germany who are preparing for duty in the Middle East can leave a car with their spouses or store one at an Army storage site. Either way, their vehicle registrations will be extended at no cost for the duration of the deployment, USAREUR officials say.

“Soldiers and civilians receive an extended registration for the 12 or 15 months they are deployed, plus 45 days,” said Dan Saavedra, policy adviser at the USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles. “This alleviates the hassle of a spouse or family care provider from having to (register) a POV during the sponsor’s absence,” he added.

Soldiers who leave their vehicles with a spouse or family care provider must ensure their insurance does not expire while they are away from their home stations. Saavedra also warns Soldiers who have liens on their vehicles to contact the lien holder before deploying to ensure insurance and financial issues are settled in advance.

When a spouse or family care provider continues to use a deployed Soldier’s car, the Soldier’s rear detachment commander must send a memorandum listing details of the deployment to the USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles to extend the registration. When vehicles are placed in storage, the facility custodian will tell the registry to extend the registration.

Soldiers who turn in a privately owned vehicle to a storage site receive a DD Form 788 (Private Vehicle Shipping Document for Automobile) as a receipt for the POV. Before a Soldier can remove a vehicle from storage, he must get an insurance confirmation card from his insurance company. “The easiest way to do this is to tell your insurance company to electronically transmit a new ICC to the USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles,” Saavedra added. The ICC is needed whether insurance was cancelled during the deployment or not.

Vehicle owners can take the ICC, ID card, USAREUR Certificate of License and the DD Form 788 to their local vehicle registration offices and pick up a new registration with the extended expiration date. The new registration is free.

Personnel who deploy from Italy may have different procedures; USAREUR officials suggest that Italy-based personnel call their local vehicle registration offices for more information.

For more details on the free registration extension, call the USAREUR Registry of Motor Vehicles at 386-7280.



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