

FAQ

Why is there so much construction on Post?

Construction on post will be a way of life here for the next several years as housing and facilities upgrade and expand in addition to upgrades to existing buildings and new projects such as the new High School. Be prepared for delays, detours and closings.

What do I need to get a USAREUR Driver's License?

Be sure to obtain or renew your stateside driver license prior to arriving in Baumholder. A valid stateside license is required before obtaining a USAREUR driver's license. The USAREUR license is required prior to driving in Germany. Attendance at the driver's orientation course is required prior to taking the International Road sign and written driving test. Click on the Driver's Testing link of your CD to begin studying for the test.

An International Driver's License is required for those individuals wishing to drive outside the country of Germany using a USAREUR license. An International Driver's license can be obtained stateside through the AAA or can be obtained locally after receiving authentication from the Baumholder Driver's Testing Station.

Can I use my US appliances in Germany?

Germany runs on 220 volts, 50 cycles current while the U.S. runs on 110 volts, 60 cycles. Many of the quarters on Post have been renovated to include both 110 and 220 voltage. Be aware that the cycles have not been converted and this will still affect all time-keeping appliances. Off post housing runs on strictly on 220v.

All electrical appliances manufactured for use in the United States must be used with a transformer if electricity is 220v. Be advised that electricity is expensive and the use of a transformer can create high electric bills. Some appliances, such as clocks, do not work correctly when plugged into a transformer. Others, such as microwaves may deteriorate when returned to 110 voltage use. Transformers are equipped to handle different wattage. The wattage required should be listed on the back of the appliance. Many appliances are now available in dual voltage so they simply require an adapter. Do not discard or put your lamps in storage. If your quarters are wired with 220v you simply need a plug adapter for the outlet and 230V light bulbs.

DO NOT EXCEED THE WATTAGE CAPACITY OF A TRANSFORMER.

75 WATT: small radios, stereos, sewing machines

300 WATT: large radios, stereos, medium fans, TV's

750 WATT: small irons, coffee maker, vacuum, cleaners

1600-2000 WATT: toasters, fryers, irons, microwaves

How can I find a job in Germany?

Your first stop for the latest information about employment opportunities should be the ACS Employment Readiness Program (ERP). Our ERP works tirelessly to ensure the most up to date and accurate information and resources are available to you at all times. In addition to information, our ERP Manager can assist you in Resume Writing skills, Interview techniques and Dress for Success classes.

It is strongly recommended that you prepare for possible employment by developing both a federal resume via www.cpol.army.mil and www.usajobs.gov as well as develop a civilian resume for NAF or contract opportunities.

What is the GPS Address for Baumholder?

Baumholder
Ausweilers Strasse 2
55774

Do I need a passport to travel in Europe (even if I have orders)?

The NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) requires that dependent members of the U.S. Forces and DoD civilians and their dependents be identified as such in their passports. This identification is commonly called a "SOFA Identification Certificate." A person could encounter problems crossing an international border (for example, a border to any European Union (EU) member country), while using a passport without a SOFA Identification Certificate. This is true especially when the person is a citizen or national of a country that requires a visa for entry into Germany (for example, Ethiopia, Philippines). A person who has a passport with a SOFA Identification Certificate usually may use the passport to travel to any NATO country. However, when a person having a passport with a SOFA Identification Certificate is required to have a passport without a SOFA Identification Certificate, the person must get another passport at their own expense.

Can I bring my Pets to Germany with me?

Pet Boarding

Because Germany does not have a quarantine period, it is not necessary to make arrangements for pet boarding prior to arrival. Several boarding kennels do exist in the area however, to ensure your pet is properly cared for while you are on vacation.

Veterinary Services

USAG Baumholder has limited Veterinary Clinic services that can provide basic services for your pet such as routine vaccinations. There are many local veterinary services that are able to care for your pet as well as provide emergency medical services.

USAG Baumholder Lagerhof Inn, Pet Policy

Pets are allowed at the Lagerhof Inn, however there is a non-reimbursable fee for room fumigation of \$50 and a \$3 per day charge. Guests traveling with pets are responsible for care of their pets in and out of the rooms. Pets are not authorized to be left in the

room unattended unless in a pet kennel and guests are required to pick-up after their pets in the pet walk areas. Guests are responsible for all damage caused while staying at the Lagerhof Inn.

Transporting Your Pet

There are a couple of different options for transporting pets to Germany. Animals, depending upon size, can fly with you in the cabin or can be checked as luggage. Additionally, there are many companies who specialize in transporting pets during times of the year when pets are not allowed to fly in commercial air carriers. You should speak to the travel office about options that would be best for your pet during the specific time of year you will be flying, and always check with the company you are flying with for any requirements they have for animals. Each company is different.

Pet Vaccinations, Licensing and Registration

All animals must have a current Bilingual health certificate. All animals must be Micro-Chipped and checked in at customs. The animal must be micro-chipped before arrival or it will not be allowed into the country and might even be taken away from the owner. Animals over 16 weeks old must have a current rabies vaccination (no less than 30 days and no more than 12 months old) and a rabies tag attached to their collar. Animals must be registered within two weeks of arrival or acquiring the animal in Germany. Always check with the company you are flying with for any requirements they have for animals too as each company is different.

Restrictions for "Fighting or Dangerous Dogs Breeds" in Germany.

The law, called Dangerous Dog Ordinance (DDO), places restrictions upon the ownership of certain types of dogs. This DDO affects military personnel assigned in Germany who own these dog breeds as well as personnel moving to Germany.

Breeds that are considered dangerous breeds vary from German state to state, but automatically included in the definition of dangerous dogs are: Pit Bull terriers, American Staffordshire terriers, Staffordshire Bull terriers, and mixes involving these breeds. Breeding, reproduction and trade of dangerous dogs are prohibited. The following breeds are also regulated in some states, but not in Rheinland-Pfalz where Baumholder is located: American Bulldog, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Bull Terrier, Bullmastiff, Mastiff, French Mastiff, Spanish Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Tosa Inu, Bandogge, Kangal (Karabash), Caucasion Owtscharka, and mixes involving these breeds.

Soldiers who own a dog in the above category will be required to register with local German authorities, microchip the dog, pass a personal qualification aptitude test, and spay/neuter the animal in order to keep it in Germany. *All expenses for registering the dog will be paid by the owner.* In public areas, including common areas in multi-family housing, dangerous dogs must be on a leash and wear a muzzle. Persons walking dogs in public must be 18 years or older, physically able to control the dog, and not disqualified from handling the dog. A person may only walk one dangerous dog at a time.

Dogs thought to be dangerous may be retained or impounded at the airport upon arrival and kept at owner expense until disposition is decided. It is the recommendation of the Commander, 100th Medical Detachment (VS HQ) that dogs fitting the criteria in paragraph 2 should not be imported to Germany. If you would like to import a dog of a breed that is not considered dangerous in Rheinland-Pfalz but is considered dangerous in other German states, you must file a petition to transport the dog through the state with the more restrictive Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Example: You want to import a dog that is considered dangerous in the state of Hessen but not in Rheinland-Pfalz. Frankfurt Airport is located in Hessen, so your dog would not be allowed to enter there. However, you can contact the following authority in Rheinland-Pfalz to get a letter stating that your dog will be legally residing in Baumholder in Rheinland-Pfalz and that the dog only needs to be transported through the state of Hessen. In that case, the dog could enter Germany via Frankfurt Airport and proceed to Baumholder. You need to contact the following address to obtain such a document:

Landesministerium fuer Umwelt und Arbeit Forsten
Abteilung 4, Veterinaerabteilung
Kaiser-Friedrich-Str. 7
55116 Mainz