

Relocation Assistance

While moving can be stressful, your stress can be drastically reduced if you take full advantage of the Ramstein website at <u>www.ramstein.af.mil.</u> This is the place to find answers and get referrals to other resources as well as assistance with in-transit emergencies. The most important thing you can do to ensure a smooth move is to start planning early using the many Relocation Assistance program services and tools available. For additional information please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC).

Individual PCS Planning -- Most relocation programs offer oneon-one consultation for anyone needing assistance. Visit your local A&FRC. In particular, those making their first military move, first overseas move or those with challenging and complex situations, such as special needs family members or financial problems, should call the Relocation Program for an appointment. Please also download the <u>Spouse In processing Checklist</u> for additional information. *Military Installations/Homefront and Plan My Move* -- For managing and planning your move, use these two DoD sponsored web-based relocation tools with information on over 250 installations worldwide (found at http://militaryhomefront.dod.mil) . You can estimate expenses, find the forms necessary for housing and household goods, keep a calendar of events and take other necessary actions to ensure a successful move.

Loan Locker- Basic household goods items are available to borrow while waiting for your personal property pre-departure or upon arrival. The typical items in stock include: pots and pans, dishes, silverware, irons, ironing boards, portacribs, high chairs, and infant/toddler car seats. Generally, towels and bed linens are not available, so these should be packed in your hold baggage.

Workshops and Briefings -- The classes offered vary from installation to installation but you can generally find classes on buying, selling and renting smart, budgeting and finance, moving with children, general moving preparation and many other moving related topics.

Pre-departure Briefings -- Sometimes called Smooth Move or PCS Briefings, you and your spouse will want to attend one at your detaching base as soon as you have hard copy orders. These briefings provide essential information that can prevent you from making uninformed and costly decisions before your move.