



# Entry/Exit System (EES) Information



## ✈️ Official Travel to Germany ✈️

Members of the Armed Forces and the civilian component and their dependent family members traveling on NATO or Partnership for Peace business, with appropriate documentation of their status have been exempted by Germany from EES registration.

### Active Duty Personnel

Present CAC and travel orders (including NATO orders). Do not present a passport.

### Eligible Family Members of Active Duty Personnel

Present Blue Special Issuance Passport (SIP) with SOFA stamp or card and sponsor's PCS orders. Bring dependent USID card.

### DoW Civilians and Their Eligible Family Members

Present Maroon SIP with SOFA stamp or card and PCS orders. Sponsors should bring their CAC and family members should bring their dependent USID card if available.

### Non-US/Non-EU Family Members of DoW Personnel

Present Foreign Passport and SOFA card. Refer to the Foreign Clearance Guide or contact your gaining installation's passport office for guidance on how to obtain a SOFA card as soon as selected for an assignment to Germany.

## ✈️ Unofficial Travel within the EU ✈️

### (Leisure/Tourist Travel)

All personnel and their eligible family members must have proper Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) Identification on them.

### Active Duty Personnel

Bring CAC, PCS and NATO orders to Germany, leave form, and tourist passport. Present all documents (except passport) when leaving Germany. Use tourist passport when entering and leaving the short-stay EU country of destination. Then use all documents (except passport) when returning to Germany.

### DoW Civilians and all Eligible Family Members

Bring both tourist passport and Special Issuance Passport (SIP) with SOFA stamp or card. Present the SIP when leaving Germany. Use tourist passport when entering and leaving the short-stay EU country of destination. Then use SIP when returning to Germany. Bring CAC or dependent USID card(s).

### Local Hire Civilians and Their Family Members Non-US/Non-EU Family Members

Bring US tourist passport or foreign passport (as applicable) and SOFA card. Present passport and SOFA card when leaving Germany. Use passport when entering and leaving the short-stay EU country of destination. Then use passport and SOFA card when returning to Germany. Bring CAC or dependent USID cards. Third Country National family members may contact the passport office for guidance on a "travel visa" to prevent delays or denial of entry while traveling.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please be aware that travel documents accepted by Germany as exempting a traveler from EES may not be accepted by other EU countries to exempt a traveler from EES. If entering or exiting the Schengen area through a country other than Germany, or using entry documents other than those listed above, border agents may register you in EES and start the automated short-stay clock. If that is the case, please verify with the border agent that EES registration actually occurred. The scanning of your passport and facial/fingerprint recognition via an EES kiosk doesn't necessarily mean you were registered; border agents may select "Not Relevant for EES" at the end of the process if proper documents are presented. However, if EES registration is made in error, please reach out to your installation's passport office for assistance.

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