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Summary. This publication prescribes procedures for issuing and terminating Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) identification (ID) in Germany.

Summary of Change. This revision—

- Updates organizational names, office symbols, telephone numbers, and other administrative information throughout.
- Defines the conditions under which Family members who are not command sponsored may be issued a SOFA ID ([para 6b](#)).
- Updates the documentation required for select non-U.S. citizens ([para 8b\(5\)](#) and [fig 1](#)).

- Updates the documentation submission requirements for select non-U.S. citizens seeking SOFA ID in accordance with this regulation ([paras 8b\(6\) and \(7\)](#)).

Applicability. This publication applies to—

- Members of the “civilian component” ([glossary](#)) and as defined in the NATO SOFA) who are assigned to or employed by the U.S. Forces in Germany.
- Accredited employees of DOD contractors under Articles 71, 72, and 73 of the German Supplementary Agreement to the NATO SOFA.
- Family members (defined as “dependents” ([glossary](#)) and in the NATO SOFA) in Germany of accredited employees of DOD contractors, members of the civilian component, and members of the U.S. Forces.

Records Management. Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this publication must be—

- Identified, maintained, and disposed of by Army in Europe and Africa units according to AR 25-400-2. Record titles and descriptions are on the Army Records Information Management System website at <https://www.arims.army.mil/>.
- Identified, maintained, and disposed of by CNE-CNA-C6F organizations according to Navy records management policy.
- Maintained by United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa (USAFE/AFAFRICA) units in accordance with Air Force Instruction 33-322, Records Management and Information Governance Program, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule located in the Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS).

Supplementation. Organizations will not supplement this publication without approval of the SOFA Office, Military Personnel Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, United States Army Installation Management Command Europe (IMCOM-Europe).

Forms. This publication prescribes AEA Form 600-77A and AEA Form 600-77C. AEA and higher level forms are available through the Army in Europe and Africa Publications (AEPUBS) website at <https://www.aepubs.eur.army.mil> or <https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/aeapubs>.

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Distribution. This publication is available only electronically and is posted in AEPUBS at <https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/aeapubs>.

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Glossary

1. PURPOSE

This publication—

- a. Implements the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), Article III, paragraph 3 (that is, that “Members of a civilian component and dependents shall be so described in their passports”).
- b. Prescribes procedures for issuing and terminating SOFA identification (ID) in Germany.
- c. Must be used with applicable service directives on “individual logistic support” ([glossary](#)) and passports.

2. REFERENCES

[Appendix A](#) lists references.

3. EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

The [glossary](#) defines abbreviations and terms.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The CNE-CNA-C6F, and the Commander, USAFE/AFAFRICA, will—

(1) Designate and oversee SOFA identification issuing authorities (SIAs) for their respective commands.

(2) Control SOFA ID certificate (AEA Form 600-77C) materials and issue certificate materials (para 12) to their designated SIAs.

(3) Provide the following information to the SOFA Office, Military Personnel Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, United States Army Installation Management Command Europe (IMCOM-Europe) (AMIM-EUR-HRM), Unit 34610, APO AE 09005-4610:

(a) The name, address, telephone number, and email address of the point of contact for SOFA ID matters at their headquarters.

(b) A list of SIAs designated in accordance with (1) above. This list must have the complete organizational address for each unit, including the unit number or community mailroom number. As changes occur, the service component will immediately send updates to the SOFA Office.

(4) Establish controls to ensure that people under their jurisdiction comply with this publication.

b. On behalf of the Director, IMCOM–Europe, the SOFA Office (AMIM-EUR-HRM) will—

(1) Develop procedures for issuing SOFA ID in Germany.

(2) Designate and oversee the Army in Europe and Africa SIAs in Germany.

c. USAREUR-AF major subordinate commands, commands under USAREUR-AF operational control, and HQ USAREUR-AF staff offices will establish controls to ensure that subordinate unit administrators comply with this publication.

d. United States Army garrison (USAG) commanders in Germany will establish procedures to ensure that—

(1) Eligible persons under their jurisdiction (para 6) have SOFA ID.

(2) SOFA ID is terminated when the entitlement for that person ends (para 11).

e. Heads of offices that maintain personnel records or the contracts of “sponsors” (glossary) (for example, civilian and military personnel offices; the Department of Defense Contractor Personnel Office (DOCPER), Civilian Personnel Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, HQ USAREUR-AF) will do the following:

(1) When the office is not a designated SIIA, the office will—

(a) Verify each person’s status and entitlement to SOFA ID.

(b) Complete AEA Form 600-77A, sections I through III.

(c) Provide the individual with the location and operating hours of the designated SIIA, along with instructions to take or send their AEA Form 600-77A and passport to the passport acceptance agent (PAA) at the SIIA. If an individual wants to send the request and passport (rather than hand carry them), the office should advise the individual to use U.S. registered mail, local host-nation registered mail, or a military courier.

(2) When the office is also the designated SIIA, the office will—

(a) Verify each person’s status and entitlement to a SOFA ID.

(b) Take the actions in [g below](#).

f. Commanders of designated SIIAs will—

(1) Establish a passport service at their agency to issue a SOFA ID.

(2) Procure and control SOFA ID certificates (AEA Form 600-77C) according to [paragraph 12](#).

(3) Ensure that only persons appointed as PAAs issue SOFA ID certificates.

(4) Before PAAs are appointed, ensure that they are trained on SOFA ID administration and that the appointment is only for the assigned agency and location.

g. PAAs will—

(1) Complete and file AEA Form 600-77A when appropriate.

(2) Enter the issuance of SOFA ID into the SOFA-tracking database, which is a permanent record of all SOFA ID issued in Germany.

(3) Issue and terminate SOFA ID according to [paragraphs 8 and 11](#).

5. AUTHORITY

The NATO SOFA (art III, para 3) requires that “dependents” ([glossary](#)) of members of the U.S. Forces and of the “civilian component” ([glossary](#)) be identified as such in their passports. The SOFA ID certificate (AEA Form 600-77C) identifies the bearer as a person who is entitled to unrestricted entry into and exit from Germany and to benefits, privileges, and protection under the NATO SOFA and the German Supplementary Agreement to the NATO SOFA.

a. Persons issued a SOFA ID certificate (AEA Form 600-77C) should keep the form in their possession and with the applicable passport on all occasions of exiting and entering Germany, no matter whether at commercial airports, at U.S. Forces airfields and airbases, or at ground-based border crossings. Otherwise, they could encounter problems presenting a passport without SOFA ID. This is especially true when the person is a citizen or national of a country that requires a visa for entry into Germany (for example, Ethiopia, Philippines).

b. Persons who have “no-fee passports” ([glossary](#)) with SOFA ID in the form of a U.S. State Department stamp in the passport usually may use the passport for incidental travel to any NATO country. Persons who require a passport without SOFA ID stamped in the passport must get a tourist passport at their own expense.

6. ELIGIBLE PERSONS

a. Applicable Service directives (for example, AEA Reg 600-700) prescribe who is eligible to receive SOFA ID as an accredited employee of a DOD contractor, a member of the civilian component, or a Family member (that is, the dependent of an accredited employee of a DOD contractor, a member of the civilian component, or a member of the U.S. Forces).

b. Eligible Family members who are not command sponsored may be issued SOFA ID; provided that their sponsor is assigned in Germany and that they meet all other criteria for the issuance of a SOFA ID certificate (available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>, under United States European Command (USEUCOM), Germany, sec I, para A2d). Criteria for eligibility are as follows:

(1) The Family member must be enrolled as a dependent in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

(2) The sponsor must have been assigned to or be on temporary duty status in Germany.

(3) For citizens of countries that require a visa to enter Germany (identified as *third-country nationals* according to the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide (FCG)), eligibility criteria for the issuance of a SOFA ID certificate are defined in the FCG at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>, under USEUCOM, Germany, sec 1, para A6.

7. ISSUING AUTHORITIES

a. Department of State officials in the United States generally issue SOFA ID (in the form of a stamp in the passport) to the following people before they depart the United States:

(1) Appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund DOD, U.S.-citizen civilian employees who were recruited in the United States.

(2) U.S.-citizen, command-sponsored Family members of U.S. Forces military personnel.

(3) U.S.-citizen, command-sponsored Family members of DOD, U.S.-citizen civilian employees.

b. Army in Europe and Africa SIAs in Germany will authorize SOFA IDs and ensure that PAAs issue SOFA ID certificates (AEA Form 600-77C) only to eligible persons who are under the administrative jurisdiction of that SIA and who need the SOFA ID certificate. The Army in Europe and Africa SIAs are—

(1) The Director, IMCOM–Europe.

(2) USAG commanders.

c. The CNE-CNA-C6F, will designate CNE-CNA-C6F organization SIAs.

d. The Commander, USAFE/AFAFRICA, will designate the USAFE/AFAFRICA SIAs.

8. ISSUING SOFA IDENTIFICATION

a. Requesters of a SOFA ID will report with the passport of eligible persons to the office that maintains the personnel records or contracts of their sponsors (for example, civilian, contractor, or military personnel offices for the “sponsoring agency” ([glossary](#))).

NOTE: DOCPER maintains personnel records for contractor employees holding SOFA ID through accreditation as technical expert, troop care, or analytical support personnel, and the Family members of these accredited contractor employees. For non-DOCPER-managed contractors holding SOFA ID through appropriate accreditation by other authorized authorities (for example, the Director, IMCOM–Europe; military banking facilities; military community youth ministries), the contracting officer’s representative or organizational management support office maintains their personnel records or contracts.

(1) When the office that maintains personnel records or contracts is not the designated SIIA, the responsible official will take the actions in [paragraph 4e\(1\)](#).

(2) When the office that maintains personnel records or contracts is also the designated SIIA, the PAA will take the actions in paragraphs [4e\(2\)](#), [4g](#), and [b below](#).

b. In accordance with [paragraph 4g](#), the PAA at the designated SIIA will issue SOFA ID certificates (AEA Form 600-77C) to each eligible person listed on AEA Form 600-77A. If the eligible person is a—

(1) U.S. citizen who is entitled to a no-fee passport but possesses only a regular fee (tourist) passport, the PAA will issue the SOFA ID certificate in association with the regular fee passport.

(2) U.S. citizen who possesses both a no-fee and a regular-fee passport, the PAA will issue the SOFA ID certificate only in association with the no-fee passport.

(3) U.S. citizen who is entitled only to a regular-fee (tourist) passport, the PAA will issue the SOFA ID certificate in association with the regular fee passport.

(4) Non-U.S. citizen who possesses a valid passport from his or her home country, the PAA will issue SOFA ID certificate in association with that passport unless the person holds a valid passport from one of the exception countries listed in the DOD FCG, under Germany ([see note below](#)). If the passport is from a listed country, then [\(5\) applies](#).

NOTE: The DOD FCG is published under the authority of DOD Directive 4500.54E and is available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/> (NIPRNET) and at <http://www.fcg.pentagon.smil.mil/> (SIPRNET). To view the current list of countries for which a SOFA ID action requires additional documentation, click on the “+” symbol next to USEUCOM on the left side of the screen and scroll down to select Germany (sec I, para A6a lists the applicable countries).

(5) Non-U.S. citizen who possesses a valid passport from one of the exception countries listed in the DOD FCG under Germany ([see note above](#)), only the SOFA Office may issue any SOFA ID in association with that passport. In this case, the PAA will collect the following:

(a) The person’s passport and official orders to Germany.

(b) AEA Form 600-77A or DD Form 1056.

(c) Documentation substantiating the person's U.S. permanent-resident status or approval for U.S. immigration. [Figure 1](#) lists the acceptable forms of this documentation.

(6) Non-U.S. citizen who holds a valid travel document (for example, a U.S. reentry permit, a U.S. refugee travel document), the PAA will email verified copies of the documents required in [\(5\)\(a\) above](#) and [figure 1](#) to *usarmy.wiesbaden.id-europe.mbx.personnel-actions@army.mil*. Only the SOFA Office may issue any SOFA ID in association with that travel document.

(7) "Stateless person" ([glossary](#)) who holds a valid travel document (for example, a U.S. reentry permit, a U.S. refugee travel document), the PAA will email verified copies of the documents required in [\(5\)\(a\) above](#) and [figure 1](#) to *usarmy.wiesbaden.id-europe.mbx.personnel-actions@army.mil*. Only the SOFA Office may issue any SOFA ID in association with that travel document.

c. The PAA must update the SOFA-tracking database before issuing a SOFA ID certificate.

- Copy of lawful permanent residence card ("green card").

OR

- USCIS document confirming an approved immigrant visa petition (for example, Department of State Form I-797).

OR

- USCIS document confirming approval of a change in immigration status to Lawful Permanent Resident.

Figure 1. Additional Documentation Required for Select Non-U.S. Citizens

9. COMPLETING SOFA ID CERTIFICATES

a. After the PAA adds the required information to the SOFA-tracking database, the PAA will print the SOFA ID certificate (AEA Form 600-77C) on the approved cardstock.

b. The PAA will sign the printed form and then laminate the AEA Form 600-77C with the special lamination and hologram. The PAA will provide the finished AEA Form 600-77C to the passport holder. The passport holder should carry the AEA Form 600-77C in the passport so that the SOFA ID certificate can be easily removed for presentation to the appropriate officials when traveling.

10. REISSUING SOFA ID CERTIFICATES

a. The PAA will reissue a SOFA ID certificate (AEA Form 600-77C) to eligible persons only to—

(1) Replace a lost, stolen, or destroyed AEA Form 600-77C. When requesting a replacement under any of these circumstances, the requester must send an affidavit of the loss, theft, or destruction or a copy of the police report.

(2) Correct an error.

(3) Replace a mutilated form.

(4) Change information that makes the identity of the holder questionable (for example, name, and passport number).

(5) Replace a SOFA ID certificate that expired for one of the reasons listed in [paragraphs 11a\(1\) through \(5\)](#) below (and [11a\(6\)](#) if [\(7\)](#) is applicable as the new expiration date) when SOFA ID eligibility continues beyond the expiration date mentioned on the expired SOFA ID certificate.

(6) Change information that makes the identity of the holder questionable (for example, name, passport number).

b. The PAA will follow the procedures in [paragraphs 4g](#) and [8](#) to reissue an AEA Form 600-77C.

11. EXPIRATION, TERMINATION, OR REVOCATION OF SOFA ID CERTIFICATES

a. Expiration. The expiration date on the SOFA ID certificate will be the earliest of the following:

(1) Four years after the date of issue.

(2) The tour completion date for members of the civilian component and their Family members.

(3) The end-of-contract date for accredited contractor employees and their Family members.

(4) The sponsor's date eligible for return from overseas for U.S. Forces Family members.

(5) The expiration date of the passport.

(6) The day before a dependent child turns 21.

(7) The day before a dependent child turns 23 if the child is attending a college or university full-time in a course of study leading to an associate's degree or higher.

b. Termination. DOD civilian employees, accredited contractor employees, and their Family members, as well as U.S. Forces Family members, lose their entitlement and must turn in their SOFA ID certificates to the PAA when one of the following happens:

(1) The sponsor's status or eligibility is terminated for reasons other than a permanent change of station (PCS) from Germany (for example, military separation in Germany, termination of civilian employment without departure from Germany).

(2) The sponsor departs on a PCS from Germany. When the sponsor departs, the PAA will issue Family members who remain in Germany new SOFA ID certificates that expire 90 days after the sponsor's date of departure.

(3) The marriage is terminated by annulment, divorce, or death. If the sponsor dies and the Family member remains in Germany, the PAA must issue a new SOFA ID certificate with an expiration date that is 90 days after the date of the sponsor's death.

(4) A child under 21 years old gets married.

(5) A child turns 21 years old and is not mentally or physically handicapped or enrolled full time in an institution of higher learning.

(6) The Family member no longer resides in the household of the sponsor (applies to Family members of DOD civilians and DOD contractors, but not to U.S. Forces Family members).

(7) The Family member takes on a new status that independently entitles the Family member to SOFA ID (for example, the Family member becomes a member of the civilian component). In this case, the PAA will issue a new SOFA ID certificate.

NOTE: The early return of dependents does not constitute termination of SOFA status for the authorized dependents of Servicemembers.

c. Revocation. For the Army in Europe and Africa, only the Director, IMCOM-Europe, or the Director's designee may suspend or revoke SOFA ID. For CNE-CNA-C6F organizations and USAFE/AFAFRICA, only the commanders or their designees may suspend or revoke SOFA ID. Revocation authorities may revoke SOFA ID when circumstances suggest the likelihood that an individual who has received a SOFA ID was not eligible for the SOFA ID on the date that it was originally issued.

(1) The revocation authority or his or her designee will—

(a) Prepare a memorandum of intent to revoke the SOFA ID that provides a reason for the proposed revocation that is specific enough to permit the individual or sponsor to respond meaningfully.

(b) Notify the individual in writing and provide the sponsor with a copy of the memorandum.

(c) Confiscate or direct the appropriate PAA to confiscate the individual's SOFA ID certificate (AEA Form 600-77C) and, if applicable, the DOD ID card (in accordance with AR 600-8-14, para 1.14, or other appropriate regulations) at the same time as the revocation authority, designee, or designated PAA provides the memorandum of intent to revoke the SOFA ID.

(2) The memorandum of intent to revoke will—

(a) Allow the sponsor or individual whose SOFA ID is pending revocation 14 days to present acceptable evidence that the individual is eligible for SOFA ID

(b) State where, how, and to whom the individual or sponsor may present the evidence.

(c) State that the revoking authority will revoke the SOFA ID after 14 days if the office does not receive acceptable evidence by that time.

(3) The revoking authority may grant an extension to the 14-day limit in (2)(a) above to present acceptable evidence if the sponsor or individual whose status is in question requests the extension in writing. The authority must receive the extension request before the 14-day suspense has passed, and the request must state the reason why the requester needs more time. The authority will notify the requester in writing as to whether or not the request has been approved and, if approved, how much additional time the requester has been given to provide acceptable evidence.

(4) At the end of 14 days or the end of the extension ((3) above), the revoking authority will send written notification to the sponsor and the individual concerned of the final outcome of the action.

(a) If the revoking authority receives acceptable evidence, the authority will direct return of the confiscated SOFA ID certificate and the DOD ID card to the individual.

(b) If the revoking authority does not receive acceptable evidence, the authority (or his or her designee or designated PAA) will—

1. Dispose of the DOD ID card according to AR 600-8-14, paragraph 1-16.

2. Destroy the SOFA ID certificate or, if the SOFA ID is in the form of a stamp in the passport, void the stamp to show that the SOFA ID has been revoked and ensure the return of the passport to the individual.

3. Notify the appropriate host-nation authorities that the individual's SOFA ID has been revoked.

12. PROCUREMENT AND CONTROL

a. Procurement.

(1) **Forms.** Commanders of designated SIAs will ensure that SIAs order Department of the Army (DA) forms, AEA forms, and SOFA ID certificate materials (that is, the blank cardstock and lamination materials that SIAs use to produce the AEA Form 600-77C) through normal publication supply channels.

(a) SIAs receiving blank cardstock and lamination will sign the original DA Form 410, return the original to the Publications and Records Center of Excellence (P&R COE), and keep a copy for the SIA files. The address for the P&R COE is U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, Publications and Records Center of Excellence, Publications Distribution Warehouse, Unit 25310, APO AE 09090-5310.

(b) CNE-CNA-C6F and USAFE/AFAFRICA publications centers will use DA Form 410 to document transfers of blank cardstock and lamination to their designated SIAs.

(2) Lamination. Commanders of designated SIAs will ensure that SIAs order lamination for SOFA ID certificates through normal publication supply channels.

b. Control.

(1) Although blank cardstock and lamination materials that SIAs use to produce SOFA ID certificates are unclassified, the SIAs must store these materials in an approved General Services Administration safe in the same manner as classified material.

(2) AEA Form 600-77C is available only in print form. The form is controlled, and issued to recipients of it, per [\(1\) above](#).

APPENDIX A REFERENCES

Army in Europe and Africa (AEA), Department of the Army (DA), and DOD publications and forms are available through the Army in Europe and Africa Publications (AEAPUBS) website at <https://www.aepubs.eur.army.mil/> or <https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/aeapubs>. The glossary defines abbreviations used in this appendix.

SECTION I PUBLICATIONS

Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces (NATO SOFA)

Agreement to Supplement the Agreement Between the Parties to the NATO SOFA Stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany

DOD Foreign Clearance Guide

(<https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm> [NIPRNET] and <http://www.fcg.pentagon.smil.mil/> [SIPRNET])

DOD Directive 4500.54E

DOD Foreign Clearance Program

AR 25-400-2

Army Records Management Program

AR 600-8-14/ AFI 36-3026_IPV1/BUPERS Instruction 1750.10/MCO 5512.11E/COMDT Instruction M5512.B/NOAA Corps Directives, Chapter 1, Part 5/Commissioned Corps Manual 29.2/Instructions 1 and 2

Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Family Members, and Other Eligible Personnel

Air Force Instruction 33-322

Records Management and Information Governance Program

AEA Regulation 600-700

Identification Cards and Individual Logistic Support

SECTION II FORMS

Department of State Form I-797C

Notice of Action

DD Form 1056

Authorization to Apply for a “No-Fee” Passport and/or Request for Visa

DA Form 410

Receipt for Accountable Form

DA Form 2028

Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

AEA Form 600-77A

Request for Issuance of Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) Identification

AEA Form 600-77C

Paper and Lamination for SOFA Card [SOFA Identification Certificate]

GLOSSARY

SECTION I ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Army in Europe
AEA	Army in Europe and Africa
AEPUBS	Army in Europe and Africa Publications
AFI	Air Force instruction
AR	Army regulation
BUPERS	Bureau of Naval Personnel
CNE-CNA-C6F	Commander, United States Naval Forces Europe/Commander, United States Naval Forces Africa/Commander, United States Sixth Fleet
DA	Department of the Army
DD	Department of Defense [form]
DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
DOCPER	DOD Contractor Personnel Office, Civilian Personnel Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, Headquarters, United States Army Europe and Africa
DOD	Department of Defense
FCG	Foreign Clearance Guide
HQ USAREUR-AF	Headquarters, United States Army Europe and Africa
ID	identification
IMCOM-Europe mil	United States Army Installation Management Command–Europe military
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
para	paragraph
P&R COE	Publications and Records Center of Excellence
PAA	passport-acceptance agent
PCS	permanent change of station
sec	section
SIIA	SOFA identification-issuing authority
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
SOFA Office	Status of Forces Agreement Office, Military Personnel Section, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, United States Army Installation Management Command Europe
U.S.	United States
USAFE/AFAFRICA	United States Air Forces in Europe/United States Air Forces Africa
USAG	United States Army garrison
USAREUR-AF	United States Army Europe and Africa
USAREUR-AF G1	Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, United States Army Europe and Africa
USCIS	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
USEUCOM	United States European Command

SECTION II TERMS

civilian component

A term in the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) for the civilian personnel accompanying the Force of a NATO SOFA “Contracting Party” (defined below) who are employed by an armed service of that Contracting Party, and who are not stateless persons, nor nationals of any state that is not a Party to the North Atlantic Treaty, nor nationals of, nor ordinarily resident in, the state in which the Force is located.

Contracting Party

A state that is a signatory to the North Atlantic Treaty and therefore agrees to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement.

dependent

A term in the NATO Status of Forces Agreement for a Family member who—

- Is a lawful spouse, unmarried child (including an adopted child or stepchild), ward, or parent (including an adoptive parent, step-parent, parent-in-law, or adoptive parent-in-law).
- Meets dependency specifications in applicable service directives (for example, AR 600-8-14/AFI 36-3026_IP/V1BUPERS Instruction 1750.10DC/MCO 5512.11ED, AEA Reg 600-700).
- Is entitled to individual logistic support in Germany based on the sponsor’s status (for example, accredited contractor employee, Airman, DOD civilian employee, Marine, Seaman, Soldier).

European Union member countries

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

individual logistic support

Privileges and services that the U.S. Forces provide to individuals, such as—

- Customs exemption.
- Tax-free purchase of gasoline and oil products.
- Use of Air Force, Army, and Fleet post offices.
- Use of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe, stores; the Defense Commissary Agency commissaries; and the Department of Defense Education Activity Department of Defense Dependents Schools school system.
- Use of the value-added tax-relief document (*Abwicklungsschein*).
- Vehicle registration.

no-fee passport

A U.S. passport provided at no charge to the passport applicant. The three types of no-fee passports are diplomatic (black), official (maroon or brownish-red—generally called “red”), and regular no-fee (blue or green) passports.

sponsor

A person entitled to individual logistic support in Europe (AEA Reg 600-700) because of service in or civilian employment with the U.S. Forces in Europe, or as an accredited contractor employee.

sponsoring agency

The employing unit or the unit that maintains the sponsor’s personnel records or contract showing the person’s entitlement to individual logistic support in Germany because of service in or employment with the U.S. Forces or a civilian component of the U.S. Forces, or as an accredited contractor employee.

stateless person

A person who is not a citizen of any country.