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## 2-2. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

a. U.S. Forces certificates of license are valid for 5 years. To obtain a class 2 or class 3 U.S. Forces certificate of license, a person must—

(1) Complete AE Form 190-1T.

(2) Present an approved AE Form 190-1T, a U.S. Forces identification card, and one of the following to the local community DTS clerk for the class of vehicle for which applying (app I, para I-2):

(a) Class 2 or 3 license issued by civil authorities of a country or by any State or territory of the United States (country license).

(b) A *Begleitetes Fahren ab 17 (B17)* driving authorization (glossary) issued from a *Fahrschule* (e below).

(c) POV license issued by another U.S. Forces command in Europe.

(3) Attend a drivers orientation. The orientation will consist of at least a 2-hour course. USAFE military and civilian personnel and their Family members applying for a U.S. Forces certificate of license must also complete Course II, Local Conditions (Air Force Instruction (AFI) 91-207). Persons who have a German drivers license are not required to attend the drivers orientation.

(4) Pass the following tests:

(a) 100-Question Written Test. AE Pamphlet 190-34/USAFE Pamphlet 31-206 is the drivers handbook to use when studying for this test. The pamphlet includes a sample written test and all international road signs. Applicants will write their test answers on AE Form 190-1X. The written test for POVs will be waived if the applicant has a—

1. Valid class 2 or 3 host-nation drivers license, *B17* driving authorization, or is a member of a non-U.S. military force assigned to NATO. The test waiver does not apply to a suspended or revoked U.S. Forces certificate of license.

2. Valid class 2 or 3 license issued by another command belonging to the U.S. Forces in Europe or the European Union (EU). In this case, the applicant must submit AE Form 190-1T to the local community DTS within 30 days after arriving in Germany.

(b) Eye Test. DTSs will administer the eye test to applicants younger than 65. Applicants 65 years and older must have their eyes examined by an optometrist or an eye-vision professional to obtain or renew a U.S. Forces certificate of license. Proof of eye-test results will not be accepted if the document is over 60 days old.

(5) Pay the prescribed licensing fee by check, money order, or credit card.

b. Applicants who fail the test twice will be ineligible for retesting for 2 weeks. If an applicant fails the test a third time, the applicant will be declared ineligible for retesting for 60 days and must complete

remedial driver training before retesting. (In cases of exceptional hardship, the 60-day waiting period may be waived. Normally, a waiver will be granted only if recommended by the commander or supervisor and approved by the officer responsible for operating the testing station.) Retesting will begin with the test the applicant failed.

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c. Applicants for a class 3 vehicle certificate of license will automatically receive a class 4 and 5 license to operate two-wheeled vehicles 50 cubic centimeters and below that can travel less than 50 kilometers per hour. If an individual received a class 3 license previously, he or she may apply for an amendment to add class 4 or class 5 free of charge, but the expiration date of the amended license must remain the same as the original. Individuals who do not qualify for a class 3 vehicle license (those who are less than 17 years old) may apply for a class 4 or class 5 certificate of license if they have a valid country or State license with that class.

d. When a U.S. Forces certificate of license is issued based on a *B17* driving authorization (a(2)(b) above), the certificate of license will include all restrictions that apply to the *B17* driving authorization. The *B17* driving authorization must list all individuals authorized to accompany the holder of the *B17* driving authorization. The authorized individuals must be at least 30 years old, have had a drivers license for at least 5 years, and not received more than 3 points under the German drivers license system.

e. The permanent U.S. Forces certificate of license will be mailed to the applicant.

f. Licenses are not valid until signed in ink by the licensee.

g. Additional requirements for motorcycle applicants are as follows:

**(1) Army Requirements.**

(a) Army military and civilian personnel and their Family members who have a motorcycle license or motorcycle endorsement issued by civil authorities of a country or by a U.S. State or territory of the United States will be issued a temporary U.S. Forces certificate of license (AE Form 190-1G) that will be valid for only 2 calendar days (para 3-7g(3)). This temporary license will allow the applicant to operate a motorcycle to complete the following additional requirements:

1. Attend a 4-hour Army in Europe Motorcycle Orientation course.
2. Pass a 30-question written motorcycle test.
3. Pass the Army in Europe Motorcycle-Proficiency Course conducted by the community DTS. **NOTE:** Persons who have one of the licenses listed in a(4)(a)1 or 2 above are exempt from taking the tests in 1 through 3 above.

(b) Applicants who fail the test twice will be ineligible for retesting for 2 weeks. If an applicant fails the test a third time, the applicant will be declared ineligible for retesting for 60 days. (In cases of exceptional hardship, the 60-day waiting period may be waived. Normally, a waiver will be granted only if recommended by the commander or supervisor and approved by the officer responsible for operating the testing station.) Retesting will begin with the test the applicant failed.

(c) Applicants who do not have a valid country license for a motorcycle (including a U.S. State-issued motorcycle drivers license or a U.S. State drivers license with a motorcycle endorsement) must do one of the following:

1. Complete motorcycle training at a German drivers school (*Fahrschule*) and obtain a German motorcycle license. (Applicants must pay for this training.)

2. Obtain either a drivers license for a motorcycle or a motorcycle endorsement issued by a U.S. State or territory.

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(d) After completing the requirements in subparagraph a and (1)(a) or (1)(c) above, the applicant will be issued a temporary (60 day) motorcycle license (AE Form 190-1G) ((e) below). This temporary license will give the applicant time to complete an MSF motorcycle safety course.

1. The MSF Experienced Rider Course (ERC) and the MSF Basic Rider Course (BRC) are offered by each USAG. The ERC is intended for experienced riders and includes hands-on training and evaluation. The BRC includes about 16 hours of classroom and hands-on training and evaluation.

2. An MSF course must be completed every 3 years to operate and register a motorcycle. **NOTE:** Individuals who do not have a valid country or U.S. State drivers license for a motorcycle ((a) and (c) above) are forbidden from attending an MSF course sponsored by the U.S. Forces in Germany. MSF training is not authorized for individuals to operate a motorcycle with an attached sidecar or a trike.

(e) After issuing AE Form 190-1G ((d) above), the DTS will send AE Form 190-1T and the fee to the RMV for processing. Under no circumstance will Army personnel be issued a 60-day temporary motorcycle license until they have completed the Motorcycle-Proficiency Course test ((a)3 above).

## **(2) Air Force and Navy Requirements.**

(a) Air Force and Navy military and civilian personnel and their Family members who have a valid country license or a U.S. State-issued license for a motorcycle will be issued a temporary U.S. Forces certificate of license (AE Form 190-1G) that will be valid for 3 calendar days. This temporary license will allow the applicant to operate a motorcycle to complete the following additional requirements:

1. The MSF Course. The MSF ERC and the MSF BRC are offered by each USAG. The ERC is intended for experienced riders and includes hands-on training and evaluation. The BRC includes about 16 hours of classroom and hands-on training and evaluation.

2. An MSF course must be completed every 3 years to operate and register a motorcycle.

(b) Air Force personnel who do not have a valid country license or a U.S. State-issued license for a motorcycle ((a) above) may complete required command motorcycle and safety training. This training will not be conducted on public transportation routes. The installation motorcycle instructor will determine the degree of training needed based on the applicant's riding experience. The requirement to obtain a valid country license or endorsement in (a) above still applies to these personnel.