Command Sponsorship Program (CSP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How do I apply for CSP?

For Priority 1 (Key Billets), work with your AFPC Assignment Officer/NCO to confirm your Key Billet position and location. Contact your CSP Area Manager listed on the Osan home page (www.osan.af.mil) to notify the manager of your selection to a Key Billet. You will still need to obtain family member medical clearance even though you are approved for command sponsorship.

For Priority 2 (Mission Continuity Requirements), download the AF Korea CSP application located on the Osan home page (www.osan.af.mil) and complete all required documents. Forward the application for review to the gaining location CSP Area Manager. A listing of Area manger contact information is on the Osan home page. The Area Manager will coordinate with your inbound commander to determine your eligibility. You will either receive a tentative offer for CSP, or be asked if you would like to be considered for a P3 CSP billet.

For Priority 3 (Quality of Life Billets), download the AF Korea CSP application located on the Osan home page (www.osan.af.mil) and complete all required documents. Forward the application for review to the gaining location CSP Area Manager. Your application will meet the next projected CSPAB.

2. Can I apply for CSP after I've already arrived on station?

Yes. However, it must be stressed; members will pay out of pocket for any expenses to bring family and accompanied household goods if approved for CSP after having already reported for duty in Korea.

3. Can I still apply for CSP if I have a follow-on/home-basing assignment?

No, Airman who receives Follow-on/Home-basing assignments are not eligible for the Command Sponsorship Program. However, if the Airman chooses to cancel his or her Follow-on/Home-basing assignment they may apply for CSP consideration.

4. How does the P3 CSP Allocation Board (CSPAB) work in Area V (Osan)?

The board convenes every other month and is co-chaired by the 7 AF Chief of Staff and 51 FW Vice Commander. They review all applications and select the best qualified candidates based on several factors including number of previous unaccompanied short tours, recent deployments, and unique family situations.

5. What are determining factors that make my application more competitive for the CSPAB?

Several factors are weighed in determining selection for a P3 CSP billet. It is imperative to provide justification that elaborates on number of previous unaccompanied short tours, recent deployments, and unique family situations.

6. What does a tentative CSP offer mean?

A tentative offer means that you're approved to bring your family to Korea with the understanding that you must now complete travel and medical clearance for your family.

7. If I'm approved for CSP, do I have to live in base housing?

Only personnel assigned to Key Billets are required to reside on base. Personnel with Priority 2 and Priority 3 CSP billets will have the option to reside on or off base (depending on Family Housing fill rates).

8. How does my approval for CSP affect my KAIP? Am I authorized KAIP while filling a CSP billet?

Airmen projected to a Key Billet must serve the 24-month tour regardless of accompanied status and are not eligible for Korea Assignment Incentive Pay (KAIP). Military members who are projected or currently filling Priority 2 or Priority 3 CSP billets may only apply for KAIP if they choose the 36-month accompanied tour.

9. Is CSP offered to Air Force members assigned to Area IV (Daegu)?

Yes, CSP is offered to Air Force members assigned to areas other than Area V (Osan). CSP guidance for all Air Force members is located on Osan ABS web page: http://www.osan.af.mil/.

10. Are there any limiting factors preventing more Airmen from coming to Korea on command sponsored tours?

Limiting factors vary by location. The primary limiting factor is infrastructure.

11. Is it true that officers get higher priority than enlisted for CSP?

No. The Priority 1 Key Billets are reserved for commanders, command chiefs and other positions deemed vital and approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Priority 2 and Priority 3 billets are open to all ranks.

12. If I am assigned to a different Area, but all CSP billets are full. May I apply for an Area V P3 CSP billet?

No. You may only apply for CSP where you are projected or currently assigned.

13. I heard there is a waiting list for P3 CSP?

It depends on your assignment location. There is a waiting list for Priority 3 billets at Osan AB. The CSP waiting list consists of applicants not selected for a previous CSP allocation board and new applicants wishing to compete at the next CSP board.

14. Are Join Spouse assignments approved for Korea?

There are no Join Spouse assignments in Korea. Military members married to other military may request CSP consideration through their respective unit commanders. Only one spouse (not both) needs to have a CSP billet for both to be assigned to the same location.