

BASE OPERATING STATUS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does Base Operating Status mean? The Base Operating Status is a way to inform members of Team Aviano of the operating status of Aviano Air Base for non-essential personnel. There are four base statuses: Open, delayed arrival, early departure and closed. The definitions of each operating status are listed on page two of this document.

What causes the operating status to change? The 31st Fighter Wing commander consults with various base agencies to determine the driving conditions on Aviano Air Base and in the surrounding areas. If it is determined that driving conditions are, or may soon become hazardous, the commander will order a change to the base operating status as appropriate to ensure the safety of Team Aviano members.

What actions should I take when the operating status changes? Each operating status requires a specific course of action. The required actions for each status are outlined on page two of this document. All personnel should contact their chain of command to receive specific instructions from their work area.

Where can I find the most current operating status? The 31st Fighter Wing makes it a top priority to keep Team Aviano informed of any issues affecting the safety of our team members. We provide current operating status updates through several different channels: the Aviano Air Base official website (www.aviano.af.mil), the Aviano Air Base Official Facebook page (www.facebook.com/avianoairbase), the My MC2 mobile application, Straight Talk Line (DSN: 632-3172, Commercial 0434-30-3172), and emails sent through our Wyvern distribution list. If there are ever any questions about the current base status, personnel should contact their chain of command for the latest information.

Why do you no longer post road conditions? The road conditions determined by Security Forces are strictly for Aviano Air Base and the roads immediately adjacent to the base. Members of Team Aviano live in a large area surrounding the base and road conditions can vary greatly depending on the location. We recommend all drivers to exercise caution when driving in inclement weather, reduced visibility, or after events that could make driving conditions extremely hazardous. Regardless of base status, contact your chain of command if road conditions in your area become a safety concern and may interfere with your commute.

For any other questions regarding the base operating status system, please contact the 31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 0434-30-7555 (DSN: 632-7555), or by email at 31FW.PA2@aviano.af.mil.

BASE STATUS DEFINITIONS

BASE STATUS	WHAT STATUS MEANS
OPEN	<p>“Aviano Air Base is OPEN for normal operations.”</p> <p>All personnel will report do their duty sections on time. Normal operations are in effect. Although the base is open, Team Aviano members should exercise extra caution when driving during inclement weather or periods of reduced visibility.</p>
DELAYED REPORTING – XX hour(s) delay	<p>“The 31st Fighter Wing commander has ordered XX hour(s) DELAYED REPORTING.”</p> <p>NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL: Military and civilian personnel will report to their duty sections XX hour(s) after their normal reporting time. All personnel should contact their supervisor for further guidance.</p> <p>ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL: Contact your supervision for reporting times.</p>
EARLY RELEASE	<p>“The 31st Fighter Wing commander has ordered EARLY RELEASE for non-essential personnel.”</p> <p>NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL: Military and civilian personnel should depart the base prior to their normal departure time as directed by their chain of command. All personnel should contact their supervisors for further guidance.</p> <p>ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL: Essential personnel should remain in place unless otherwise directed by their supervision.</p>
CLOSED	<p>“Aviano Air Base is CLOSED to all non-essential personnel.”</p> <p>NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL: Military and civilian personnel do not report to work until directed by their supervision. Access to Aviano Air Base is restricted to essential personnel only until further notice. All personnel should remain in contact with their supervision for further updates.</p> <p>ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL: Essential personnel will report to their work centers as directed by their supervision.</p>