



Excerpts from AE Regulation 190-1, Driver and Vehicle Requirements and the Installation Traffic Code for the U.S. Forces in Germany, 13 August 2010

Paragraph 2-2.g.:

(1) Army Requirements.

(a) To be eligible to obtain a motorcycle endorsement to their U.S. Forces certificate of license or be issued a motorcycle certificate of license, Army military and civilian personnel and their family members must have a motorcycle license or endorsement issued by civil authorities of a country or by a U.S. State or territory of the United States and a valid MSF training card. (These cards are valid for 3 years. Personnel with expired MSF training cards must complete the MSF course again in order to qualify for a motorcycle endorsement.) In addition to having a motorcycle license or endorsement issued by civil authorities, these individuals must—

1. Attend a 4-hour Army in Europe Motorcycle Orientation course.
2. Pass a 30-question written motorcycle test. 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 DTS.)

NOTE: Persons who have a motorcycle endorsement for one of the licenses listed in a(4)(a)1 or 2 above are exempt from the requirements in 1 and 2 above, but must complete the MSF course.

3. Give a copy of their valid MSF training card to the DTS personnel.

(b) Personnel who do not have an MSF training card but 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 must complete requirements in (a)1 and 2 above before scheduling the mandatory MSF course. Once the two initial requirements are completed, the applicant should schedule the next available MSF course. An 8-day temporary motorcycle license will be issued 1 duty day before the beginning of the MSF course. Applicants must also obtain third-party insurance for their motorcycle, obtain an 8-day temporary registration, and pass the vehicle safety inspection before the MSF course. Once they have completed the MSF course, applicants must obtain a permanent certificate of license and permanent registration for their motorcycle before their temporary license and registration expire. If applicants are not using their own motorcycle, they must ensure that the motorcycle they are using meets all safety and registration requirements along with valid insurance before operation on the first day of the MSF course. Applicants who do not successfully complete the MSF course must register their motorcycles as nonoperational before their temporary registration expires.

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.

(c) To become eligible to apply for a motorcycle endorsement or license, 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 either 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.

NOTE: Individuals who do not have a valid country or U.S. State drivers license for a motorcycle 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 three-wheeled vehicle (trike).

(d) After completing all requirements, the applicant will be issued a temporary (60 day) motorcycle license (AE Form 190-1G) to allow for application processing.

(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.

Para 2-5.

d. Individuals with a motorcycle class on their current U.S. Forces certificate of license must provide proof of having attended a valid MSF course within the last 3 years to keep the motorcycle class on their U.S. Forces certificate of license when the license is renewed.

C-18. MOTORCYCLES

a. Inspectors will reject motorcycles that have been altered to change the center of gravity or wheelbase from that established by the manufacturer. Motorcycles with alterations hazardous to other highway users (for example, missing chain-guards or fenders) will be rejected. Motorcycles with aftermarket, straight-through exhaust pipes and motorcycles with original mufflers that have the sound absorber removed will be rejected. Steel wool and other like material will not be used in lieu of factory baffles to pack mufflers for sound dampening.