

# Privately-Owned Vehicles

## Licenses

1. Prior to arrival in the US, obtain an international driver's license for the type of vehicle(s) you will be driving.
  - Bring your countries driver's license. It validates your international driver's license and will be honored in some states.
2. Each state in the US has specific requirements for driving and licensing.
3. In order to drive on a military installation, IMS are required to have either an international driver's license or a valid U.S. state license.
4. Generally, other states will allow you to operate a vehicle with any license issued by one of the other states in the US.
  - This varies from state to state.
5. Your international driver's license should allow you to receive a base or post sticker and allow you to drive on the military installation if the car is properly registered and insured.
6. Driving on a military installation makes you and your vehicle subject to searches.
  - You should be prepared to present your driver's license, proof of insurance, car registration or rental agreement, and CAC card or ITO to gate guards and/or military police personnel at all times.

## Insurance

1. It is illegal to operate a vehicle without insurance.
2. Check with the installation for both minimum requirements for insurance on and off-base.
  - Whichever requirement is higher is your minimum requirement for insurance. You must purchase property damage and liability insurance in the United States.
3. If you choose to operate a motorcycle, additional requirements for training and safety equipment will be mandated by both the military installation and state licensing authorities.
4. Check with your IMSO for local insurance laws.
  - You may wish to insure your vehicle with your personal insurance carrier in your home country.

## Laws

1. While operating a vehicle in the US, you are subject to all relevant laws of the state you are in.
2. Comply with all posted signs and speed limits.
3. Stop signs and stop lines must be strictly adhered to – be sure to come to a complete stop before proceeding, if clear.
4. Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol or drugs are serious offences.
  - If you are caught doing so, it may involve mandatory time in prison and you may be removed from training and sent home
5. If stopped by the police while driving, pull over to the side of the road when and where it is safe to do so, and REMAIN IN THE CAR with your hands on the wheel until the police officer approaches you. Follow their instructions and make sure you have all the necessary documentation with you.
6. Be sure to keep your IMSO informed of ANYTHING that happens.