



Useful Information

Private Vehicles – Important Rules and Regulations

Importation of Private Vehicles

Personnel are allowed to import private vehicles into Germany, free of import and value added tax, provided that the vehicles are for their own use. The Station BFG Registration Officer will advise you on the penalties imposed if the tax-free vehicle is disposed of in the first 12 months of BFG registration.

BFG Registration and Licensing

The Station BFG Registration Office is located in building 90, near the Post Office in Javelin Barracks and is open from 0900 to 1500 Monday-Thursday and 0900 to 1400 on Friday. Alternatively the Office can be contacted on Military: 4489/2450 or Civilian: 02163 974489/972450.

On arrival in Germany at your earliest convenience visit the BFG Registration Office, taking the V5/Logbook of each vehicle that has been brought into Germany. You will then be issued a 30-day car pass for Elmpst Station for each vehicle, as vehicles must be registered with the BFG Vehicle Licensing Office within 30 days of your arrival in Germany. The Office will then advise you of the correct registration procedure and explain the paperwork involved.

DVLA Changes

Should the vehicle(s) that you intend to bring to Germany currently be registered with the DVLA on a V5C or V5 Logbook it is no longer necessary to apply to the DVLA for a Permanent Certificate of Export (V561). In fact, failure to possess a UK registration document for your vehicle(s) on arrival in Germany may delay BFG registration.

Insurance of BFG Vehicles

A BFG vehicle is not to be used unless it is correctly insured against third party liabilities. If the vehicle is the subject of a hire purchase agreement it must be comprehensively insured for the total value of the vehicle including UK VAT. Proof of insurance must be produced when registering a BFG vehicle. An international insurance certificate (usually a Green Card) will be required if you are not insured with a German company. If the company is German then you will require the insurance policy, proof of payment and double white card before you can BFG register your car. Only certain UK insurance companies are authorised to insure BFG registered vehicles, the Station BFG Office holds a current list of authorised insurers.

Roadworthiness Inspection

All vehicles, including caravans and trailers, over 3 years old are required to have a BFG roadworthiness inspection which includes a lighting test completed before they are acceptable for initial BFG registration. The inspection is based on the UK MOT test and is carried out at the Station BFG Testing Centre, in Javelin Barracks. Please contact the Testing Centre on Military: 2300 or Civilian: 02163 972300 to arrange an appointment.



Lighting Tests

All new vehicles, including caravans and trailers, and any vehicles under 3 years of age are required to have a lighting test completed within 30 days of initial BFG registration. Tests are carried out at the Station BFG Testing Centre, in Javelin Barracks. Please contact the Testing Centre on Military: 2300 or Civilian: 02163 972300 to arrange an appointment.

BFG Driving Permit (BFG Form 57)

The Station BFG Registration Office issues BFG driving permits to individuals whom have successfully completed a BFG matrix test and hold a valid EU driving licence. The European Matrix Test consists of 40 questions designed to test your knowledge of the road and traffic laws. To pass this test it would be helpful to read the book "Manual for Drivers in Germany, Belgium and Holland". Copies of this publication are available from the BFG Office on loan.

BFG Driving Permits are valid for 5 years from the date of issue, or until the expiry of the full national licence, whichever is sooner. The following categories of licences are acceptable by the German authorities:

- A EU Driving Licences**
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| Austria | Germany | Portugal |
| Belgium | Greece | Spain |
| Denmark | Netherlands | Sweden |
| Eire | Luxembourg | United Kingdom |
| France | Italy | |
- B Additional driving licences valid under SOFA:**
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| Canada | USA (All States) |
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- C Driving Licences which have equality of German status:**
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|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Andorra | Liechtenstein | South Africa |
| Finland | Malta | Slovenia |
| Hungary | Monaco | Switzerland |
| Iceland | Norway | Japan |
| San Marino | | |

Should a full, valid national driving licence issued by a country not listed above be held then a BFG Driving Permit (BFG Form 57) may be issued which will be valid for 6 months from the date of arrival in Germany. Within this 6-month period it is mandatory that the holder obtain a licence from one of the countries accepted as listed above, normally Germany or the UK.

Items which must be carried when driving in Germany:

- A. ID Card.
- B. BFG Driving Permit (BFG Form 57) supported by Full National Driving Licence.
- C. Fuel Card (BFG Form 73).
- D. Proof of insurance – usually a Green Card, which should be signed by all drivers named under the policy.
- E. Warning Triangle.
- F. First Aid Kit, conforming to DIN 13164.
- G. In addition to these items you are advised to carry €50 cash, 5lt spare fuel can, fluorescent vest, torch and a fire extinguisher.

Sports and Clubs

There are numerous sports facilities and clubs within Javelin Barracks which are available to all entitled personnel, including dependant children over 16 years old. The major activities are shown below:

Fitness Centre. The Station Fitness Centre is located within the recently opened ultra modern Physical and recreational Training centre (P& RTC) in Building 646 adjacent to the Station swimming pool area. A wide range of activities are on offer and include free weights, multi gym, treadmills, rowing machines and exercise bikes to name just a few. A short induction course and 3rd party liability insurance is required prior to using the equipment.

Swimming Pool. The swimming pools at Javelin Barracks and Wildenrath will open during the summer months. There is also a large pool at JHQ. The nearest local pool is at Elmpt village and a number of larger water based recreational facilities are located in the area. The military pool is usually open for public swimming from 12pm - 6pm Mon - Sun unless it is required for military training or competitions. Full details of opening times are published in Station Orders and are on display at the pool, situated near the NAAFI at Wildenrath and at Grandy Road in Javelin Bks.

Tennis. The tennis courts are situated in Javelin Bks and Wildenrath and are open for play from May - Sep, or longer if weather permits. Sessions may be booked through the gym.

Squash. There are squash courts located adjacent to Building 250 and one court situated close to the Station Officers' Mess. Sessions may be booked through the Gymnasium staff.

The following sports are also available at JHQ. Enquiries in the first instance may be made through Gymnasium Staff (Tel: Mil 4101 (Civ 02163-974101))

Aerobics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball
Bobsleigh	Canoeing	Cricket	Cross Country
Cycling	Fencing	Football	Youth Football
Golf	Gliding	Hockey	Karate
Mountaineering	Netball	Orienteering	Rugby League
Youth Rugby (Offshore)	Rugby Union	Sailing (Dinghy)	Sailing
Shooting	Skiing (Nordic/Touring)	Skiing (Alpine)	Squash
Sub Aqua	Swimming	Tennis	Tenpin Bowling
Triathlon	Volleyball	Water Skiing	

German Sports Facilities

Within the area there are countless opportunities for all types of sporting activities, e.g. a go-kart track near Elmpt, roller skating at Rheydt Stadt-park, etc. The area is very well endowed with pools, for all year round use. Also within striking distance there is one Bundesliga football team, Borussia Mönchengladbach and two 1st Division football teams, Düsseldorf and Krefeld.

Information on times and opening hours for swimming pools can be found in the Information Room at the Elmpt Station HIVE.

Leisure Facilities

Please contact the HIVE or look in the Rheindahlen and Elmpt Bulletin, for details on other clubs and interests such as the following:

Fitness	Fit Kids	Amateur Dramatics (CATS)
Anglo-German Club	BFG Single Parents Club	Bridge
British Legion	Ceramics	
Choir - St Andrews Church	Choir - St Boniface Church	Choral Society
Clay Pigeon Shooting	Climbing Club	Compass Youth Club
Dance Classes		Traditional Highland Dance
	Decorative and Fine Arts Soc.	
Duke of Edinburgh's Award		First Aid Courses
	Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	
Guild of St Helena	Hashing	Ladies Fellowship
Motor Club	National Childbirth Trust	
		Rheindahlen Multinational Club
Riding	Riding for the Disabled	
		St John's Ambulance
Sailing - Inland	Sands	Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Ventures
Slimming World	Taekwon Do	WRVS Club
Youth Club		

Elmpt Station Music Club	- Building 354 – Tel: 3834
BA(G) Gliding Club	- Javelin Bks – Bldg 374 & 439 – Tel 4871
Angling Club	- Javelin Bks – Fishing lake – Tel: 4771
Youth Football Club	- Javelin Bks & Wildenrath – Tel: 2551
Golf Club	- Javelin Bks – West of Rhine Golf Club, located at the Southern end of the camp – Club Office, Tel: 4463
Motorcycle Club	- Building 223 Javelin Bks – Tel: 4743
Small Bore Shooting	- 25m Range Javelin Bks – Tel: 72-4467
Model Aero Club	- Building 448 Javelin Bks – Tel: 2785
Amateur Dramatics (CATS)	- The Little Theatre on Parade Square in JHQ Tuesday 2030 hrs
British Legion	- Lion's Head (behind Rheindahlen Bowl in JHQ) 10 Reading Way Friday 2000 hrs
The Javelin Bowl	- 10-pin bowling. More details in section one.



Cinema - The Globe Cinema is located at JHQ (02161 559518). The Royal Cinema in Roermond occasionally screens films in the English language.

Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun

Doors open 1830 hrs - show commences 1900 hrs

Sat Matinee

Doors open 1000 hrs - show commences 1030 hrs

See *Sixth Sense* or *Rheindahlen* and *Elmpt Bulletin* for monthly programme.

Things To Do and See

Eating Out

There are a wide range of hotels and restaurants offering an excellent variety of German and international cuisine. For some ideas please see the advertisements in this Guide or ask at the HIVE.

Within Easy Reach

Schwalmtal (Brüggen). There is a Tierpark (Zoo) here situated in pleasant surroundings just outside Brüggen village. Route: Follow the B221 through Brüggen village towards Bracht and it's on your left.

Zons. A walled village by the Rhine between Neuss and Köln. You can park outside the wall at either end of the village and walk round the town or stroll by the Rhine. A very pleasant way to spend a sunny afternoon. The town is near Dormagen.

Xanten. An old Roman town with St Victor's Cathedral, Cleves Gate, Roman amphitheatre and, nearby, a place to sit by the Rhine. Nearby Kevelaer is a pleasant town. Route: The 57 from Duisburg to Kleve passes between the river and the town.

Mohne See. The Talsperre is the dam of 'Dambusters' fame, Route: Neuss - Wuppertal - Dortmund - at Unna take the autobahn towards Soest and Kassel. Leave at the Soest-Süd exit and head south on Route 229. Turn right as you reach the water for the Talsperre.

Venekotensee. Lakes just north of Elmpt with sandy 'beach'.

Hariksee. Lakes just north of Niederkruchen with a huge boating lake.

Day Trips

Panorama-Park Sauerland. Situated in Kirchlindem in the Sauerland, this adventure and game park offers something for the whole family. Toboggan slides, roller coaster, water and roller-bob-runs, adventure playground, open-air theatre, botanical garden, footpaths beside game enclosures, 2 restaurants, several coffee shops and snack bars. Open 1000 - 1800 hrs April - end of October. Game park open all year round.

Hollywood Park Stuckenbrock. Amusement and Safari Park. The park is on the B68 roughly midway between Bielefeld and Paderborn.

PhantasiaLand. At Brühl, near Cologne, this is Germany's answer to Disneyland.

The Eifel. The Eifel is a hilly area west of the Rhine and southeast of Aachen, which forms part of the massif stretching across the frontier to the Ardennes. There are many pretty towns worth visiting in the area. Monschau is set in the Ruhr gorge, and

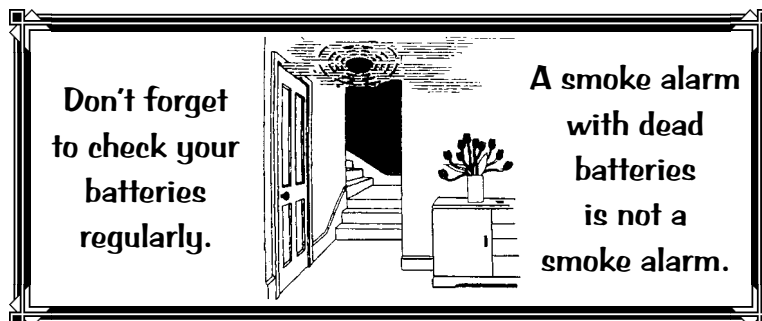
crooked old half-timbered houses cluster along the steep river bank; the medieval town of Bad Munstereifel has a history stretching back over eleven centuries and there are many well preserved old buildings. The famous Nurburgring race track is in the area formed by the triangle of the B412, B258 and B257. When no races are being held you can pay to take your own car or motorbike round the course.

Aachen. Full of history, this town was Aix-le-Chapelle. Also, good shopping centre.

Ahr Valley. Situated just over halfway between here and the Mosel, the Ahr is a narrow river running to the Rhine opposite Linz where Germany's only red wines are made. Best spots are Altenahr, with a 12th century Burg on top of a hill, a cable car and the Teufelsloch (Devil's Hole) - a pierced rock dominating the river and Ahrweiler/Bad Neuenahr, a diabetic spa with a casino. Nearby is the vast Crater Lake, Maria Laach with its abbey.

Mosel Valley. A firm favourite. The river starts as three separate rivers which meet at Trier, namely the Mosel, Saar and Ruwer. From there, it twists and turns through its many vineyards, past Bernkastel, Cochem and Eltz Castle to Koblenz. Trier is an old Roman town famous for the Porta Nigra. Koblenz is best known perhaps for the 'Rhine-in-Flames', a phenomenon that takes place in late summer.

Duisburg Zoo. A 1 hour drive. A vast zoo, superb dolphinarium with displays. A few of the highlights in the zoo are the 3 magnificent white whales, a superb monkey house and a fine collection of Indian tigers, but there are many more sights to see. Follow the autobahn to Moers junction, then on to Duisburg - take the Kaiserberg turn-off. Open daily 0900 - 1700 hrs.



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The Royal Military Police (RMP) provide a 24hr police service from the JHQ Police Station located in the centre of the RMC, at the junction of Queens Ave and Tromp Rd. The Police Station is clearly signed from all three main entrances to the RMC.

TELEPHONE:	MILITARY:	JHQ (72) 2333 / 4000
	CIVILIAN:	02161-472-2333 / 4000
EMERGENCIES***	MILITARY:	JHQ (72) 2222
	CIVILIAN:	02161-472-2222
FIRE	MILITARY:	Elmpt Mil 4444
	CIVILIAN:	02163-97-4444
MEDICAL	MILITARY:	JHQ (72) 3333
	CIVILIAN:	02161-472-3333
BFG CRIMELINE	FREEPHONE	08001842222

German Civil Police

The German Police have a small detachment in the RMC, co-located in the same building as the RMP.

TELEPHONE:	CIVILIAN:	02161-558365
EMERGENCIES***	POLICE:	110
	FIRE/AMBULANCE:	112

***Numbers for Emergency services throughout Germany. If you do not speak German it may be better to use the RMP number.

Royal Air Force Provost and Security Services (Germany) - RAF P & SS (G)

The RAF P&SS have a Unit based in the RMC, which is located in building 1, at the junction of Queens Ave and Antrim Drive .

TELEPHONE:	MILITARY:	JHQ -4210
	CIVILIAN:	02161- 472-4210

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