

173rd ABN BDE Vicenza, Italy

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Welcome to the 173rd Airborne Brigade!

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you into the 173rd Airborne Brigade family. The 173rd BDE (A) has four battalions headquartered in Vicenza, Italy and two battalions in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Both assignments offer an exciting place to [live](#), [work](#), and [play](#).

PCSing overseas can be a unique challenge, even if you have done it many times. The Vicenza Military Community (VMC) and your [sponsors](#) are here to support you to ensure that you have the tools and resources you need for a smooth transition to your new host nation.

Because our [Sky Soldiers](#) are elite paratroopers capable of deploying within 18 hours or less, they maintain a rigorous training schedule. With such high OPTEMPO, we are proud to be part of an exceptional community committed to serving our families via programs with ACS, CYSS, MWR, USO, FRGs and more.

While moving overseas brings its challenges, I want you to know that the 173rd is here to support you during your PCS and throughout your tour. On behalf of the VMC, welcome to the 173rd Airborne Brigade! Sky Soldiers!



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Brigade Commander

5 Things to Get Started on Right Away

1. **Command Sponsorship.** Ensure [dependents](#) are eligible for a fully-funded move overseas.
2. **Passports & Visas.** Learn which [travel documents](#) are required before PCSing overseas.
3. **Hotel Reservations.** On-post lodging is in short supply. Don't wait for orders to reserve [lodging](#)!
4. **Overseas P.O. Box.** Keep up-to-date with your mail by setting up your [P.O. Box](#) ahead of time.
5. **CYSS & School Registration.** Be ahead of the class and start your [CYSS and school](#) packets now.

5 Things to Keep in Mind

1. **Storing & Shipping HHG.** Learn to split your [HHG](#) into various shipments to get settled in sooner.
2. **Driving Overseas.** Know what to expect when shipping your [POV](#) overseas.
3. **Electricity Overseas.** Stay current on Italian vs. U.S. [electricity](#).
4. **Traveling with Pets.** Moving [pets](#) overseas is at your own expense, but we can help prepare you.
5. **Cell Phones & Staying in Touch.** Learn about [cell](#) phones & staying in touch while overseas.



Command Sponsorship



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In simple terms, Command Sponsorship means that your family members are approved to accompany your Soldier Outside the Continental U.S. (OCONUS) for the length of his or her tour. Command Sponsorship of dependents is not guaranteed, however. Your Soldier must [apply for Command Sponsorship](#), which includes an EFMP Screening of each family member, and then obtain approval from your Soldier's gaining command in Europe prior to traveling overseas with family.

Am I Command Sponsored?

After applying for Command Sponsorship, your Soldier's [PCS orders](#) will be amended to include either:

Accompanied Tour (with dependents)

An accompanied tour means that Command Sponsorship is approved for your family and you are eligible for a fully-funded move overseas as well as for other benefits. The full name of each Command Sponsored dependent must be listed on your Soldier's assignment orders. Orders will indicate the type of dependent travel:

- **Concurrent travel** (with or within 60 days of Soldier)
- **Deferred travel** (61 or more days after Soldier)

Unaccompanied Tour (without dependents)

An unaccompanied tour means that Command Sponsorship of dependents is denied. [Denial of Command Sponsorship](#) is often due to a duty station location with limited family resources or insufficient support for dependents with special needs.

What benefits does it provide?

Only Command Sponsored dependents are authorized:

- [No-Fee Passport & Italian Visa](#)
- [Travel](#): Your soldier receives travel allowances and reimbursements for Command Sponsored family
- [Cost of Living](#): Your soldier receives special overseas allowances at a higher "with dependent" rate
- [HHG](#) Shipment: Your soldier receives a higher "with dependent" weight allowance for household goods
- [Housing](#) Eligibility
- Attendance at DoDEA [schools](#) (non-Command sponsored children may attend if space is available)
- Access to on post services and facilities such as [postal service](#), Commissary, PX, & [health clinic](#)
- [Employment](#): Dependents must be Command Sponsored to apply for employment on post



After receiving a Request for Orders (RFO) or actual assignment orders, your Soldier should immediately request Command Sponsorship of each dependent. Family members will complete an [EFMP screening](#) as part of the application. **Family members must be granted Command Sponsorship *before* traveling overseas.**

1. Attend Levy Brief & Start Packet

Before PCS orders are issued, your Soldier must schedule to attend a levy brief. The levy brief is where most soldiers start the Command Sponsorship application for their dependents. Levy briefs provide instructions for PCSing and cover topics such as:

- Command Sponsorship application process
- No-Fee Passport & Italian Visa
- Overseas travel/pay allowances
- Booking travel
- Shipping household goods (HHG) & vehicles
- PCSing with kids or pets

Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2. Complete EFMP Screening

Before your family can be approved for Command Sponsorship, each family member must complete an [EFMP Screening](#) of their medical records to ensure that your Soldier's new unit can support your family's needs. **This process can take up to 90 days, so start right away!**

3. Review PCS Orders

If Command Sponsorship of your family is approved, review your Soldier's PCS orders to:

- Ensure each dependent's name is listed correctly
- Check if family travel is deferred or concurrent

Command Sponsorship Packet

1. PCS Orders
2. DA 4187 Command Sponsorship Request Form
3. Enlisted or Officer Record Brief (ERB or ORB)
4. DA 5888 Family EFMP Form with EFMP Stamp (or DA 5888-1 if in remote area requiring civilian doctor)
 - DD 2792 (if Medical EFMP Plan needed)
 - DD 2792-1 + IFSP/IEP (if Education EFMP Plan needed)

NOTE: EFMP Form is valid for 1 year once stamped.

5. Copy of Marriage and Birth Certificates of dependents
6. Proof of child custody court documents (Minors must reside with Soldier a minimum of six months per year)



EFMP Screening Overview



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As part of the [Command Sponsorship](#) application packet, your Soldier's dependents are each required to complete an Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Screening.

What is EFMP?

The objective of the [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) (EFMP) is to assess, document, and code the special education and medical needs of family members. Approximately 10% of Army Families have members with special needs, including spouses, children, or dependent parents who require special services.

Why do I need an EFMP Screening?

Soldiers requesting accompanied tours overseas, extensions of more than 6 months of an overseas accompanied tour, or consecutive overseas assignments must have all family members screened for any special medical or educational needs.

Why? As the Army shifts resources overseas, the Army wants to ensure Soldiers are assigned to locations where dependents with special needs can receive necessary care. When reviewing a family member's needs, the Army often considers the availability of services from the host nation as well as those provided by the Army.

Need help navigating the process?

Visit EFMP staff at ACS or your Military Health Clinic

Contact your local Army Community Services (ACS) EFMP Systems Navigator or your military health clinic's EFMP Coordinator to help you with enrollment, disenrollment, updates, and overseas EFMP screenings.

Review EFMP Screening guide

Visit [Army Medical Command](#) for an overview of how the EFMP process works in the below situations:

- Soldiers located on or near Army post in U.S.
- Families in remote areas in U.S.
- Soldier is overseas but family is in U.S.

Find detailed steps of the EFMP Screening process on the next page.



What are the EFMP Screening steps?

At your appointment, the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) practitioner will review your screening questionnaire, outpatient medical records, and any supporting documentation to determine if any family member meets criteria for enrollment into EFMP.

1. Soldier starts Command Sponsorship at levy brief.
 - Soldier completes DA-5888 (Part A) and submits form to S1 who verifies dependent information.
 - S1 returns DA-5888 to Soldier.
2. Schedule Screening within 30 days of levy brief.
3. For each dependent, bring to the Screening:
 - DA-5888 Form, verified and signed by S1
 - All military and civilian health records
 - Completed DA Form 7246 EFMP Questionnaire
 - Recent physical exam (within the last year)
 - For children, bring copies of any non-medical evaluations to include any IEP (Individual Education Plan) or IFSP (if applicable)
 - For children 4-60 months, bring completed Ages and Stages Questionnaire
4. Only an Army EFMP practitioner completes DA Form 5888 Part B, to be sent for review.

NOTE: If any family member meets enrollment criteria, the enrollment process will be initiated. The enrollment process could take up to 6 weeks.

What happens after the Screening?

Review of your Soldier's request for an accompanied tour with dependents can take a few weeks up to 3 months.

Authorization for Command Sponsorship

Once your family is approved to accompany your Soldier overseas, your Soldier will be issued amended PCS Orders to include each dependent's name. Next, each dependent must apply for a [No-Fee Passport and Italian Visa](#). **An accompanied tour overseas requires a 36-month commitment.**

Denial of Command Sponsorship

If your Soldier is denied an accompanied tour with dependents, he or she can choose from 3 main options:

- Request to change assignments (DA Form 4187)
- Change overseas assignment to "all others", meaning a 24-month tour without dependents
- Proceed overseas alone & in 6 months submit new Command Sponsorship Request (may be denied again)

Without Command Sponsorship, dependents (unless they are EU citizens) will be considered to be tourists limited to 90 days in country with very little support authorized from the US Army. If you are denied command sponsorship but you still plan to move overseas, you are responsible for all travel and living expenses associated with your move.



PCSing requires a lot of appointments and paperwork. As a spouse, there are times when you'll want to or need to be the person who takes over these responsibilities, especially if your Soldier is not able to due to training or deployments. In many cases you'll need legal authority, meaning a Power of Attorney (POA), to make such decisions on behalf of your Soldier.

What is a Power of Attorney (POA)?

A [Power of Attorney](#)  is a written instrument that allows you (the "principal") to authorize someone else (your "agent" or "attorney-in-fact") to act on your behalf and carry on your business in your absence. For example, you might wish to allow a friend to sell your car or ship your household goods. Never have a POA unless you need one and always try to make it a Special POA.

Are there different kinds of POAs?

There are two basic types of powers of attorney:

- **General POA:** A general POA allows an agent to do most things that you could legally do yourself, from obtaining a loan to signing a rental contract.
- **Special POA:** A special (or limited) POA only allows an agent to perform specified acts. Never use a general POA when a special POA can be used.

NOTE: Your Soldier must be present to sign a POA in the presence of the notary, but you (the "agent") do not.

Military Spouses, PCSing & POAs

It's a safe bet that you'll need a POA at some point during your PCS to handle matters when your Soldier isn't able to. **The pace of in-processing in Vicenza is fast, so consider getting POAs BEFORE PCSing to arrive better prepared.** Consult your Legal Office.

Here a few instances when you might need a POA:

- Ship, pick up, or register a vehicle overseas
- Set up banking & manage finances
- Sign off on housing

TIP: The [Legal Assistance Offices](#) at Caserma Ederle or the Brigade Legal Office at Caserma Del Din can prepare general, special, or health care POAs on a walk-in basis.

When does a Power of Attorney expire?

The expiration date of a POA should be specified in the document and never be made indefinite. Regardless of an expiration date, however, all POAs will automatically terminate when revoked or when either you or your agent die (unless a substitute agent is named).



JAG & Vicenza Legal Assistance Offices

From international law to tax centers and Legal Assistance Offices, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate provides legal services to Commanders and their staff, military law enforcement, Soldiers, retirees, civilian employees, and their families.

The Legal Assistance Offices on post are an excellent resource that should not be overlooked during the PCS process.

Legal assistance attorneys serving in the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office also have the additional dimension of hands-on experience in the laws of Italy.

Visit your local JAG office or be sure to check out [USAG Italy's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate](#)  to learn about their services.

Want to work overseas?

Command Sponsored dependents stationed overseas must abide by the employment regulations set forth in the [Statute of Forces Agreement \(SOFA\)](#). Contact your Legal Assistance Office for details.

Legal Services

In addition to the walk-in services for Power of Attorneys ([POAs](#)), the Legal Assistance Office offers the following services on an appointment basis:

- Assist with questions pertaining to overseas employment and SOFA regulations
- Affidavits for [Soggiorno](#) (bring birth & marriage certificates, PCS Orders, & ID)
- Wills (must first complete a will worksheet)
- Estate planning
- Advance medical directives and health care powers of attorney
- Debt collection/credit reporting problems
- Identity theft
- Service members Civil Relief Act ([SCRA](#))
- OER and NCOER appeals
- FLIPL rebuttals and requests from reconsideration
- GOMOR rebuttals, removals, and transfers
- Security clearance rebuttals and appeals
- Immigration and naturalization
- Separation and divorce counseling
- During the tax season (January to June), the Legal Assistance Office operates a tax center.



Passports & Visas



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Once family members are approved for [Command Sponsorship](#) and your Soldier's PCS Orders include each dependent's name, immediately apply for a No-Fee Passport and Italian Missione Visa (Type D) for each dependent. These allow you to enter Italy and obtain a Soggiorno to stay there for the length of your Soldier's tour.

No-Fee Passport

Prior to traveling, dependents who are U.S. citizens must apply for a No-Fee Passport at TMO or the Passport Office on post. Documents must be original or certified. (Non-U.S. citizens must apply for a country of origin passport.) Bring:

- Military ID Card & PCS Orders
- ORB/ERB (newborn passports)
- Soldier's ID (back/front copy)
- DS-11 or DS-82 (w/ passport)
- Birth, Naturalization or Citizenship Certificate
- Name Change Documents (Marriage/Divorce decrees)
- 1 Recent Passport Photo
- Current & Expired Passports
- Both parents must be present or have a notarized DS-3053

***Process can take 8 or more weeks.**

Italian Missione (D) Visa

Once your U.S. No-Fee Passport or country of origin passport is ready, dependents must apply for a Family Visa, called an Italian Missione Visa (Type D) prior to traveling overseas. This Visa will be affixed to the inside of your passport and used to apply for your [Soggiorno](#) upon arrival. Bring original or certified documents:

- Military ID Card & PCS Orders
- Soldier's ID (back/front copy)
- No-Fee Passport (must be signed before getting Visa)
- Name Change Documents (Marriage/Divorce decrees)
- 2 Recent Passport Photos
- Your Soldier must fill out additional form if not present

***Visas can take 2-4 more weeks.**

Do not travel without an Italian Missione (D) Visa.

Tourist Passport

With a U.S. Tourist Passport you are allowed to stay no more than 90 days in Italy. Tourist Passports are required for leisure travel outside of your host nation. Apply for a Tourist Passport prior to leaving the U.S. (apply off post).

NOTE: Use your No-Fee Passport + Visa to travel between your host nation & U.S. That's what it's for!

Visit www.travel.state.gov  for:

- Tourist Passport application
- "Travel Alerts & Warnings" for each country
- Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) so that embassies can contact you in case of an emergency



Temporary Lodging Reservations

Your family must make reservations for 2 types of temporary lodging when getting ready to PCS overseas:

- OCONUS lodging in Vicenza, Italy ([TLA](#))
- CONUS lodging prior to departing ([TLE](#))

Outside the Continental U.S. (OCONUS) Lodging

On-post lodging at the [Ederle Inn](#) books up fast! You can make reservations without PCS Orders up to 6 months in advance. Because on-post lodging is limited, most families will stay in [off-post local hotels](#).

Your Soldier's Sponsor can make the initial reservation on your behalf, but your family must provide credit card information to the Ederle Inn or local hotel to secure the reservation. **Book your room for 35-45 days.**

Continental U.S. (CONUS) Lodging

If you're traveling from the U.S., don't forget to book stateside lodging. You'll get reimbursed for 5 days of temporary lodging in government quarters based on your per diem rate. Try to plan your move-out date so you avoid paying out of pocket for additional nights in a hotel.

Learn about [financial assistance and travel allowances](#) for details.

Flight Reservations (Concurrent Travel)

Your Soldier can book your family's flight if the below criteria are met, otherwise your Soldier will head to Vicenza and dependents will travel within 60 days (if not possible, get orders amended to "deferred travel" ASAP).

- Dependents are [Command Sponsored](#)
- Dependents have [No-Fee Passport and Italian Visa](#)
- Family housing is available overseas

If you're traveling with children, be sure to ask your transportation coordinator on post (or commercial airline) about which kind of items can be carried onto the plane, such as strollers, pack-n-plays, and car seats.

NOTE ABOUT ARRIVAL: Most flights arrive in Venice, but some go to Aviano AFB. If you fly to Venice, try to arrive during operating hours of the [Army's free shuttle to post](#).

NOTE ABOUT PETS: Remember that arranging and paying for pet travel is your responsibility. Pet travel expenses are not reimbursed. Learn more about [PCSing with pets](#).

Definitely bring snacks on your flight, and also bring:

- Medical, dental, and school records
- Important family documents, esp. birth & marriage
- Pet documentation, pet food and supplies
- Contact info for your overseas sponsor, hotel, etc.
- International adapters (great for overseas layovers)
- Kids favorite PJs, clothes, toys, games, books



Ederle Inn



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[Ederle Inn](#)

Total Rooms: 131

Pet Rooms: 27

Suites: 65

- Mini (fits 5); Family (fits 6); Extra Large (fits 7)

Nightly Pet Fee: \$3.00/night per pet

Pet Cleaning Fee: \$50 one-time fee per family with pets

Amenities: microwave, fridge, stovetop, and Wi-Fi, free laundry, free breakfast

NOTE: Lodging costs for pets are at your own expense.

Make a reservation ASAP - even WITHOUT orders

- **Who:** Soldier, Soldier's sponsor, or spouse can make a reservation (credit card info needed on file to confirm reservation).
- **What:** To make your reservation email the Inn with your Soldier's name, arrival date, number of people, ages and number of kids (if any), pets (if any), and contact info.
- **When:** Make reservations up to 6 months in advance without PCS Orders (orders needed at check in). The Inn recommends making reservations for 45 days. Most families stay in a hotel for 30-35 days before moving into a home.
- **How much:** Soldiers will not need to submit paperwork for reimbursement of simple hotel fees because you are staying in government lodging on post and will not be billed. However you are responsible for paying pet or other fees incurred.

Find out about [Off-Post Lodging](#) options.



Off-Post Lodging Overseas



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Off-Post Lodging near Caserma Ederle

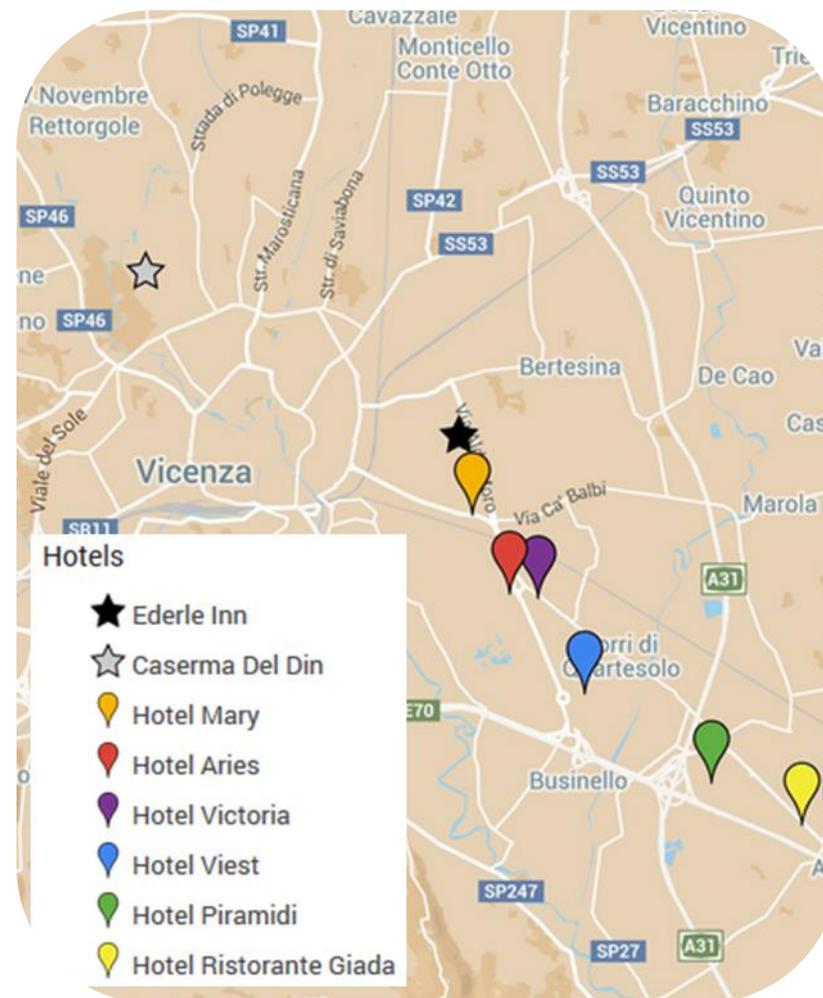
Most families will need to book overseas lodging at a local hotel due to limited space at the Ederle Inn. The Inn recommends the local hotels listed below because they accept TLA paperwork indicating that Soldiers are not required to pay Italian hotel taxes. Remember:

- Reserve your room for at least 35 days
- Book a room at or below your TLA rate so you don't pay any money out of pocket
- Hotel pet fees are not reimbursable

Local Hotels

Hotel Website	To CPF*	Family Suites	Pet Rooms	Breakfast	Laundry	Wi-Fi	Kitchen
Hotel Mary	0.9 miles	Y	Y	Y	\$	Y	Y
Hotel Aries	1.9 miles	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Hotel Victoria	1.9 miles	Y	Y	Y	\$	Y	Y
Hotel Viest	3.2 miles	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
Hotel Piramidi	4.4 miles	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Hotel Giada	4.8 miles	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N

*Distance is from hotel to Central Processing Facility (CPF) next to the Ederle Inn using Chapel Gate entrance.





Spouse Sponsors

Have questions about PCSing to Italy? Just like your Soldier has a sponsor, you can have a Spouse Sponsor to help you and your family during your PCS. Spouse Sponsors are volunteer spouses from the 173rd BDE whose Soldiers are members of the same battalion or headquarters section as your Soldier.

Sponsors aren't just a great resource person, but they're a friend you'll have waiting for you in Italy!

If you'd like a Spouse Sponsor, send an email requesting one to your [173rd FRG Leader](#) or to our 173rd Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs) with:

- Your name & contact info
- Your Soldier's unit in Vicenza

FRSA Email: usarmy.vicenza.173-abn-bde.mbx.bde-frsa@mail.mil

Family Readiness Groups ([FRGs](#))

Want to get to know some spouses at your Soldier's new unit in Vicenza before you even get there? Send an email to your [173rd FRG Leader](#) or to our 173rd FRSAs (email above) to get connected to your FRG. When you arrive, you can get involved in monthly gatherings, care teams, sponsoring a new family, and more!

Student to Student (S2S) Programs

Get your kids connected with new friends overseas before they even leave the U.S. to help ease their transition. The Vicenza military school community offers a youth sponsorship program to connect your son or daughter with a peer at their new school in Vicenza, Italy.

All students who volunteer to be a sponsor must meet certain criteria, including:

- Complete S2S sponsor training
- Maintain a certain GPA with no failing grades
- Be a positive role model for incoming students

Student to Student (S2S) Sponsor Program

- For 9th-12th grade students

Junior Student to Student (JS2S) Sponsor Program

- For middle school students

To request a sponsor, visit [Youth Sponsorship and Transition Support](#) and scroll down to the bottom.

NOTE: These programs are only available during the school year. If you PCS during the summer, consider enrolling your kids in ACS's [Teenvenuti](#) Program once you've arrived.



Ship Household Goods (HHG)



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Unaccompanied Baggage ([UB](#))

Average Arrival Time: 4 weeks

UB includes smaller electronics and household comforts to help you settle in. You'll have a weight limit between 500-1,000 pounds since this shipment will travel by air.

- As part of UB weight allowance, you may also be able to mail items to your [overseas P.O. Box](#). Your Soldier may be able to be reimbursed for the cost of mailing smaller items to your new duty station in advance of your arrival. Check with your transportation office.

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Household Goods ([HHG](#))

Average Arrival Time: 8 weeks

HHG includes the remainder of all your household goods and is the biggest shipment that your family will have. Your HHG will get shipped on an ocean barge.

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HHG Storage

Italian homes aren't as small as you'd expect, but they also don't have the closet or storage space that American homes have, so keep that in mind. Also, if you have large 110v appliances, consider putting them in storage since you'll be able to borrow any major appliances from the Army.

+ UB Weight
+ HHG Weight
+ Storage Weight
= Maximum Allowance (or less)

When you add the weights of all your shipped goods, the total must not exceed your Maximum Weight Allowance.

Pro Gear does not count against your weight allowance (Soldier: Up to 2,000 lbs; Spouse: Up to 500 lbs).

Total Weight Allowance (2016)		
Grade	With Dependents	Without Dependents
O-10 to O-6	18,000	18,000
O-5/W-5	17,500	16,000
O-4/W-4	17,000	14,000
O-3/W-3	14,500	13,000
O-2/W-2	13,500	12,500
O-1/W-1	12,000	10,000
E-9	15,000	13,000
E-8	14,000	12,000
E-7	13,000	11,000
E-6	11,000	8,000
E-5	9,000	7,000
E-4	8,000	7,000
E-3 to E-1	8,000	5,000

Confirm your weight allowance to avoid excess weight fees.



Unaccompanied Baggage (UB)

This is an air freight shipment. These are the smaller household electronics, appliances, and household goods you'll want to bring with you so that you get them just as you move into your new home overseas. It takes about 4 weeks to ship your UB (and about 4 weeks to find housing if you are approved for [private housing](#)).

Consider packing these items in your UB:

Kitchen: Dishes, pots/pans, mixing bowls, casserole dish, cutting board, chopping knife, silverware, strainer, wine/beer opener, paper towels, Tupperware, cooking utensils, kitchen towels

Bath: Rugs, towels, washcloths, hand towels, workout towels, toilet paper, plastic/cloth shower curtains (even if not necessary because if you live in a place with an AC unit in a hallway, you can hang up the curtain in the doorway to keep the cool air inside the hall/bedrooms)

Bed: Pillows, sheets, mattress cover, rugs, clothes, hangers

Other: Bicycle (a must for getting around easily) and gear, [dual voltage electronics](#) (e.g. smaller TV & DVD player)

Pro Gear: Specialty books, uniforms, and equipment (Pro Gear doesn't count against [weight allowance](#))

Household Goods (HHG)

This is an ocean barge shipment that usually arrives within 8 weeks. Be sure to:

- **Be specific on your inventory forms.** If it's not listed specifically on your mover's inventory form, it doesn't exist. Create an inventory of all valuable household goods (include item, brand, model, serial number, etc.) prior to packing day. Provide your packer who will be filling out the inventory forms with your inventory sheet and explain that you want all your valuable items listed on the inventory prior to signing off on their sheet.
- **Take pictures and videos of HHG.** State the day and date on your video or show the date on pictures.
- **Packing Day:** Organize valuable items in one area and explain that all of those items must be listed on inventory sheets in order for you to sign off on your paperwork. List any damage done to your home or property during packing before signing paperwork.
- **HHG Insurance:** Find out what coverage is provided by HHG, UB, and storage providers. Follow up with your insurer to ask about any additional coverage they recommend for your goods.

Have an issue on moving day? Contact Transportation.



Ship your Vehicle



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Prep your POV for Shipment

The Army authorizes each Soldier to ship only one vehicle at government expense, regardless of family size. If you ship additional vehicles, these are at your expense.

To prepare your vehicle for shipment:

Maintenance: Change old tires, oil, and do general car maintenance before shipping.

Clean & Wash: Clean the inside and outside of your vehicle a day or so prior to shipping.

- Any tree sap or bird droppings can quickly strip off car paint if not cleaned properly

Photos & Video: Take clear photos and video of the exterior and interior of your vehicle.

- Take pictures of every angle of your vehicle to include: under front and rear bumper, wheels, roof top, antennas, navi/tech screens, and any pre-existing damage

Gas Tank: Gas tank must be exactly 1/4 full or less when you turn in your vehicle or they will turn away your car.

Remove Personal Items: Take out any personal or non-permanent accessories before dropping off your vehicle.

NOTE: Find out what damages the vehicle carrier covers and consider buying comprehensive insurance coverage for transit.

Ship your POV

To ship your vehicle overseas, you will need to drop off your vehicle at a Vehicle Processing Center (VPC).

NOTE: To make appointments, learn about shipping, or track your POV shipment, visit the official [PCS My POV](#)

Dropping Off your Vehicle for Shipment

1. Make an appointment online to drop off your POV.
2. Clean and prepare your car for drop off.
3. Bring all necessary documents to your appointment:
 - [Shipping Form](#)
 - 3 copies of your PCS Orders
 - Military or valid government ID
 - Proof of vehicle ownership (see website)
 - [POA](#) if Soldier is not present for POV drop off
4. Complete pre-inspection at VPC entrance gate.
5. Check-in at VPC to have your documents reviewed.
6. Complete vehicle inspection with VPC inspector.
 - The inspection form is your proof as to the condition of your vehicle prior to shipment. ENSURE THAT IT IS ACCURATE. Don't feel rushed by the inspectors.
7. Take your shipping summary and inspection forms - you'll need them to pick up your vehicle at the overseas VPC.



Before traveling, know which driving permits you'll need to ensure you're always covered when driving overseas.

U.S. License & Motorcycle Endorsement

To be able to apply for a SETAF license in Italy, you must first have a valid U.S. driver's license. **To make life easier, renew your driver's license before you PCS if its expiration date falls within your timeline overseas.**

To be granted permission to drive a motorcycle overseas, you must have a valid motorcycle endorsement on your U.S. license. You will not be able to get a U.S. motorcycle endorsement once overseas.

International Driving

Outside of Italy, most countries will not recognize a U.S. or SETAF license. To drive through neighboring countries, you will need to purchase either:

- **International Driving Permit** (\$20, renewed yearly)
At least 4 weeks before traveling, apply by mail or in-person at [AAA](#)  or [The NAC](#)  (the 2 agencies authorized by the State Department to issue IDPs).
- **Italian Driver's License** (~216€, valid for 10 years)
Apply once you arrive in Italy.

SETAF Driver's License

To drive in Italy, all Soldiers and Command Sponsored dependents are required to have a SETAF license. A SETAF license is not valid without a valid U.S. license. You must carry your U.S. license with your SETAF license. Only SETAF license holders are authorized to drive a SETAF registered vehicle.

SETAF licenses are only valid in NATO countries. However, not all NATO countries recognize SETAF licenses. So if you plan on traveling outside of Italy, getting an IDP or Italian driver's license is a good idea.

Visit [USAG Italy's Driving in Italy](#)  for details.

Learn about orientation and testing for a [SETAF Driver's License](#).



Set Up Overseas P.O. Box



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When stationed overseas, your Soldier is authorized a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) mail box on post and shares that box with Command Sponsored dependents. USPS provides the same services at the same rates found in the States.

Benefits of a P.O. Box before PCSing

Soldiers can request a P.O. Box before PCSing. There are a few benefits of having your box before you arrive:

- Submit a change of address before traveling so that bills and mail are forwarded without delay.
- Ship some [household goods](#) (HHG) to your mailbox before traveling so they arrive when you do.

Sign Up for a P.O. Box

Soldiers must be within 60 days of reporting to Vicenza to request a P.O. Box. To get a mail box:

- Your Soldier's Sponsor can visit the post office in person to request a box for you. OR
- With PCS Orders, request a mail box via email. Find emails for Caserma Ederle and Caserma Del Din post offices at [USAG Italy's Postal Service Center](#) .

NOTE: There is a USPS location on Caserma Ederle and one on Caserma Del Din. If your Soldier will work on Del Din, find out if you can get a box at Del Din (for convenience) - however, Soldiers in the Del Din Barracks have priority.

APO Mail Service

With USPS on post, sending mail or packages back home takes about 2 weeks using regular first class service.

Space-A Mail

If you're not in a hurry for your packages to arrive at their destination, try sending them on a Space-A flight. They'll take longer to get home, but you'll save a bunch!

Military Postal Service (MPS)

Did you buy too much at a German Christmas market and don't have room for them in your suitcase? Send letters and packages up to 70 lbs. for FREE from one APO to another APO. Read more online at the Department of the Army's [Postal Program FAQs](#) .

Receiving Packages or Letters

Because your P.O. Box operates like a regular U.S. address, your family and friends can send you packages at U.S. postage rates and avoid international charges. **DO NOT include a city or country on an APO address label.**



Before PCSing, start your family's Children, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) and school registrations (as much as possible). This will be a big help to you once you're overseas - trust us, we know! There's a lot going on when you first arrive.

Parent Central Services (PCS) at ACS

Take a few steps to begin your CYSS Registration before heading overseas. Parent Central Services at ACS manages CYSS registrations, so if you have questions, visit your local office or [email PCS at Caserma Ederle](#).

CYSS Registration Prep

Everyone must make an appointment with PCS to finalize their registration in person. To get started:

1. Initiate the CYSS registration process:
 - Go to [Webtrac](#) to start a new registration
 - Print and fill out [registration forms](#)
2. Get a CYSS Health Assessment before you PCS.
3. Are you going to need childcare? Email PCS at Caserma Ederle (see above) and request a Wait List Application form. Fill it out and email it back to PCS.

Get kids excited about their new home full of [CYSS programs](#) & [local activities](#)!

DoDEA School Registration Prep

Get started now! Once you arrive, visit the Registrar's Office to complete the registration process.

1. Print and fill out your registration packet:
 - [Elementary School](#)
 - [Middle School](#)
 - [High School](#)
2. Get a Sports Physical (if needed) before you PCS.

Our [SLOs](#) also highly recommend:

- Hand carry a copy of your student's records and IEP, even if they will be forwarded. **By federal law, parents have the right to a copy of their students' records.** When you get a copy, ask the registrar to sign over the seal and don't open them (in case you need to submit them to a new school registrar).
- Bring the name, address, & contact for prior schools
- In Italy, **IMMEDIATELY register and send kids to school** to ensure they meet minimum attendance requirements (and avoid being held back at future schools). School buses go to the Ederle Inn, Hotel Victoria & Hotel Mary.



Talk to your military vet and start planning now! Traveling with pets requires a lot of pre-planning, but we've got a great community to help. **Just remember that everyone's experience traveling with pets is different.** Visit [USAG Italy's Pet Info](#) .

Pet Travel & Restrictions

- **Breeds:** Check with a military vet or Italian Consulate regarding unconventional pet or breed restrictions.
- **Pet Travel & Costs:** All pets travel at your expense. Each family is entitled to bring 2 pets overseas.
- **Flight Booking:** The Scheduled Air Travel Office (SATO) books Soldier and family flights on Space-A and commercial airlines. Space-A flights to Italy only depart from Baltimore, MD and have very limited pet space. If you fly commercial, request SATO to book you on a pet-friendly airline (do your research!). You, however, must follow up to book pet travel. **Avoid flights through the UK as they often quarantine pets.**
- **Temperature:** If it's too cold or hot, airlines will not allow animals to travel in cargo and you may have to arrange for pets to travel after you.
- **Kennel:** Pets must be shipped in airline-approved, hard kennels with screw-bolt closures and breathing holes on all four sides with room to turn around.
- **Arrival:** Pre-arrange [transportation](#) from VCE to post if your pet's kennel won't fit on/between a bus seat.

Pet Travel Documentation

Flying from other EU country

- Pet Passport & Health Certificate: Visit your military vet.

Flying from United States

- 15-code microchip: Required for dogs and cats.
- DD Form 2209: Original health certificate from a military veterinarian (recommended) or a USDA certified vet.
- Bilingual Italian health certificate
- Rabies Vaccination: Must be administered more than 20 days but less than 12 months prior to entry.

NOTE: All health forms must be dated within 10 days of arrival and be written in blue ink (bring a blue pen to the vet!).

PCS Pet Project of Italy

Check out [PCS Pet Project of Italy](#) , a non-profit organization run by military family volunteers who answer questions and provide free rides for your pets to and from VCE Airport and other local airports (donations are helpful!) when no other options exist. Two weeks' notice is required.

Definitely read their "Info & Resources" section!



Cell Phone Plans

Cell phone plans are very affordable in Italy compared to U.S. cell phone plans. For example, a monthly smartphone plan including 2 GB of data, 400 min, and 600 texts only costs about 18€ (\$20) - sometimes much less!

Use Your Phone from Home!

Italy uses GMA technology, like AT&T or T-Mobile phones stateside. Other U.S. carriers, like Verizon, offer GMA phones to international travelers, but largely use CDMA technology. If your phone operates on GMA technology you can probably replace the SIM card and use it in Italy!

NOTE: Call your carrier to make sure your GMA enabled phone is “unlocked” before traveling overseas!

Major Italian Cell Phone Providers:

- Vodafone, Tim, Wind

Cell Phone Plans

- Pay-as-you-go (“Recaricabile”) plans are best
- Plans are renewed every 4 weeks (not monthly)
- Most people don’t use voicemail due to extra costs
- Set up an online account to view/change your plan
- Carriers offer U.S. calling plans
- Service outside of Italy is charged on per day basis
- Pay more into your account & avoid SIM card fees
- When you buy a plan, deactivate voicemail and SMS missed call notifications to avoid charges.

Wireless Store on Post

Caserma Ederle (PX) and Caserma Del Din (PX Express) have a “Wind” cell phone and internet store with bilingual Italian employees that can help you choose a cell phone carrier and internet provider. Find Wind Store phone numbers in the [directory](#).

You might find additional options at local providers off post that are cheaper. Grab a pamphlet and head to the Wind Store on post or ask the ACS interpreter for help.

To sign up for a plan on post, bring:

- PCS Orders
- Military ID
- [Post Office Box Address](#)
- [Codice Fiscale](#) (Italian Social Security number)

Keep in Touch with Family Back Home

There are a number of free or cheap ways to stay in touch with family and friends in another country. Here are a few:

- WhatsApp (free texts & calls for 1 year)
- Facebook Messenger (free texts and calls)
- Skype (free chats & video calls)
- Magic Jack App (free voice calls & U.S. number)
- Vonage (costs \$, U.S. number & voice calls)

NOTE: For some apps to work, add “+1” to U.S. numbers.



Credit Cards: Chip Technology

Chip cards have a metallic computer chip imbedded in the card which creates a unique transaction code for each purchase. Unlike a chip card, traditional cards have magnetic strips that store the same customer data which is used for every transaction. Whereas data stolen from a traditional card can be reused, chip card data cannot.

Request chip credit and debit cards from your bank prior to arrival for easier transactions on the economy.

Currently, there are 2 types of chip cards:

- **Chip and Pin Cards (Europe):** Insert card into machine (rather than swipe) and input pin code.
- **Chip and Signature (U.S.):** These can be used just like a chip and pin card, but you must sign a receipt before the transaction is complete.

NOTE: Most retail establishments and hotels in Europe accept traditional magnetic credit cards. However, some stand-alone kiosks may accept only chip and pin cards (rather than chip and signature or traditional cards).

Government Travel Charge Card ([GTCC](#))

All Soldiers on official government travel (not leave) status will be issued a chip and pin GTCC to use for permissible travel expenses (see Appendix G of [JTR Manual](#) ). GTCCs have no interest for 60 days, rather than the usual 30 days.

Reduced Interest Rates

When deployed or with PCS Orders, your Active Duty Soldier may be eligible for reduced interest rates on credit cards. Contact your bank to ask about reduced rates. Also, learn about [SCRA protections](#).

Foreign Transaction Fees

When deployed or with a copy of OCONUS PCS Orders, some banks will eliminate the foreign currency transaction fee on their credit and/or debit cards (usually 1-2% of purchase price). Contact your bank to learn more.

USAA Bank

If you are PCSing overseas, USAA will eliminate foreign transactions fees on credit cards (but does not do so for debit cards unless your Soldier is deployed). Visit [USAA](#)  for info. To request to eliminate this USAA fee:

1. Email or Fax a copy of PCS Orders along with the USAA Cover Sheet (go to "documents" section, "Banking", then choose Form LNSSCRA entitled, "SCRA and Military Benefits Cover Sheet").
2. Receive confirmation of approval.

Also, see [Bills, Banking & Exchange Rates](#) or [financial assistance for PCS travel](#).



What is SCRA?

In 2003, President Bush signed the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) into law and it replaced and expanded the former Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) from 1940.

The SCRA offers many protections to Service members on Activity Duty ranging from mortgages to interest rates.

The SCRA can come into play in matters relating to:

- Banking
- Foreclosures & Mortgages
- Auto loans
- Leases & Contracts
- Legal Proceedings
- Family Law Considerations
- Taxation
- Voting

SCRA Resources

For a summary of SCRA protections visit:

[Military OneSource](#)

For more detailed examples of SCRA protections, visit:

[Military Officer's Association of America](#) (MOAA)

For the nitty gritty, visit:

[United States Code](#)

To learn more about SCRA protections and whether they might apply to you prior to or during your OCONUS PCS or your Soldier's deployment, contact your [Legal Assistance Office](#) on post.



If you are flying into...

Marco Polo Venice Airport (VCE)

You arrive during regular Army shuttle service hours...

- Go through Customs doors and turn right.
- The Military Community Liaison Office is on right.
- The Airport Liaison will let you know shuttle times & bus location (exit airport, turn right, 200m away).

You arrive outside of the Army shuttle service hours...

- Prior to arrival, your Soldier should contact his or her sponsor to arrange for pick up. The sponsor can use a TMP vehicle or a personal vehicle*.

Your pet's kennel doesn't fit on or between bus seats...

Animals must travel inside kennels. If their kennel does not fit on a bus seat, you must arrange transportation.

- Same as arriving outside of shuttle service hours.
- Contact [PCS Pet Project of Italy](#)  for possible help.

Army Airport Shuttle (daily, limited hours)

A [Venice Marco Polo Airport \(VCE\) shuttle](#) is available for all military ID holders for transportation to and from post. Due to OPSEC the schedule is only available [online with a CAC](#)  card. You or your soldier can request a schedule via email from your [sponsor](#) prior to arrival.

Aviano Air Force Base

There is no Army Shuttle from Aviano AFB to post.

- Prior to arrival, your Soldier should contact his or her sponsor to arrange for pick up. The sponsor can use a TMP vehicle or a personal vehicle*.

*Your Soldier's sponsor can claim travel expenses and be reimbursed due to use of a personal vehicle.

If your Soldier cannot get in touch with his or her sponsor ahead of time, request a TMP vehicle pick up at Aviano:

Contact: Ms. Wakefield, CPF Manager (Caserma Ederle)

When: No later than 24-48 hours prior to arrival

What: Include family size, # of luggage, pets, etc.

Email: Melissa.c.wakefield.civ@mail.mil



Arrival & Sign-In

As soon as you arrive at Caserma Ederle, it is important that your Soldier “sign in” because your Soldier will then be able to start in-processing (search for housing, get reimbursed for travel, etc.).

NOTE: If your Soldier waits a few days to sign in, then those few days of lodging may not be reimbursed (as if you were on “leave” and not on official military PCS travel).

Sign-In Procedure:

1. Arrivals during Duty Hours
 - Arrive at Caserma Ederle from airport
 - Go to Central Processing Facility (CPF) across from Ederle Inn to get Leave Form signed
2. Arrivals after Duty Hours
 - Soldier should notify sponsor ahead of time
 - Visit Staff Duty. Or, Soldier’s sponsor can call [Staff Duty Phone Number](#)  for instructions.

Stay Connected without an Italian Cell!

If you’re bringing a tablet or smartphone from home, give your sponsors your current email or phone number (even if inactive) and set up a [free Wi-Fi messaging app](#) before arriving. **Be sure to add the “+” in front of all country codes (e.g., +39 for Italy) or some apps might not work.**

Soldier In-Processing

Soldiers are given 2 weeks to in-process and are provided a detailed schedule of in-processing activities.

Spouses are encouraged to attend briefings, like:

- Passport, Visa, & Soggiorno Briefing
- ACS Newcomer Orientation (CYSS, School, Vet, etc.)
- Medical Benvenuti at Health Clinic
- Briefing on Legal Office, Banks & Dental Care
- Commander’s Welcome Brief

TIP: Incoming families get 16 hours of free care per child! Contact [Parent Central Services](#) at ACS for details.

Family Welcome Activities

- **Meet & Greet at Ederle Inn:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Garrison Commander and agency representatives are there to answer your questions!
- **ACS Benvenuti:** Get immersed in Italian culture and learn your way around during this 3-day outing.
- **ACS Teenvenuti:** Middle schoolers and high schoolers will meet new friends, visit their schools and learn to navigate school and local buses.
- **ACS Beginner’s Italian Class**

Learn about these [welcome activities](#) and more!



OCONUS Allowances

Your Soldier will receive certain allowances for being assigned to an airborne brigade and may receive other allowances for being stationed overseas.

Parachute Duty Pay [Find](#)

This rewards Soldiers for continuing to perform parachute duty. All Soldiers in an airborne unit receive this pay.

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) [Find](#)

OHA is only provided to those in private rentals. This rate fluctuates monthly and has 3 main components: rental allowance, maintenance allowance, and move-in housing allowance. [See the detailed breakdown of OHA](#)

Overseas Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) [Find](#)

COLA helps to offset the higher overseas price of goods and services. All Soldiers receive COLA.

Family Separation Allowance (FSA) [Find](#)

FSA compensates Soldiers for added expenses incurred in the event of forced family separation (see chart on right).

What's the value of your dollar?

Participate in OHA surveys (every year) in May and COLA surveys (every 3 years) in October at [USAG Italy](#). Your answers about your local spending power help determine if a new (lower or higher) allowance will apply next year!

Check Orders for Tour & Family Travel

Some allowances depend on the type of tour your Soldier will serve and the type of family travel authorized.

ACCOMPANIED TOUR (with dependents)

Concurrent Travel	BAH	OHA	COLA	FSA
With Soldier	No	Yes	Yes	n/a
Within 60 days of Soldier	No ⁷	Yes	Yes ¹	No

Deferred Travel

61+ days after Soldier	Yes	Yes ^{1,2}	Yes ¹	Yes ³
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UNACCOMPANIED TOUR (without dependents)

"All Others" Tour

Elected by Soldier	Yes	Yes ^{4,5}	Yes ⁵	No
Elected by Soldier due to denial of Command Sponsorship of family	Yes	Yes ^{4,5}	Yes ⁵	Yes ⁶

¹ Soldier receives "without dependent" rate until family arrives.

² E-6 and below will live in barracks until family arrives. E-7 and above will be allowed to find housing.

³ FSA is paid in full upon family arrival overseas. From date of family travel authorization, FSA will end in 60 days or when family arrives.

⁴ E-6 and below will live in barracks. E-7 and above will live in housing.

⁵ Soldier receives "without dependent" rate.

⁶ FSA will be paid on monthly basis only if CS is denied due to EFMP.

⁷ BAH ends as of Soldier flight date, regardless of family travel timing.



Travel Allowances: Keep the Receipts!

During in-processing your Soldier will fill out a Travel Voucher for DLA, Travel Per Diem, reimbursable expenses, and TLE. Funds are direct deposited in 10 days.

Dislocation Allowance (DLA) [Find](#)

DLA helps to cover part of the costs of moving. DLA is based on rank, time in service, and dependent status.

Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) [Find](#) & [Calculate](#)

TLE is meant to reimburse up to 5 days of CONUS gov't lodging and meals within vicinity of current duty station.

Meals & Incidentals (ME/I) [Find](#)

You'll get 2 days (flight day & arrival day) of [ME/I](#). Rates:

- Soldier: (75% of ME/I rate) x 2
- Spouse/Dependents 12+: (75% of Soldier's ME/I) x 2
- Dependents under 12: (50% of Soldier's ME/I) x 2

Reimbursable Expenses (Check with TMO for details)

Reimbursable expenses could include flights, mileage to the airport or pre-approved excess baggage fees. Expenses associated with pet travel (vet, passport, pet hotel fees) or rental cars are not reimbursed. Keep all receipts.

Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) [Find](#) & [Calculate](#)

TLA reimburses Soldiers for OCONUS government lodging and meals in 10-day increments. In Italy, the average is 30 days. To be reimbursed for hotel nights, your Soldier must sign-in upon arrival then [submit TLA forms](#) every 10 days.

How do we pay for all our travel?

If your family needs financial assistance to help pay for travel expenses before your Soldier is reimbursed or paid travel allowances, check out these options:

Government Travel Charge Card ([GTCC](#))

All Soldiers on official government travel will be issued a GTCC for permissible travel expenses (see Appendix G of [JTR Manual](#)). Before PCSing, your Soldier should consult the unit's travel card manager for details. GTCCs may not be used while on leave status during a PCS. There is no interest for 60 days on GTCCs. In most cases, your Soldier will be reimbursed in time to pay GTCC bill within 60 days.

Army Emergency Relief ([AER](#)) [Visit ACS for info](#)

AER can provide financial assistance to ALL Active Duty Soldiers, retirees, and their Spouse and dependents for relocation travel, funerals, car repair, utilities, medical care, etc. Visit ACS for Info. Assistance can be in form of:

- Interest-free loan (monthly repayment required)
- Grant (no repayment required)
- Combination of interest-free loan and grant

Base Pay Advance

Review all other options before considering a base pay advance since an advance increases the current month's pay by borrowing from a future month's pay (meaning a big check this month and a small paycheck next month!).

Submitted on Travel Voucher



Overseas TLA reimbursement



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Your Soldier must submit TLA paperwork every 10 days in order to get reimbursed for overseas temporary lodging and meal costs. Although not recommended, your Soldier can request a Base Pay Advance from Finance to pay expenses.

Ederle Inn: The Inn is paid directly by Finance. Your Soldier must submit TLA forms for the meal portion of TLA reimbursement.

Off-Post Hotels: Be sure that you do not pay hotel taxes other than the city tax of 2 Euros/person per night for the first 5 days.

Pay Hotel Directly then Get Reimbursed

1. 10-day Non-Availability Statement from Ederle Inn: You must return to Inn every 10 days for new one.
2. Give a copy of your Statement to your Hotel.
3. Hotel Payment: Pay every 10 days. Bill must show zero balance. Dates on Hotel bill (“fattura”) & receipt must be same as Statement from Inn.

**NOTE: Request to pay in Euros, not U.S. Dollars.
Hotel fees and exchange rates are not favorable.**

4. Housing Memo: Bring PCS Orders, Statement of Non-Availability and paid hotel bill/receipt to Housing Office to get Housing Memo.
5. Finance Office: Submit Orders, ORIGINAL COLOR COPY of Statement of Non-Availability, hotel fattura/receipt, and housing memo to CPF Finance Office. Ask for copies of all documents.

*If receipts are processed by 20th of month, your Soldier may be reimbursed as soon as next month’s pay period.

Get a Base Pay Advance then Pay Hotel

1. 10-day Non-Availability Statement from Ederle Inn: You must return to Inn every 10 days for new one.
2. Give copy of Statement to your Hotel.
3. Request Hotel Bill Memo every 10 days: Dates on hotel memo must match Statement from Inn.
4. Housing Memo: Bring PCS Orders, Statement of Non-Availability and hotel bill memo to Housing Office to get Housing Memo.
5. Get Base Pay Advance: Submit Orders, ORIGINAL COLOR COPY of Statement of Non-Availability, hotel memo, and housing memo to CPF Finance Office. Ask for copies of all documents.
6. Pay Hotel: Bill must show zero balance and dates on Hotel bill & receipt must match Statement from Inn.
7. Finance Office: Bring Orders and copy of hotel bill & receipt and submit to CPF Finance Office. Ask for copies of all documents.



Do NOT fly to Italy without an Italian Missione (D) Visa.

Family members in Italy without proper documents will have to return to the United States to complete them at their own expense. Italian Visas cannot be issued in Italy.

Permesso di Soggiorno (Permit of Stay)

In order to enter and remain in Italy for more than 90 days (maximum time permitted with a tourist passport), dependents are required to have 2 sets of documents:

- **Before travel:** [No-Fee Passport with Italian Visa](#)
- **After arrival:** Soggiorno (renewed yearly)

Codice Fiscale

A Codice Fiscale is like an Italian Social Security Number and allows you to sign up for certain services on the Italian economy, such as registering children in Italian schools or sports clubs or signing up for utilities/internet.

- Soldiers receive a Codice Fiscale at in-processing
- Dependents receive a Codice Fiscale on Soggiorno

TIP: With passports and a form, Housing Office can provide a Codice Fiscale for kids and spouses if a Soggiorno is not ready yet.

Soggiorno Application Process

Within 8 days of arrival, all family members (ages 14 and older) must visit the Soggiorno Office at Caserma Ederle. Do not wait to have a housing contract to start the application. Your Soldier is not required to be present.

1. Visit Soggiorno Office within 8 days of arrival. Bring:
 - 4 Soggiorno (not passport) photos per person
 - Free photos at the Ederle [Photo Lab](#) (CAC)
 - Passports + Italian Visas
 - U.S. Citizen: No-Fee Passport + Italian Visa
 - Non-U.S./EU.: Foreign Passport + Italian Visa
 - PCS Orders containing dependents' names (or Orders + Command Sponsorship Memo)
 - Signed copy of housing contract
 - Copy of Soldier's ID (front/back) + Family IDs
 - Expiring Permesso di Soggiorno (if applies)
 - [Special Cases](#): Original Marriage & Birth Certificates & Affidavit from [Legal Office](#).
2. Fingerprints: Required after all materials are submitted and processed (can take 3-6 months).
3. You are emailed when Soggiorno is ready to pick up.

Soggiorno applications can take 6+ months to process.



Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS)

CYS Services provides childcare and development programs for children, youth, and teens that support health and fitness, youth development, instructional programs and school transitions and education. The focus of CYSS programming is to support military families and thereby help sustain mission readiness. Check out [CYSS](#) and their [Parent Handbook](#).

Parent Central Services (PCS) at ACS

To initiate the CYSS registration process, log on to [Webtrac](#), print and fill out [registration forms](#), or visit PCS once you're in Italy. To complete your registration, you must then set up an in-person appointment with PCS.

CYSS Registration Materials

- ID card & PCS orders (or deployment orders)
- Your Soldier's Social Security Number
- Parent/Guardian's home and work contact info
- Military & personal email addresses
- Two local Emergency contacts (other than parents)
- Immunization records
- Proof of income (all working household members)
- Childcare Fees form (5th grade & below)
- Teen form (6th-12th grade)
- Health Screening Tool/SNAP/MAPS
- Health Assessment/Sports Physical

NOTE: Don't forget to renew CYSS registration every year.

CYSS Childcare & Youth Centers

[CYSS Childcare](#) and [Youth Centers](#) offer daytime and after school care as well as weekend & summer activities.

- CDC (6 weeks-kindergarten) Villaggio & Ederle
- Family Childcare (4 weeks-12 years) Villaggio
- School Age Center (1st-5th grade) Villaggio
- Youth Center (6th-12th grade) Villaggio
- Teen Center (9th-12th grade) Caserma Ederle

TIP: Incoming families get 16 hours of free care per child.

CYSS Trips, Activities, & Classes

- [Skies Unlimited](#) has great activities for all ages
- [Sports & Fitness](#) offers athletic programs
- [The Edge!](#) CYSS/MWR activities
- [Hired!](#) Workforce prep for ages 15-18

Learn about [School Registration](#) and [DOD, Home, & Italian School](#) options.



DoDEA School Registration

You or your Soldier must visit the Registrar's Office to complete the school registration process. Before you go, print and fill out the registration packet for the DoDEA [Elementary School](#), [Middle School](#), [High School](#).

DoDEA School Registration Materials

- ID
 - PCS Orders with family members' names listed
 - Children's birth certificates (Kinder & 1st grade only)
 - Children's passports (high school students only)
 - Immunization records
 - [Copy of previous school records](#)
 - Copy of standardized test scores
 - DoDEA-600 Student Registration Form
 - DoDEA-600B & F4 ESL Forms
 - DoDEA-700 Consent Form
 - Request for School Records (from previous schools)
 - DoDEA 2942.0 -M-F1 Student Health Form
 - School Transportation Form
- If applicable:**
- Copy of Individual Education Plan (IEP) & 504 Plan
 - Sports physical for athletic activities (6th-12th only)
 - Reduced Lunch Application (need Soldier's pay stub)

CYSS School Liaison Officer ([SLO Email](#))

Your SLO is one of the BEST resources you can find when transitioning to a new school. SLOs can help with:

- **School transition assistance:** Connect with your SLO *before* and *after* you move. Visit, call, or email them at Parent Central Services inside ACS.
- **Link between schools, families, & command:** SLOs are subject matter resource experts for grades K-12 and can help address educational issues and needs.
- **Homeschool support:** SLOs offer info on federal and local policies & help families access CYSS resources.
- **Post-Secondary preparation and guidance**

SLOs can also connect you with available educational resources, such as:

- EFMP and developmental intervention resources
- Child & Youth Behavioral Program led by MFLCs
- Elementary and Adolescent Support Counselors
- School Lunch Program
- [Student to Student Sponsorship](#)

Learn all about options & resources for [DOD, Home, & Italian Schools.](#)



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School Liaison Officers: If you have questions or are in need of support or guidance regarding any of these options, get in touch with a CYSS [School Liaison Officer](#) (SLO), a subject matter expert on local schooling options for grades K-12.

Facebook: Check out the list of [Vicenza education Facebook groups](#) within the military community as another resource.

DoDEA Schools

[Vicenza High School](#)

[Vicenza Middle School](#)

[Vicenza Elementary School](#)

The Elementary school has an Italian Language Emersion program. Scroll to [Youth Transition](#) for more info.

CYSS Early Start Programs

- Sure Start & PSCD Preschool
- Strong Beginnings Pre-K

For more info, visit CYSS [Pre-School Options](#) and scroll down.

PTSA

Join the Parent Teacher Student Association ([PTSA](#)) and learn the latest info about Vicenza schools.

Italian Schools

Asilo (infants & toddlers)
Scuola Materna (preschool & kinder)
Scuola Elementare (elementary)
Scuola Media (middle school)
Scuola Superiore (high school)

For detailed info about Italian Schools, connect with your SLO or visit Parent Central Services at ACS and pick up the “Italian School Experience” pamphlet.

NOTE: Make sure you and your kids have a [Codice Fiscale](#) to register kids in Italian schools, clubs, or activities.

Homeschooling

Connect with your SLO for:

- Local resources
- Federal & local policies
- Curriculum guidelines
- Education Standards

Visit CYSS online and scroll down to [Homeschooling](#) for loads of info and resources from your SLOs, like:

- Vicenza homeschool groups
- Homeschooling in Italy
- Participation in specific DoD School & CYSS programs
- Curriculum resources



Here's a quick overview of important topics related to driving in Italy. Check out the links for more detailed info.

[SETAF Driver's License](#)

All Soldiers and Command Sponsored families must have a SETAF license to drive a registered vehicle in Italy.

[POV Pick Up, Registration, & Road Taxes](#)

Each family, regardless of the number of dependents, is allowed to register one primary vehicle without paying Italian road taxes. This is usually your vehicle with the largest gas tank. This ensures you receive the highest fuel coupon allotment for your largest vehicle.

NOTE: A maximum of 3 vehicle registrations is permitted per tour. You must pay Italian road taxes for each vehicle beyond your primary. Your Soldier will need written permission for more than 3 registrations, e.g. when you sell 1 of your 3 cars and buy another car (4th registration).

[Fuel Coupons](#)

Vouchers ("buono" or "coupon") are used to buy fuel (or oil) on the economy because there are no gas stations on military installations in Italy. You are allotted a specific number of liters based on your primary registered vehicle's engine size. Fuel coupons are only valid for your primary registered vehicle and cannot be sold or shared.

Winter Driving Requirements

From about Nov 1 - Apr 30, Italian law requires that you carry tire chains in your car or that you install Mud and Snow tires (M + S noted on tire wall) on your vehicle.

[Autostrada & Telepass](#)

In Italy, you'll pay tolls to use the major highways. You can purchase a Telepass which is an electronic device you put in your window to use the fast pass lanes.

[Zona Traffico Limitato \(ZTL\)](#)

ZTLs are found in town squares or centers and have special signs posted which are often accompanied by painted markings on the ground. Driving in a ZTL means big fines for vehicles without a special permit.

Traffic Citations

Traffic cameras are abundant in Italy. Traffic tickets can be issued up to one year AFTER a violation occurs.

NOTE: Pay your fine at an Italian Post Office within 5 days of receiving your citation and you'll receive a 30% discount. Bring your ID and a copy of your Passport.



To drive in Italy, all Soldiers and Command Sponsored dependents are required to have a SETAF license. A SETAF license is not valid without a valid U.S. license. You must carry your U.S. license with your SETAF license. Only SETAF license holders are authorized to drive a SETAF registered vehicle.

Driving in Italy

To drive in Italy, you must have 2 types of licenses:

- Current U.S. driver's license
- SETAF driver's license

SETAF License Application Requirements

1. Be 18 years of age or older with a valid U.S. license.
2. Driver's Orientation: Italian driving law class (2 hours)
 - Study Italian signs at [Stripes Road Guide for Italy](#)
 - Study the [Drivers Training Manual](#) (See box #2)
3. Written test*: 50 traffic law & 50 road sign questions.
Passing: You can only miss 4 traffic & 4 sign questions.

To take the test (and receive license afterwards), bring:

- Completed form from driver's training
- U.S. license
- Military ID
- PCS Orders

***PCSing from a NATO command in Europe:** To get a SETAF license, you must attend driver's orientation and then turn in your NATO/AFI license. A written test is not required.

Driving Outside of Host Nation

SETAF driver's licenses are only valid in Italy and other NATO countries. However, not all NATO countries recognize SETAF licenses. So if you plan to travel outside of Italy, you'll need one of the following:

- **Italian Driver's License** (~216€, valid for 10 years)
Apply once you arrive in Italy at the Driver's License Office on the 2nd floor of the CPF building.
- **International Driving Permit** (\$20, renewed yearly)
If you're overseas already, you must apply or renew your IDP by mail. For an application and mailing instructions, visit either:
 - [AAA](#)
 - [The NAC](#)

NOTE: The U.S. Department of State authorizes only these two agencies to issue IDPs.

Visit [USAG Italy's Driving in Italy](#)
for more details.



Vehicle Arrival & Registration



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Don't forget: You'll need to register your vehicles annually in order to get a new fuel card each year to purchase fuel/oil coupons. Also, insurance isn't cheap, so make a few calls to see who has the best rates for your make and model.

Vehicle Insurance Coverage in Italy:

Italy has the highest rates in Europe. However, in Italy only liability insurance is required and optional coverage includes towing, comprehensive, collision, and personal medical coverage. Ask what's included in your policy.

NOTE: Only the Italian Auto Club is able to provide towing services on the Autostrada.

Vehicle Pick Up, Inspection, and Registration

You'll travel between the VPC and Caserma Ederle multiple times to complete this process. If your Soldier isn't able to pick up your vehicle then you'll need a [POA](#) to pick it up on your Soldier's behalf.

VPC: Located at Torri di Quartesolo. Warehouse is at the far right end of facility. Use the [free Army shuttle](#) to get to the VPC.

VPC Registration Office: Same location as the VPC. Office building is straight ahead on left when you first enter facility.

Army Inspection Area: Gated area located behind Community Bank off of main road of Caserma Ederle.

1. **Get License Plate Number:** Bring POV shipment paperwork, car title, orders, and ID to the Vehicle Registration Office to begin paperwork. Then, you will be asked to walk over to the VPC (inspection warehouse) to get your plate size and then walk back to the Registration Office to get your plate number.

NOTE: There are 2 sizes of plates for SETAF vehicles: square and rectangular. Rectangular plates blend in best since all Italians have this style. If you are told to get square plates, ask if it is at all possible to apply rectangular plates instead.



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2. **Request Insurance Card:** Call your insurer and provide your new plate number in order to set up your insurance policy. Call USAA while at the VPC and they will issue you proof of insurance instantly via email. Geico will fax proof of insurance to the Car Sales Office (on Caserma Ederle across from the Commissary) which you will need to pick up.
3. **Pick Up Registration & Plates:** Show your insurance card, POV shipping paperwork (including inspection sheet), Orders, Title and ID to the Registration Office. You will receive your license plates and registration. Keep registration in the vehicle at all times. Pay fees: \$20USD + 5€. Cash is best because the card machine breaks down often.
4. **VPC Inspection:** After getting your plates, walk over to the inspection area to complete a vehicle damage inspection.
NOTE: During inspection, the inspector should give you the inspection sheet (back side of original pre-departure inspection form filled out at stateside VPC) for you to write down any damages you see on your vehicle. Do not let the inspector persuade you not to write things down or to only write down damages that they agree with. There is a specific section for YOU to write down any damages and a separate section for THEM to write down what they agree to cover. Any disagreements can be handled later by [JAG](#).
NOTE: DO NOT LEAVE VPC before completing your inspection. Some VPC inspectors recommend that you get your car washed first to make it easier to see damage. DO NOT DO THIS. List all damage prior to departing VPC with your vehicle.
5. **Inspection Copy:** Walk back to the Registration Office to submit inspection form. Request a copy.
6. **License Plate Installation:** Go to Auto Skills Center to get free plate frames and have license plates installed for free.
7. **Army Vehicle Inspection:** Bring your registration paperwork, orders, ID, insurance information, and required orange vest and warning triangle for vehicle. A first aid kit is required if traveling to Germany or other countries. A flashlight is recommended but not required.
NOTE: Inspections begin at 1200. Get there at least 15 minutes early. Expect to wait ~20 minutes per vehicle in line.
8. **Vehicle Registration & Fuel Coupon Card:** Return to vehicle Registration Office to submit Army inspection form and pick up your fuel coupon card. Request a copy of inspection forms for your records.
9. **Fuel Coupon Card:** See "[Fuel and Oil Coupons](#)" section below.



Fuel & Oil Coupons

Fuel and oil vouchers are used instead of cash or debit cards to buy vehicle fuel or oil on the economy. There are no gas stations on military installations in Italy.

Fuel coupon prices exclude Italian taxes, reducing fuel costs by about 40%. Fuel coupons are only authorized for one primary SETAF registered vehicle. The number of liters you are able to purchase each month depends on your vehicle's engine size. Learn [how to buy fuel coupons](#).

Where to Use Fuel Coupons

Coupons are accepted at only 2 Italian gas chains, AGIP and ENI. Coupons are not valid outside of Italy.

NOTE: Always ask BEFORE pumping gas if the station accepts coupons. Only Autostrada AGIP and ENI stations are required to accept the coupons, and often only local stations near post will recognize or accept them.

Gas Station Hours

To use gas coupons there must be a gas attendant present.

Mon-Sat: Closed between 1200-1430

Sunday and Holidays: Autostrada stations are open 24/7.

NOTE: Autostrada gas attendants are on duty every day, but only during usual business hours.

One-time Newcomer Fuel Coupons

Don't buy fuel on the economy when you first get here! If you are driving around town in a rental vehicle or you are in possession of your own vehicle but have not completed your vehicle registration process, you can sign up for a one-time purchase of newcomer fuel coupons to avoid paying for gas out-of-pocket at the "with tax" rate.

The newcomer fuel coupons do not count against your monthly allotment of fuel coupons.

Here's how to get them:

1. Go to Logistics, building 63 on Caserma Ederle (across from Auto Skills Center): Enter and go to the last door on the right.
2. Bring PCS Orders and vehicle registration paperwork (or rental car contract) to get a fuel coupon card.
3. Take your card to the PX and buy some coupons!

Fuel Coupon Expiration & Refunds

Coupons purchased from Customer Service at the PX are valid until Sept 30 of every year, regardless of the month in which you bought them. Any unused coupons can be returned for a refund at the original purchase price (noted on the front of your coupon booklet). Returns of unused coupons must be made by Nov 20 each year.



Buying Fuel Coupons at the PX and Pumping Gas Off Post

1. **Fuel Card:** The card authorizes you to buy a certain number of liters of fuel per month based on vehicle engine size. Submit your Fuel Card (provided by Vehicle Registration Office upon completion of [vehicle registration](#)) or the Newcomer Fuel Card (given by Logistics, Building 63 across from Auto Skills) to Customer Service at the PX.
2. **Purchase Fuel Coupons:** After turning in your fuel card to the PX, you can buy fuel coupon booklets from Customer Service at the PX. The vouchers come in booklets of 100 liters or 200 liters with denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 liter coupons. Fuel Coupon prices are fixed at the beginning of each month.
3. **Gas Stations:** Coupons are only accepted at AGIP and ENI stations.
ALWAYS show your voucher to gas station attendants PRIOR to pumping fuel to confirm they accept the coupons.
4. **Pump Fuel:** If your vehicle takes unleaded gas, only use Green “Super” pumps.
Do not use “Super S” or “Super+” otherwise you will have to pay out-of-pocket for fuel.
“Benzina” = Unleaded Gas
“Gasolio” = Diesel

Green Pump: Super Unleaded Gasoline (95 Octane), Super-S (98), or Super+ (100)
Yellow Pump: Diesel
Blue: Diesel+
5. **Provide Fuel Coupon:** After pumping, just sign, date, and add your license plate number to a coupon and give it to the gas station attendant. Done!

NOTE: Self-Service pumps are labeled “Fai da Te”. At full service “Servito” pumps, there’s no need to tip - but maybe think about your gas attendants around the holidays the same way you would your mailman!

NOTE: Fuel cards are good for one year. To get a new fuel card each year, you must submit an updated Army vehicle inspection & insurance card to the Vehicle Registration Office every year.



Autostrada & Telepass



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Toll Payment Methods

1. Cash
 - Enter Autostrada: Push red button. Take ticket.
 - Exit Autostrada: Insert Ticket. Throw required change in bucket or insert bills. Gate will lift.
2. Card: Debit, Credit, or Via Card (pre-paid toll card)
 - Same process as above, but with card.
 - Buy Via Cards at Punto Blu points, tobacco shops, toll booth operators, Autogrills, highway gas stations

NOTE: Chip cards present fewest issues at booths.

3. Telepass: Device attaches to window and debits your account when you drive through a Telepass lane.
 - Enter Autostrada: Camera scans window device.
 - Exit Autostrada: Camera scans window device. When the camera validates device and the light is green, you can go.



Calculate Italian Autostrada Fees

Visit the [Autostrada website](#) to estimate tolls. In far left column, input your departure and arrival city and submit.

Where to buy a Telepass

- [Vicenza Ovest Punto Blu](#) autostrada station. Toll fees are automatically debited from your account. Fees may apply.
- BNL on post. Toll fees are automatically debited from your account. Extra set up and service charges apply.

NOTE: Telepass holders sometimes complain that cameras don't consistently scan their window device, meaning you could pay extra fees later if you go through the gate without getting a green light. Just know that if you don't get a green light, it's difficult to back out of Telepass lane to get over to cash/credit lane due to the multitude of cars behind you.



What is a Zona Traffico Limitato?

ZTLs are limited traffic zones meant to reduce traffic and pollution and improve pedestrian safety in busy city centers. Some ZTLs are in effect 24/7 while other cities may implement ZTL rules only during rush hour. Learn to read and identify ZTL signs along with any exceptions listed.

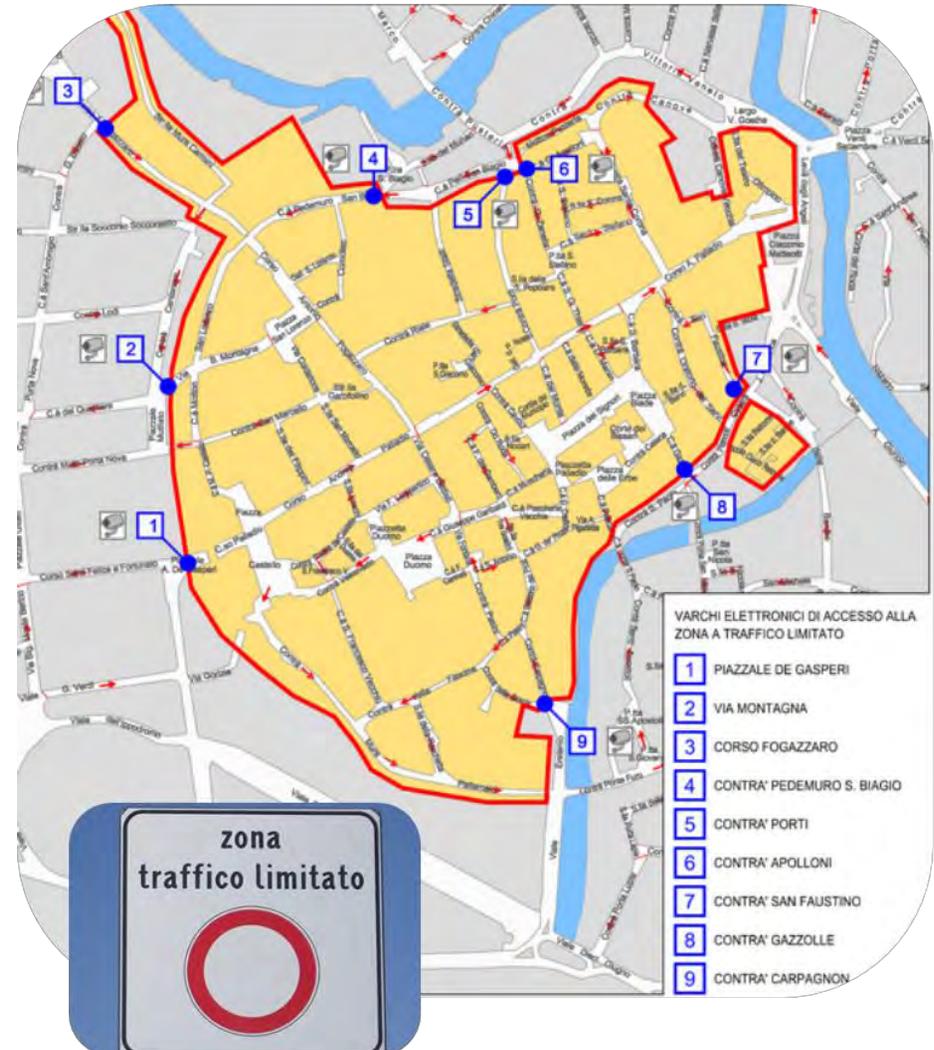
Avoid steep fines by learning to recognize ZTLs:

- Look for posted ZTL signs and road markings
- Only authorized resident vehicles may travel in ZTLs
- Zones are monitored by cameras
- Tickets are issued automatically to registered owner
- Tickets can be issued up to 1 year after incident
- You are fined for entering AND exiting ZTLs
- Don't trust GPS to warn you about ZTLs
- ZTLs are often on one-way or narrow city streets and difficult to back out of... so, know the roads!

TIP: Google "City Name + Zona Traffico Limitato" to find a ZTL Map of an area you are visiting.

NOTE: If you plan on living in downtown Vicenza, you will be issued a permit that allows you to enter the ZTL.

Downtown Vicenza ZTL Map





Finding a Home



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Get ready. Set. Go start your housing search... and be patient.

Depending on your Soldier's rank and the availability of government housing, you will have one of 3 housing options.

Official Housing Policy: If your family qualifies to live on Villaggio and housing is available, you must accept it. If no homes are available on Villaggio you must live in a government-leased home as long as there are at least 2 government leased homes to choose from. If no government homes are available then your family will be allowed to search for private housing.



Villaggio Gov't Housing (No OHA)

Villaggio is a gated military community that is not part of Caserma Ederle but is connected to it via a regular shuttle bus and walking path. Military ID is required to enter. The gov't pays all rent and utilities.

Facilities at Villaggio:

- Schools & CDC
- Teen Center
- Shoppette
- U-Do-It Center



Government Leased Housing (No OHA)

These are private homes within the local community that meet particular standards and which are leased to the Army.

You do not pay any rent or utilities because the government covers these costs for you. As such, you will not receive any Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA).



Private Housing (OHA)

These are private homes vetted by Housing or found by a realtor. You are responsible for rent and utilities. To receive [OHA](#), your Soldier must submit a copy of your lease to the S1 (prior to 20th in order to receive OHA at next pay period). Search for private homes with:

- www.homes.mil
- Private realtor (fee: 1 month's rent + 22% tax is at your own expense). Housing has a list of realtors.



Searching for private housing can be a lengthy process. Don't rush. Be patient and you'll find just what you're looking for. Regardless of where you live, being stationed in Italy is a unique opportunity, so take advantage of every moment here!

Private House Hunting Process

1. **Quarters Eligibility Meeting at CPF:** The first step is to determine what kind of housing your family is eligible for. Depending on your Soldier's rank, you may be required to live in Villaggio housing or government-leased housing. If neither is available, then before the meeting ends you will be given a date to attend a private rental briefing at Housing.
2. **Housing Brief:** This presentation explains the private rental process.

NOTE: The Housing building is located just outside the "Housing Gate" off post in a yellow building behind iron gates.

3. **Search www.homes.mil** : Set up an online account and search private rental listings vetted by Housing. OR **Search with a realtor:** Housing has a list of recommended realtors. When you find a home, Housing will help you negotiate and finalize your rental contract. All realtor fees are at your own expense (usually 1 month's rent + 22% tax).
 - Many homes are bigger than you would imagine, however they don't have much, if any, closet or storage space.
4. **House Viewing:** If using homes.mil, you must make requests to view a home in person at the Housing Office.
 - Each requested home is put on hold (maximum of 2 at one time), meaning it cannot be viewed by other families.
 - An interpreter will pick you up at Housing or ACS and take you to see your requested home(s).
 - After viewing a home, you have 24 hours to decide if you want to rent it, otherwise it becomes available to all.
 - You may see a total of 4-5 homes with a Housing interpreter.

TIP: If you have your car, sit down with a Housing Office staff member and ask for the addresses of the homes you're interested in. Then, you can pass by the homes to see if you'd actually like to visit them with an interpreter.

5. **[Before Choosing a Home](#):** Don't take the first thing you see, but don't pass up a good thing either. Notify housing within 24 hours of viewing a home to let them know you would like to rent it, otherwise it goes back on the market.
6. **[Negotiating your Rental Contract](#):** Make all the necessary preparations *before* walking into your contract negotiation.



When you're looking at private rentals, read through the lists below to make sure you don't overlook anything.

What to consider BEFORE

- Is a school transportation stop close to the home?
- Have any tenants had problems with the landlord?
- Are the AC units cleaned and maintained yearly?
- Are there sufficient AC units?
- Are there hookups for U.S. washer and dryers?
- Ask to see previous years electric, gas, water bills
- Is there city electricity/gas such as AIM (cheaper)?
- Is there space for pets (inside and outside)?
- Is garage height and width sufficient for your car?
- Have allergies? Are there many farms nearby?
- Is the garage door and property gate controlled by electric? Is it also manual in case of power outages?
- What is the home's Energy Rating? Rating is on a scale of A-G. A is excellent, G is poor. The better the grade, the more energy efficient and less you'll pay to heat/cool your home. An old home might be an E while newer homes might be a B. A home with an A likely has solar panels. Energy costs can be high for a large home with an E-F rating, so choose wisely.

TIP: Before [negotiations](#), ask Housing for the comments left by previous tenants about the landlord and the home.

What to negotiate into your Contract

Kitchen

Additional electrical outlets
Updated cabinets and countertops

General

Window screens*
Ceiling fans and curtains
Additional AC units
Smoke, Natural Gas, and Carbon Monoxide Detectors
AFN satellite installation *and* maintenance
Additional locks or safety features if needed
Security Bars or Alarm System
Pets can't be denied, but you might want it in writing

Outdoors

Lawn, tree, or hedge clipping (be specific)
Fencing (for the benefit of kids or pets)
Mosquito sprayings
Pool maintenance
Electric/manual property gate

*Mosquitoes are rampant in Italy during warm months, especially the aggressive Asian tiger mosquito. Window and/or door screens are a must where possible.



Once you decide on a rental, call or visit Housing as soon as possible to start the lease process.

Private Housing Negotiations

- 1. Phone Negotiation Appointment:** Housing will set up a time and date for you to meet with a bilingual staff member versed in rental contract negotiations. With you present, Housing staff will negotiate your contract over the phone with the Italian landlord. If everyone agrees to the conditions of the contract, all parties will come back to sign the lease.
 - a. [Come prepared!](#)** Bring all your home repair/update requests with you. If it is not in your contract, there is very little chance of making changes later to the property/contract.
- 2. Lease Signing:** After negotiations, you will come back to Housing, usually within a week, to meet in person with your Housing negotiator and landlord. This will be a 2-3 hour meeting to review and sign the final lease agreement.
- 3. Utilities Set Up:** On the day of the contract signing, Housing will make appointments for you to set up gas, water, and electric. You'll also choose temporary furniture (warehouse is behind [VPC Inspection facility](#)) to use prior to HHG arrival.
- 4. Home Inspection:** After signing your contract, a Housing interpreter will drive you to the rental home one more time to complete a home inspection with the landlord. You will receive house keys that day, but will not be able to move in yet.
 - a. Read before signing!** Make sure any problems, malfunctioning equipment (check AC units run cold, etc.), and damage to property (flooring, walls, appliances, etc.) are noted on the inspection paperwork before you sign it.
- 5. Deposit:** Prior to moving in you must pay the landlord a deposit equal to 1 month's rent. Submit a copy of your deposit payment to Housing.
- 6. Move in! Delivery of Temp Furniture:** Your requested temporary furniture, including any necessary appliances, will be delivered to your rental home by an Italian moving company, with at least one English speaker, contracted by the Army.
- 7. Pick up of Temp Furniture:** Call at least 4-5 days in advance of [HHG arrival](#) to have temporary furniture picked up. Movers will come again to pick up your appliances prior to moving out. Furniture Warehouse: 0444-61-7813/7811.



Soggiorno

All Command Sponsored dependents are required to apply for a [Soggiorno](#) permit in order to stay in Italy. Your lease contract is part of that application. The landlord has 30 days from the date your rental contract was signed to submit the lease to the city, have it stamped, and then send a copy to you. You then have 90 days to bring the necessary documents and your lease to the Soggiorno Office in the CPF Building at Caserma Ederle to finalize your Soggiorno application.

Renter's Insurance

In Italy, tenants are responsible for fire damage (without evidence to contrary). It's recommended that you purchase a fire insurance policy that covers damage to the rental property and your personal possessions in case of a fire. Tenants are also liable for any damages caused by guests, family, or pets. Insure your household goods and rental property accordingly.

Smoke, Carbon Monoxide, Natural Gas Detectors

These devices are not required by law in Italian homes. Consider buying a smoke detector as well as dual Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Alarm (in the event of a gas leak). If you have any questions, visit the Fire Department on post.

U-Do-It Center & Lending Closet

All military families can borrow equipment (like lawn mowers!) for 24-48 hours from the U-Do-It Center located on Villaggio. Bring your orders and your Soldier to sign up. With a copy of orders and a military ID, the Lending Closet at ACS will loan basic home goods, such as toasters, vacuums, and cribs, to incoming and outgoing families for 30 days.

[How to Pay Rent and Bills](#)

Keep a record of ALL rental and utility payments during your time in Italy. Bill notices and even payments are easily lost or misrouted. Your own proof of payment may be the only evidence to prove you paid your bills on time. If you pay bills electronically, saving a copy of your payment summary after each transaction is a great record.

NOTE: It's a good idea to set up an online account for each of your utility/internet/cable companies. Check these accounts periodically to keep tabs on due dates (sometimes bills don't arrive on time or at all).



Housing Allowance (OHA)



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Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) is more complex than your typical stateside Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). Only families renting private homes on the economy will receive OHA. Families living in Villaggio government housing or government leased housing will not receive OHA because the government pays all rent and utility expenses.

OHA INCLUDES MULTIPLE ALLOWANCES

Only military members assigned to privately leased housing on the economy will receive OHA. There are 3 elements of OHA:

1. **Rent:** Monthly (\$ for \$)

You will not keep any allowance above your actual rent. If your rent is lower than the allowance, it is in your best interest to negotiate upgrades into your contract and pay more up to your allowance ceiling.

NOTE: Renting a property above your maximum allowance requires command sign-off.

2. **Utility and Maintenance:** Monthly (lump sum)

If you are responsible for all your utilities, you will receive the full amount every month.

3. **Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA):** One-time

There are 3 possible MIHAs and you may receive some or all depending on your private rental.

- MIHA Miscellaneous (lump sum)
- MIHA Security (\$ for \$)
- MIHA Paint & Repair (\$ for \$, for landlord)

MIHA Allowance Details

MIHA Miscellaneous is a one-time lump sum payment meant to defray the costs of moving in to an Italian home. It is meant for you to purchase things you wouldn't otherwise need if you were in the United States, like electric transformers, utility installation charges, window screens (if not in contract), curtains, etc.

MIHA Security must first be authorized and is a one-time dollar for dollar reimbursement paid to your Soldier for the purchase of items used to improve the security of your home, such as security bars or alarm systems. Keep receipts of all your security expenses.

MIHA Painting Fee is a one-time fee equal to one month's rent. Your Soldier is responsible for paying the entire Painting Fee to the landlord. Provide the Housing Office with a copy of your payment to the landlord for your file.

For more info, check out DOD's online

[OHA Calculator](#)  or [OHA FAQs](#) .



If you live in Villaggio housing or in a government leased house, you won't pay for any utilities. However, if you rent from an Italian landlord, you'll set up (with the help of an interpreter from Housing) and [pay for your utilities](#).

NOTE: Italian bills are sent about every 2 months. You may only have a week to pay once the bill arrives - watch your mailbox!

NOTE: Utility and internet set up fees can be fairly high, so save up for your initial utility and cable or internet installation fees.

Electricity

Electricity Fee Schedule*

High Rate Time: 0800-1900, M-F

Low Rate Time: 1900-0800, M-F; Sat, Sun, Italian holidays

* Confirm fee schedule with your electricity provider.

Private Rental Electricity

Italian households have lower energy needs and their homes are often unable to handle high energy demands (e.g., dryer + dishwasher + microwave at once).

However, a government-leased home or private rental must meet the minimum requirement of 4.0 kilowatts, but can range from 4.0-6.6kW.

For about \$300 you can increase the available kilowatts in your rental. The higher the kW the greater the number of large appliances you can run at one time. But, be aware that with a higher range of kW can mean a higher fee for electricity. Ask your electricity provider.

Signing up for Electricity

1. **Appointment:** An interpreter from the Housing Office will take you to sign up for your electricity. This appointment will be scheduled on the day you sign your lease agreement.
2. **Electric Appt:** An interpreter assists you in setting up your contract in person with the electric company. This takes about 15 minutes.
3. **Contract:** About 10 days after signing up for electricity, you will get an initial bill and contract in the mail. You must take the contract to housing and sign it. Housing will submit the contract on your behalf to the electric company.

NOTE: Enel Energy contract fee is 72 Euro plus a refundable deposit of 31 Euro. Other companies' rates may differ.

NOTE: If the interpreter has to bring many other service members to set up electric, you may want to drive to the electric company (very close to Caserma Ederle) so that you can leave when you're done.



Water

If you're in a private rental, you will pay water bills directly to your Italian landlord through your local bank. Keep a receipt of all your bill payments.

If you haven't received a water bill from your landlord, be sure to ask him or her for a copy and pay it as soon as possible. Bills may arrive every 2-3 months or every 6 months.

NOTE: Water in Italy is much harder than in the U.S.

Internet

Ask your landlord during your contract signing to recommend the best internet provider for your area.

Possible Providers (other options may be available)

ADSL: Tim, Wind, Vodafone, Fast Web, Trivenet, Infostrada

Satellite: Telemar, Open Skies

Sign up for internet at the "Wind" Cell Phone Store on post and make your installation appointment as soon as you sign your housing contract. The average time to get an installation appointment is 2-4 weeks from your request. However, they are cancelled often. Once installed, internet can sometimes take 3-7 days to work.

NOTE: Sometimes off-post shops have cheaper options. Take info to ACS's translator for help understanding plans.

Heating

Italian homes are heated either by natural gas, oil, or wood/pellet stoves. Most homes use radiators to heat each room while newer homes have heated floors.

Radiator TIP: Turn the radiator's knob clockwise to close it, a.k.a. to turn it "off".

Oil TIP: If your home uses oil, find out when the best time of the year is to purchase your oil in bulk.

Billing TIP: If you think your heating bills will be very high, considering signing up in the Fall for the Utility Tax Exemption Program ([UTEF](#)) through the Tax Relief Office (TRO) on Caserma Ederle to eliminate taxes on your bill.

Cable

[American Forces Network](#)  (AFN) **Satellite TV:** Free. AFN requires a satellite and cable box. A box is issued along with 1 transformer at the temporary furnishing warehouse behind the VPC Inspection warehouse.

- Negotiate dish installation/maintenance into lease

TKS Cable/Internet: This German company provides English language programming and billing. There is no VAT tax and no contract. Office is in same building as laundry services on Caserma Ederle (across from post office).

Sky (Italian) Cable: Definitely great for learning Italian!



United States vs. European Electricity:

USA: 110-120 Volts 60 hertz

Europe: 220-240 Volts 50 hertz

220V outlets: Govt-leased quarters and private rentals

110V + 220V: Villaggio housing, barracks, buildings on post

Illegal Frequencies (check your devices)

Official CE Mark



Chinese Export Mark



In Italy, it is illegal to use wireless devices such as cordless phones, baby monitors or walkie-talkies that do not apply European standards (CE). Italian inspectors regularly monitor illegal frequencies. Fines are €1,000+.

Dual Voltage (& Hertz) Devices

If a device is dual voltage/hertz it only requires a simple plug adapter. If your device is dual voltage/hertz, its power source will be labeled: **“110-240V, 50-60Hz”**.

Lamps: The Dual Voltage Exception

Lamps generally do not need to be dual voltage to work in Europe. Change your 110v lamp’s U.S. lightbulb to a European bulb, add a plug adapter, and plug in. Easy!

Adapter vs. Converter vs. Transformer

Plug Adapter: Allows dual voltage electronics to fit into electrical outlet of host nation without voltage conversion. Ensure the plug can handle the item’s wattage.

In Italy it’s hard to find a U.S. to Italian adapter, so sometimes you’ll have to use 2 adapters:

German Schuko



Italian



1. Plug U.S. device into German SCHUKO adapter
2. Plug German adapter into Italian plug.

Converter: Used to adjust voltage (not hertz) for light-duty electronics that don’t require grounding. Use only for an hour or so and unplug when done. Not recommended.

Transformer: Used to adjust voltage (not hertz) for electronics with chips or circuit boards. It can be used continuously. Ensure the total wattage of items plugged in does not exceed the max wattage of the transformer.

NOTE: For clocks and high-dollar 110v electronics or those that are only dual voltage (and not dual hertz) you are better off storing the item instead of using a transformer. Because transformers do not convert frequency (Hz) they can wear out electronic circuits and motors. This also prevents them from keeping accurate time on 110v clocks.



Save BIG on your home heating bill!

Utility Tax Exemption Program (UTEP)

If you live in a private rental, the Tax Relief Office (TRO) has a Utility Tax Exemption Program (UTEP) for methane gas (City Gas) and liquid propane gas (GPL). By signing up for the program, you won't have to pay the Italian taxes on your heating bill.

To enroll in the UTEP program, the Tax Relief Office requires a yearly service fee of \$232.00 since TRO is a Non-Appropriated Fund function.

This program is beneficial only if your annual savings would be enough to at least cover the annual UTEP fee.

Read about these programs online under the “Useful Information” section of the [Tax Relief Office](#) or visit them on post at Caserma Ederle.

Save BIG on household purchases!

IVA Sales Tax Exemption Program

The IVA exemption program lets you purchase certain items from participating retailers without paying the 21 - 22% Value Added Tax (IVA). The IVA exemption applies to household items that you plan to take back to the United States when you leave Italy.

The minimum total purchase amount required to receive the IVA exemption is €150.00 at a single vendor in Italy. Please keep in mind that it is voluntary for any vendor to participate in tax-free transactions.

Apply for a Tax Exempt Purchase:

1. Visit TRO for detailed instructions.
2. Visit the retailer and get an estimate (“preventivo”) listing the cost of your items with and without IVA.
3. Get a bank check for the amount of the purchase without IVA.
4. Take the estimate and bank check to the TRO Office to fill out the IVA Exemption paperwork.
5. Pay a \$10 program fee to TRO.
6. Take the sealed envelope with the IVA Exemption paperwork and bank check to the retailer.
7. Take your items home!



HHG Arrival



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1. **HHG Arrival Email:** Your soldier will receive an email once your HHGs have arrived. Your soldier has 3 hours to respond to the email requesting your ideal delivery date. Dates book fast during the peak summer PCS season.
2. **Schedule Temporary Furniture Pick Up:** Call the Warehouse (0444-61-7806/7811) at least 3 days before desired pick up.
3. **Before Unpacking:** Let the movers know what you expect.
 - Do you only want them to unload boxes? Unpack all or some boxes?
 - Are rooms labeled to help with where boxes need to go?
 - Be thankful for their work and perhaps offer refreshing drinks and snacks!
4. **Unloading:** Ensure each box that shipped has arrived. Check off each numbered item on the inventory list as it's unloaded.
NOTE: If you're lucky and have 2 people handy, put one by the truck to coordinate unloading (and check boxes off the inventory list!) and another inside to help indicate where to put boxes and what to unpack.
5. **Unpacking:** Make sure movers take all trash with them. It's in their contract!
6. **Inspect Home/Gate Entrance:** Sometimes movers accidentally damage your home or property. You must make note of it on your paperwork on the day the movers arrive to ensure that you are not held liable for the damages.
7. **Sign Paperwork:** If you're missing boxes, have damaged items, note all of this on your paperwork in the comments section before signing (don't worry, if you notice something later you can still file a claim). Get copies of all the paperwork.
NOTE: Don't let movers talk you out of listing damage done to your goods or property on the day they unpacked. Also, take pictures of any damages as you find them because you will need these photos to submit a damage claim.
8. **Transportation Management Office (TMO) Moving Survey:** A Quality Control Inspector from the Army's TMO will visit your home to do a survey usually within a week of the movers arriving. They welcome honest feedback.
9. **Claims:** You have 75 days (including the day the movers arrive) to submit an initial damage claim. Then, complete your claim within 9 months of delivery to be eligible for full replacement value (or within 2 years and get depreciated value). You'll need to submit photos and purchase receipts for damaged items. Keep any paperwork until all claims are processed.

If you have any issues on moving day, contact: Transportation Office (Ederle) at 0444-61-7696/7638/7639/7637/7641/7642.



Medical & Dental In-Processing

Once in Italy, your Soldier will need to fill out paperwork during in-processing to ensure your family members are enrolled in Tricare to receive health care.

1. **TriCare Prime Overseas Enrollment:** Bring a copy of PCS Orders. Your Soldier will receive enrollment forms for him or herself as well as any Command Sponsored dependents during in-processing.
2. **Records:** Submit all medical and dental records to the Medical Records desk at the Caserma Ederle clinic.

TIP: All Soldiers and their dependents are eligible to receive a copy of their entire medical file one time per year. Ask for copies from the medical records clerk for any new documents added to a file on yearly basis.

3. **Medical Benvenuti:** Soldiers must attend this brief to learn about medical care overseas. **Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

Visit the [Vicenza Army Health Center](#)  for:

- Medical Benvenuti presentation
- What to expect when you're expecting in Italy
- Guide to host nation care
- Online appointment link
- Sign up for Relay Health and get direct online access to your doctor, labs, history, and more

Vicenza Health Clinic on Caserma Ederle

The Clinic has a range of services provided during regular duty hours. However, there are no ER or [OB or childbirth services](#) at the Clinic on post.

ER Services & Off-Post Medical Care

There are no ER services on post. The San Bortolo Hospital in downtown Vicenza currently serves as the emergency medical facility for the Vicenza U.S. military community. Patient Liaisons are available 24/7 to translate conversations between patients and Italian medical staff.

Patient Liaison/Interpreter Phone: 0444 75-3300 (24/7)

Location: San Bortolo Hospital, Viale Ferinando Rodolfi, 37

Off-Post & After-Hours Pharmacies

Pharmacies in Italy (and Europe) have an excellent reputation. In Italy, pharmacies operate after hours on a rotating schedule to ensure a pharmacy is always open. To find the nearest after-hour pharmacy, check the sign on any pharmacy door or see a list of [Farmacia di Turno](#) .

Also, if you have a minor issue and can describe it, you may be able to get a prescription directly from a local pharmacist. Pharmacists often speak a little English, but it helps to come prepared with descriptions of how you feel in the local language.



Pregnancy Overseas

While the Vicenza Health Clinic at Caserma Ederle has pregnancy testing, it does not provide OB or Child Delivery services. For these services, families can choose from either:

- Local Italian Hospitals (often San Bortolo in Vicenza)
- Aviano AFB in Italy (2.5 hours north of Vicenza)

NOTE: Interpreters are available 24/7 at San Bortolo Hospital and many OB doctors speak some English

Prenatal Care

There are 3 options for prenatal care:

- San Bortolo Hospital in Vicenza
- Casa di Cura Eretenia
- Vicenza Health Clinic (with Aviano providers). Some visits required at Aviano AFB (2.5 hours away).

Childbirth

There are multiple delivery options:

- San Bortolo Hospital
- Padova or Verona University Hospital
- Storknest at Aviano AFB
- Storknest at Landstuhl Medical Center (Germany)
- Return to Continental United States (CONUS)

For more in depth info, check out the Vicenza Army Health Clinic's guide to [Prenatal Care and Childbirth in Italy](#) .

Birth Registration & TRICARE Enrollment

In Vicenza, you only have 10 days to register your baby's birth at Vicenza City Hall ("Municipio"), including the day the baby was born. To do so, you'll need:

1. Original Birth Certificate: You'll receive this while still at the hospital.
2. City Hall Appointment (if born in Vicenza): First, contact the Red Cross at Caserma Ederle to make an appointment to register your baby for an Italian Birth Certificate. Bring to the City Hall appointment:
 - Soldier's military ID
 - Spouse passport
 - Marriage License
 - Original certificate of birth from hospital

NOTE: If the parents are married, only one parent must be present to register the baby at City Hall. If the parents are not married, both must be present.

3. DEERS/Tricare: With the Italian Birth Certificate, first visit CPF to register your baby in DEERS and then visit the Health Clinic's Tricare Enrollment Office to register your baby in Tricare Prime.

NOTE: If your Soldier cannot be present to register your baby in DEERS, you must have a [POA](#).

NOTE: Process differs for sites outside of Vicenza.



Make sure you understand Italian regulations and requirements for pets. To learn more, visit [USAG Italy's Pet Info](#) .

Italian Pet Regulations

- Certain breeds are not allowed in Italy or Europe.
- Shelter for pets is required.
- Pets may not be tied up and left unattended.
- Cats must be kept indoors at all times.
- Pets must be leashed during walks.
- Pets must always have access to food & water.
- Dogs & cats are required to be microchipped.
- Dogs & cats must be vaccinated for rabies annually. Rabies tags should be kept on the animal always. Your pet can be identified by its microchip or rabies tag if brought into a vet.
- Due to climate conditions, pets must be on heartworm preventative medicine as well as flea and tick control medicine at all times.

Longare Army Vet Clinic

Vet services are provided on Longare, an Army base located 20 minutes south of Caserma Ederle. There are no kennel services, no walk-in services and no emergency pet care available, so be sure to identify a private vet clinic in case of emergencies. Contact the clinic at 0444-61-8272.

Arrival in Italy

Pets are not quarantined upon arrival in Italy if all shots and Health Certificates are up to date. However, if your plane has a connection in the United Kingdom, it is possible that it may be required to undergo quarantine.

Please avoid connecting flights through the UK.

Registration of all pets within 10 days of arrival in Italy is mandatory.

Pet Registration

Visit the satellite Vet Clinic on post at Longare to register your pets in Italy and receive a Pet Passport:

- Bring all pet travel documentation to your visit
- Bring Rabies vaccination certificate
- Take pet to vet for updated vaccines and a physical (Must get shots specific to Vicenza area.)
- Follow Vet instructions to obtain Pet Passport (needed for PCSing back to United States).

TIP: Check out [Longare's Vet Clinic Facebook page](#)  in "Photos" then "Albums" for kennels, ER vets, and more.



Bills, Banking & Exchange Rates



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Local Banking

To pay Italian bills by means other than cash, you'll need a local bank account. Three credit unions that offer Italian banking have offices on post. Learn about [paying bills and exchanges rates](#) with your Italian bank card.

TIP: Pay bills directly through your utility company's website with your Italian chip/pin card and avoid the bank's bill pay fees!

BANKS ON POST	Online Account Language	Hours	Account Currency	Chip & Pin Card	Caserma Ederle	Caserma Del Din	Online Bill Pay Fee	Teller Bill Pay Fee	Money Order Fee	Monthly Fee	Set Up Fee	Closure Fee	Telepass
 Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL)	Italian	M-F 0830-1320 1430-1600	€	✓	✓	No	0€	1€	€	€	10€	€	€
 Community Bank	English	M-F 0900-1600	\$	✓	✓	✓	\$1	\$2	\$	No	No	No	No
 Global Credit Union	English	M-F 0900-1700	\$	✓	✓	ATM	No	\$6	\$2	No	\$20	No	No

Each bank has different products and services. For details, visit them on post or ask your sponsor for more information on fees, exchange rates, wait times, English-speaking staff, etc.



Paying Italian Bills

There are a few ways that you can pay your bills in Italy:

- **Tobacco Store** (“Tabaccheria”): ~2€ fee/bill
Take your bill to the counter of a tobacco store and pay your bill with cash or debit card.
- **Bank Teller**: ~2€ fee/bill
Take the payment stub from your bill to your bank. They’ll deduct the bill amount from your bank account and transfer it to the utility company.
- **Online Bank Transfer**: ~1€ fee/bill
Ask your local bank how to setup “payee” accounts so that you can pay your utilities from home online. In the memo line of every online payment, **ALWAYS include your account number (“codice cliente”) and bill number (“numero Fattura”)**. Without this info your payment could get lost with no way for the payee (e.g., utility company) to track it down.
- **Online via Company Website**: Free.
You’ll have to have a credit card issued by an Italian bank. Italian companies cannot allow you to pay your bills online via credit card unless you have a credit card issued by an Italian financial institution.

ATM (“Bancomat”) Exchange Rates

When getting Euros from an ATM, the exchange rate is generally more favorable if you take out a higher amount in a single transaction, rather than take out smaller amounts via multiple withdrawals.

NOTE: Most Debit Cards include a [foreign transaction fee](#) when converting your foreign purchase or ATM withdrawal into US dollars. Usually it’s 1-2% of the total transaction. However, for cards without a fee you may just get a lower exchange rate. Shop around for the best card.

ATMs On Post

When using an ATM on post to get Euros, BNL & Community Bank generally have better exchange rates.

There are 3 ATM options on Caserma Ederle:

- BNL, Community Bank, Global Credit Union

There are 2 ATM options on Caserma Del Din:

- Community Bank, Global Credit Union

ATMs Off Post

In general, most exchange rates at off-post ATMs will be a bit better than the rates of on-post ATMs. Use ATMs outside of banks for better rates and lower fees.



Get to Know the 173rd & Post



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173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Founded in 1915, the [173rd Airborne Brigade](#) ("Sky Soldiers") is an Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) of the United States Army based in Vicenza, Italy with elements also in Grafenwoehr, Germany. The brigade has deployed in operations around the world. The 173rd was the first American ground unit in Vietnam and on 22 February 1967, the 173rd conducted Operation Junction City, which was the only combat-parachute jump of the Vietnam War.

The 173rd is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, and is capable of projecting ready forces in 18 hours or less to conduct the full of range of military operations across the United States European, Central and Africa Commands areas of responsibility.

The 173rd IBCT (A) is headquartered in Vicenza, Italy. Four of the Brigade's six battalions are situated here at Caserma Ederle and Caserma Del Din (about 15 minutes apart).

Inaugurated in 2013, [Caserma Renato Del Din](#) was named after an Italian infantry officer killed in a raid in World War II and posthumously was awarded the Italian Gold Medal for Valor.

Caserma Carlo Ederle is the headquarters of U.S. Garrison Italy and U.S. Army Africa (AFRICOM), also known as Southern European Task Force (SETAF). It is also the center of the Vicenza Military Community ([VMC](#)) where you'll find the Commissary, PX, Arts & Crafts, movie theater, and more.



Caserma Del Din



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[Online Phone Directory](#)

For Vicenza Military Community (VMC)

- Use search box online to find most up-to-date info
- Send a message if you notice out-of-date info
- Download a pdf version

Emergency Services Contacts

Contact	Phone Number
Any Emergency	112 (anywhere in EU)
Fire Department	115
Medical Emergency	
Off Post	118 (ambulance)
On Post/Villaggio	800-064-077 (cell toll free)
San Bortolo Liaison	0444-75-3300 (24/7)
Military Police	
On or Off Post	800-064-077 (cell toll free)
Off Post	800-064-077 or 0444-71-7626
Vicenza Health Center	0444-61-9000 (Ederle duty hrs)
Nurse Advice Line	800-877-660
Chaplain	0444-71-5273
American Red Cross	1-877-272-7337 (24/7)
Domestic Abuse Advocacy	0444-71-5878
Sexual Assault Advocacy	0444-71-7272
Suicide Prevention Hotline	00800-1273-TALK (8255)

In-Processing Contacts

Contact	Phone Number
Central Processing	0444-61-7130/7131/7142/7143
Passport Office	0444-61-7135/7136
Soggiorno Office	0444-61-7137/7138/7139
Army Community Services	
Caserma Ederle	0444-71-7500
Caserma Del Din	0444-61-2725
Housing Reception	0444-61-7626/7950/7951
Vehicle Processing Center	0444-71-7760
Vehicle Registration	0444-61-7820/7821/7823
School Liaison Office	0444-71-5998

Useful Contacts

Contact	Phone Number
Housing Work Orders	
Villaggio	0444-61-8100
Government Leased	0444-71-8888
Private Rental	0444-61-7900/7901/7902
All Housing	0444-239-149 (after hours)
PX Customer Service	0444-71-8550
Europcar Rental (Ederle)	0444-505-916
“Wind” Cell Phone Store	
Caserma Ederle	0444-30-2249
Caserma Del Din	0444-02-3875

Caserma Ederle Map

Map of Caserma Ederle





Caserma Del Din Map

Map of Del Din





[Working in Italy](#) and Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA)

U.S. military members, government civilian employees, contractors, and their dependents in Italy live here pursuant to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). U.S. military members on orders do not need a passport or a visa to enter and remain in Italy. However, U.S. Government civilian employees and all dependents who are not European Union citizens are required to have a [Missione Visa](#) and [Missione Soggiorno Permit](#). The Italian government gives these documents to those individuals who are here solely for the purpose of the U.S. military mission and, therefore, have “SOFA protected” status.

With a Missione Visa and Missione Soggiorno Permit, you are eligible for [employment on base](#) with the U.S. Forces. **To be employed in Italy by someone other than the U.S. Forces (U.S. Forces would include GS, NAF, and U.S. Government contracted positions) requires an Italian Work Visa and Work Permit. This is true for both Italian businesses and American-based corporations as well.** If you choose to obtain an Italian Work Visa and Work Permit, you are declaring to the Italian government that you desire to be considered an ordinary resident of Italy. You cannot have both ordinary resident and “SOFA protected” status at the same time, regardless of whether you are a military member, civilian employee, or a dependent.

If you get a job on the Italian economy as an ordinary resident, you will no longer be entitled to any “SOFA protected” privileges, including shopping in the PX and commissary, sending mail through the Military Postal System, driving SETAF registered vehicles, and purchasing gas coupons. Per the SOFA, Article X, you are also responsible for all of the additional expenses that ordinary Italian residents incur, such as Italian income taxes, contributions to the Italian social security system, and the Italian television tax – to name a few. Perhaps most importantly, ordinary residents cannot avail themselves of foreign criminal jurisdictional assertion or waiver rights under Article VII of the NATO SOFA – this means that if you are accused of committing a crime in Italy, you’re on your own within the Italian legal system.

Activities such as baking cakes or coloring hair would not be considered a "profitable enterprise" so long as any reimbursement is limited to the cost of supplies. It is important to note that any payment for your time, labor, or expertise would be considered profit and would require a valid Italian Work Visa and permit. Italian law mandates that you have a valid Italian Work Visa and permit if you generate profit from home-based businesses (e.g., MaryKay, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, etc.), from working for U.S. corporations or other entities or even working on your computer. Furthermore, using the APO for homebased businesses is not allowed. **If you have questions, learn more from your [Legal Assistance Office](#) on post.**



Work, Volunteer, Learn



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Work

Finding employment overseas is a challenge. Make it a priority to visit the ACS Employment Readiness Manager at Caserma Ederle for:

- MSP & job alerts newsletter
- Interview & resume seminars
- Gov't & contract job websites
- [In Gear Career](#)  network

Military Spouse Preference (MSP)

At each duty station spouses can use MSP. MSP gives you greater consideration for a government job if you meet all of the [criteria](#) .

First, check "Federal Employee" when searching for GS, DoDEA, & NAF jobs at [USAJobs](#) . To apply to gov't jobs using MSP, include:

- PCS Orders listing your name
- Marriage License

NOTE: You can apply to as many jobs as you like using MSP. Once a job offer is made, you must accept it or you lose MSP until your next PCS.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to get to know others at your new home in Vicenza. Sometimes volunteering is just what you need to get your foot in the door to a great job on post!

Army Community Services

Visit ACS's Volunteer Coordinator on Caserma Ederle and sign up at [VMIS](#)  for volunteer opportunities.

Vicenza Community Club (VCC)

The [VCC](#)  raises money for our VMC through events and thrift store sales with the help of volunteers.

American Red Cross

Visit [American Red Cross](#)  on post to learn about volunteering in the clinic, post office, mail room, library, Health Promotions office, and more.

Connect with your 173rd FRG!

Get in touch with your [173rd FRG](#) to meet other spouses, get official info from your unit, and volunteer.

Learn

For adults who are interested in continuing their studies or starting them, there are a lot of resources to help you along your way.

Education

Visit the [Education Center](#)  on Caserma Ederle for:

- School Accreditation
- Examinations
- Financial Aid
- Local College Programs
- JST transcripts
- GI Bill programs

Testing

Visit the National Testing Center on Caserma Ederle if you need to complete testing prior to applying for a program. Testing fees apply.

Scholarships

- [Vicenza Community Club](#) 
- [MYCCA](#) 
- [AER](#) 



Family Readiness Groups (FRGs)



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When you move to a new duty station, especially overseas, the Army becomes your family! Get connected to your FRG to meet families from your Soldier's new unit and stay in the loop regarding official unit information and events.

What is a Family Readiness Group?

FRGs are an official command-sponsored organization and they are found at each level of the Army (companies, battalions, etc.). Although spouses are most involved in monthly FRG gatherings, FRGs are really about helping families, Soldiers, and the chain of command stay connected, especially during deployments and trainings.

FRGs provide:

- Information about Soldier's unit and community
- Support and outreach to families
- Opportunities to develop new friendships
- Volunteer opportunities:
 - FRG Leader, Treasurer, Key Caller
 - Care Team member
 - Spouse Sponsor

NOTE: Because one of the main goals of FRGs is to provide support, outreach, and official information to family members, **it's important that you provide your most up-to-date contact information to your new unit's FRG**, even if you don't plan on being an active member.

173rd Family Readiness Groups (FRGs)

Need advice about PCSing? Want to get to know some families at your Soldier's new unit? Thinking about volunteering with your FRG?

Send an email to your 173rd FRG Leader to get connected to your FRG.

- Find your [173rd FRG Contact info](#)
- Email your FRG Leader and provide:
 - Your name
 - Your Soldier's unit
 - Your email and contact info

NOTE: Don't see your Soldier's unit's FRG info listed? Send an email to our 173rd Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs) who work to support our FRGs. FRSA Email: usarmy.vicenza.173-abn-bde.mbx.bde-frsa@mail.mil



Language Help



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Greetings

Hello	Salve (formal); Ciao (informal)
Hello/Good morning	Buongiorno; Buondì (informal)
Good evening	Buona sera
How are you?	Come sta/stai? (formal/informal)
I'm (very) well, thank you.	Sto (molto) bene, grazie.
It's going great!	Va benissimo!
It's not going well.	Va male.

Goodbyes

Goodbye	Arrivederci
Bye; Bye bye	Ciao; Ciao-ciao
Have a nice day.	Buona giornata.
Have a nice evening.	Buona serata.
Good night.	Buona notte.
See you soon/later!	A presto!/A dopo!

Need some help?

Hai bisogno?	Can I help you?
Pardon me. (attention)	Mi scusi.
Do you speak English?	Parla inglese? (formal)
Can you help me?	Può aiutarmi?
Where is the restroom?	Dov'è il bagno?
How much does this cost?	Quanto costa questo?
I am...	Io sono...
I don't know.	Non so.

Language and Culture Workshops

Italian Language Classes:

- ACS (Ederle) 8-week basic Italian class (free). Sign up at ACS on Caserma Ederle and arrive 20-30 minute early on registration day because spots fill up quickly!
- USO (Ederle) Italian language course (fee-based)
- Mango Languages: free via [Army Europe library](#)
- Visit Defense Language Institute ([DLI](#))

Adult Benvenuti (3 days, once per month)

Get immersed in Italian culture and learn your way around Vicenza! Sign up at ACS on Caserma Ederle and arrive 20-30 minute early on registration day.

Adolescent "Teenvenuti" (1 afternoon)

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will visit their schools and learn to navigate school and local buses. Sign up at [Parent Central Services](#) inside ACS on Caserma Ederle.

Need more help?

Confused by bills/contracts in Italian?

Visit ACS's interpreter for free un-certified translations of bills or contracts or to help you make calls in Italian.

Certified Translations

[Military One Source](#) can provide free certified translations of documents within a few business days.



Trains

- Buy your ticket at the counter, kiosk, or online
- Validate your ticket **before** boarding
- Board the correct train and class of car
- Check Italian train schedules and prices at:
 - <http://www.italotreno.it/>
 - <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

NOTE: If you've boarded the wrong train, notify the conductor immediately and just pay the ticket difference - it's much cheaper than a fine!!

Local Buses

- Buy your tickets at "tabaccheria" stores or on bus
- Validate your ticket **after** boarding
- Use Google maps for bus schedules
- Buses are not always on time. Be patient.

Caserma Bus Shuttles (Mon-Fri)

There is a free shuttle between Villaggio, Caserma Ederle, Caserma Del Din, [VPC](#), and CIF. Due to Operations Security (OPSEC), the schedule is available [online with a CAC](#) card. Or, you or your soldier can request a schedule via email from your [sponsor](#) prior to arrival, or you can visit CPF, ACS, or ask for it at the Ederle Inn on post.

Planes

Flying throughout Europe is incredibly cheap! There are a variety of flight search engines. Here are a few:

- www.skyscanner.com
- www.whichairline.com
- www.kayak.com
- Rick Steve's [list of budget airlines](#) (scroll down)

NOTE: Discount airlines often fly to smaller airports farther from the city center. You might need to pay more for transportation into the city, so keep that in mind.

Keep in Mind:

- Pay with a debit card to avoid credit card fees (2%)
- Pay for luggage online for reduced fees
- Read baggage policy - budget airlines are strict!
- You may need to check in online to avoid extra fees

Army Airport Shuttle (daily, limited hours)

A [Venice Marco Polo Airport \(VCE\) shuttle](#) is available for all military ID holders for transportation to and from post. Due to Operations Security (OPSEC), the schedule is only available [online with a CAC](#) card. Or, you or your soldier can request a schedule via email from your [sponsor](#) prior to arrival, or you can visit CPF, ACS, or ask for it at the Ederle Inn on post.



Getting to Know Vicenza, Italy



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Vicenza is a city in northeastern Italy in the province of Veneto. It is situated between Verona and Padova, and Venice is about 45 miles to the east. It is a city of more than 100,000 with a beautiful, historic downtown area, and a modern, metropolitan area with many smaller towns closely surrounding it. Called the “City of Palladio” after the Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio who designed many of its buildings, Vicenza is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Caserma Ederle lies to the east of Vicenza and Caserma Del Din to the north of the historic downtown which can be reached by walking, biking, or a short drive. **The old city center is off-limits to motor vehicles**, except for residents and designated vehicles. Nestled between walls dating from the Middle Ages, the old city hosts many shops, restaurants and cultural attractions, such as the oldest enclosed theater in the world called the Teatro Olimpico.

Other famous cities, such as **Milan, Bologna, Florence, Parma, Genoa, Verona, Venice** and others are within a few hours’ drive, as are the Alps, the Adriatic Sea, and the borders of **Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia and France**. The city offers train and bus connections to other locations throughout Italy and abroad.

Visit Vicenza’s Official Resident and Tourism Page:
<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/utilita/en.php>



Visit MWR's Outdoor Rec and Army Community Services (ACS) at Caserma Ederle for great lists of restaurants near Vicenza and language guides for dining out.

Dining Out

The [Slow Food](#)  movement originated in Italy and it's no wonder because Italians enjoy good ingredients and savor them (over a 2-3 hour meal!) with friends and family.

Hours

- Lunch ("pausa pranzo") 1200-1430
- Dinner 1900-2030

Restaurants

- Each person is charged a 1€-3€ table fee ("coperto")
- Ask for your check ("Il conto, per favore.")
- Pay at the register, not at the table

Tipping

- Not required or expected
- For superior service, tip no more than 5-10%

Pizza

- Want pepperoni? Ask for "salamino picante"
- In Italian, "pepperoni" means bell peppers
- Mushrooms ("funghi") are fresh only if stated

Café/Bar or [Autogrills](#) (Highway Restaurants)

- Pay first then present your receipt at the counter

Grocery Shopping

Hours

- Local shops close for "riposo" from 1230-1530
- Local shops close on Sun with limited hours on Mon
- Chain stores are open all day ("orario continuato")

Carts

- Insert 1€ coin to unlock; return it & take your coin

Produce

- Always use a glove to handle produce
- Weigh your produce before checking out

Bagging

- Customers bag their own groceries
- BYOB - Bring Your Own BAGS or pay 0.10-0.50€/bag

Deli/Fish/Cheese/Pastry Counter

- Take a number and wait for it to be called
- ½ kilogram ("mezzo chilo") = 500 grams = 1.1 lbs
- 100 grams ("un etto"), 200 grams ("due etti")

Milk

- Find raw milk ("latte crudo") machines at farms
- Use www.milkmaps.com  to find milk dispensaries



Big Box Stores & Shopping



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Visit MWR’s Outdoor Rec and Army Community Services (ACS) at Caserma Ederle for great lists of shops in the Vicenza area.

Save B-I-G

Spending over 150€ at one store? Check out info on the [Tax Relief Office](#) (TRO) to learn how you can buy certain items without paying the 22% Valued Added Tax (VAT)!

Here’s a list of just some of the stores you’ll find in the Vicenza area:

Malls & Clothing

Palladio Mall
Piramidi Mall
OVS

Electronics

Auchan
Media World

Garden Centers

Viridea

“Dollar” Stores

Tiger Store in Old Vicenza
F8 Store next to Leroy Merlin
Aumai Market in Vicenza
Global Market in Caldogno

Home Goods

Gran Casa
Happy Casa
Ikea in Padova

Home Improvement

Leroy Merlin
Euro Brico

Children’s Stores

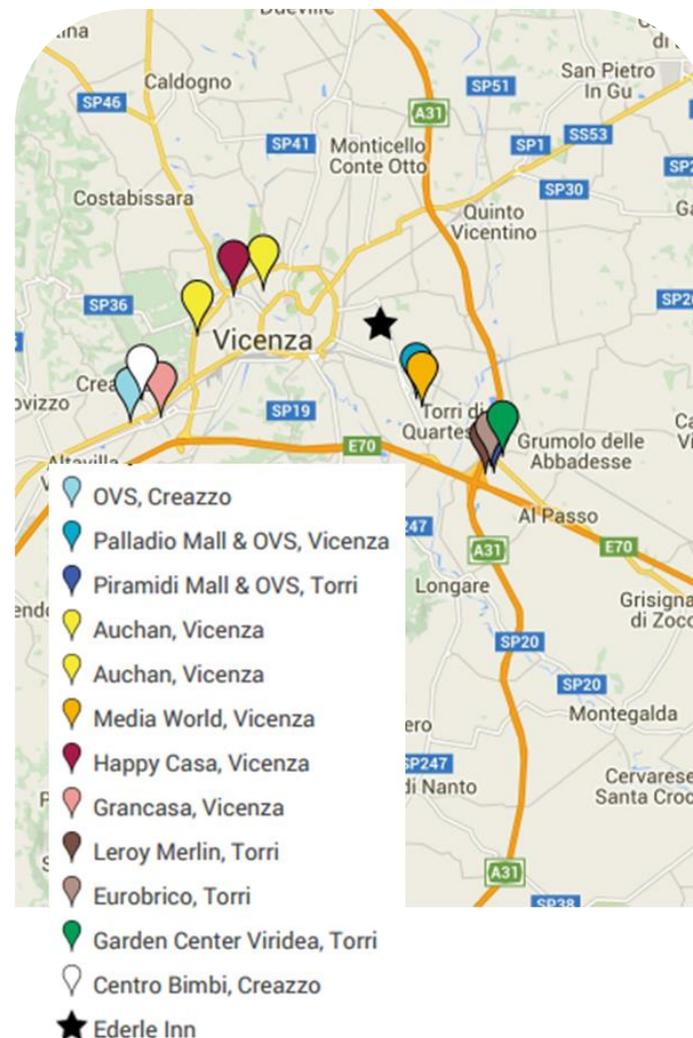
Centro Bimbi

Party Supplies

Party & Sweets in Marola

Outlet Stores

[USAG Italy’s Vicenza](#)  page





Thrift Stores & Markets



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For market guides, visit [USAG Italy's Pinterest](#) page, [USAG Italy's Vicenza Newcomer's](#) page. Also, check out online calendars for MWR's [Outdoor Rec](#) and [ACS](#), or visit them at Caserma Ederle, for shopping, dining, and travel info.

Antique Markets

("Mercatino dell'Antiquariato")

Most antique markets start at 8:30am. Some markets end at lunchtime while others extend into the early evening.

City	Market Days
Asiago	Last Sun of month
Asolo	2 nd Sat & Sun of month
Arzignano	2nd Sun of month
Caldonazzo	Every Fri (summer)
Este	3rd Sun of month
Marostica	1st Sun of month
Piazzola sul Brenta	Last Sun of month

TIP: For better prices, try markets that are farther from Vicenza.

City Markets

Hours are generally 0830-1230.

Monday

Thiene

Tuesday

Marostica
Costabissara

Wednesday

Abano
Dueville
Grisignano
Schio

Thursday

Bassano
Monte Grotto
Vicenza
Montagnana

Friday

Piazzola
Isola Vicentina

Saturday

Asiago
Bassano
Bologna
Nove
Padova
Schio
Verona

Sunday

Camisano

Thrift Stores

("Mercatino del Usato")

[VCC Thrift Store](#) (M-Th)
Caserma Ederle, across from PX

[Cooperativa Insieme Sociale](#) (M-Sat)
Via Dalla Scola, 255, Vicenza [Map](#)
(behind Caserma Ederle)

[Mercatino di Brendola](#) (T-Sat)
Piazzetta delle Risorgive, 23 [Map](#)

[Mercatopoli Costabissara](#) (T-Sun)
S.S Pasubio, 9, Costabissara [Map](#)
(near Del Din)

Websites:

- [Subito](#) (Online marketplace)
- [Bookoo](#) (Online marketplace)
- [Mercatino Usato](#) (Online & store list)
- [Mercatopoli](#) (Online & store list)

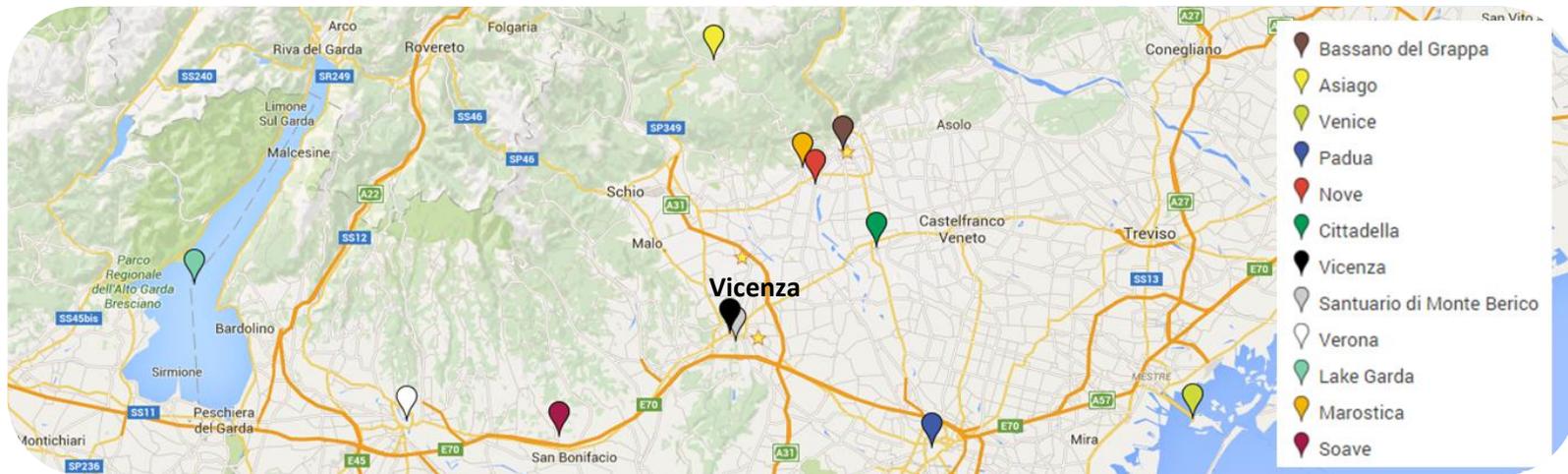


Festivals, Activities & Day Trips



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For more info on festivals and day trips, visit [USAG Italy's Pinterest](#) page, visit MWR's [Outdoor Rec calendar](#) or visit ACS in person to grab tons of great info on local activities. Check out www.livinginvicenza.com for local events and activities.





Activities for Family & Kids



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Don't forget to check out MWR's [Outdoor Rec Calendar](#) or [ACS Activity Calendar](#) online or visit in person at Caserma Ederle. Check out the bottom of [USAG Italy's Vicenza](#) Newcomer's page for lists of even more parks, too.

Activities on Caserma Ederle

[Arts & Crafts Center](#)

[Bowling](#) at the Arena

[Vicenza Community Club](#)

[Youth Center](#) at Villaggio & Caserma Ederle

Activities for Infants & Young Kids

Baby Café & Playtime at [ACS](#) on Caserma Ederle

[Magilandia Park](#) (indoors) in Galliera Veneta

[Parco Querini](#) (Bunny Park & Garden) in Vicenza

Water Parks

[Aquafollie Water Park](#) in Caorle

[Aqualandia](#) in Jesolo

[Cavour Water Park](#) in Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona)

[Padovaland Water Park](#) in Padova

Outdoor Adventure

[Jungle Adventure](#) in San Zeno di Montagna (Verona)

Outdoor ziplining and other outdoor activities

Zoos, Wildlife Parks & Aquariums

[Butterfly Arc and Fairy's Wood](#) in Montegrotto Terme

[Esapolis Museum](#) of live insects, bees & more in Padova

[Parco Faunistico Cappeller \(Zoo\)](#) in Cartigliano

[Parco Faunistico Valcorba \(Zoo\)](#) in Pozzonovo

[Parco Natura Viva \(Safari Park and Zoo\)](#) in Bussolengo

[Parco Zoo Punta Verde](#) in Lignano Sabbiadoro

[Sea Life Aquarium](#) in Lido di Jesolo

Gardens & Nature Parks

[Barbarigo Historic Garden](#) in Valsanzibio

[Grotte di Oliero](#) (Oliero Caves) in Valstagna

[Orto Botanico](#) (Botanical Garden) in Padova

[Parco delle Cascate](#) (Waterfall Park) in Molina

[Parco Giardino Sigurtà](#) in Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona)

[Varone Waterfall Cave Park and Botanic Garden](#) in Tenno

Amusement Parks

[CanevaWorld Resort](#) in Lazise sul Garda

Movieland Studios, AquaParadise, Medieval Times

[Gardaland](#) in Castelnuovo del Garda (Lake Garda)

Sea life aquarium, rides, adventure "lands" for all ages



Need some help getting ready to PCS to Italy? Check out these links to help you get moving in the right direction.

Preparing for Your Move

[U.S. Army Garrison Italy, Newcomer's Page](#)

Details on all major areas of your move to Italy

[Spouse Sponsors, Teen Sponsors, FRGs](#)

PCSing? Sign up for a sponsor and connect with your FRG!

[Plan My Move](#)

Create a personalized & detailed PCS Calendar

[Defense Personal Property System](#) (CAC required)

Use the online HHG shipping system to track your goods

[PCS My POV](#)

Make a shipping appointment and track your vehicle

[Defense Travel Management Office](#)

Calculate your travel pay & OCONUS allowances

[Military OneSource](#) and [Army OneSource](#)

Resources for all facets of your OCONUS PCS

[Military Installations](#)

Get tons of info on your new duty station. Great resource!!

Relocation Readiness Program at ACS Family Center

Go to ACS *BEFORE* and *AFTER* you move to learn about:

- PCS planning, Lending Closet, & newcomer briefings
- Foreign language & cultural workshops

Find your ACS: Click Military Installation link above, input duty station, & click on "Relocation Readiness" on left.

Family and Children

[MWR Italy](#)

Info on ACS, CYS, Outdoor Rec, sports, libraries, & more!

[TriCare Prime Overseas](#)

Click on 'submit' to learn about coverage, doctors & costs

[Military and Family Life Counseling](#) (MFLC)

No-cost, confidential, licensed counselors on post

[Medical Records Organizer](#)

Helps you organize and keep track of medical records

[Spouse Education & Career Opps](#) & [Career One Stop](#)

Military spouse info on careers, education, and moving

[Military Spouse Employment Partnership](#)

Employment advice, tools, and job listings (mainly U.S.)

[Military Youth on the Move](#)

Resources for kids and parents who are preparing to PCS

Military Kids Connect - [Parents](#) or [Kids & Teens](#)

Parental advice & activities connecting kids of similar ages

[Specialized Training of Military Parents \(STOMP\)](#)

Training for parents who have children with special needs

DoD Schools in Vicenza, Italy

[Vicenza Elementary School](#)

[Vicenza Middle School](#)

[Vicenza High School](#)



Italy Facebook Groups



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Exercise OPSEC and do not post names, units, locations, or travel timeframes of Soldiers or family members.

There are many Facebook groups for the Vicenza Military Community. Public Facebook pages can be viewed by anyone with or without an account. To search for or request to join a closed group (🔒), you must have your own Facebook account.

Official Government Pages

[US Army Garrison Italy](#)
[U.S. Army Europe](#)
[173rd Airborne Brigade](#)
[173rd Brigade Support Battalion](#)
[Vicenza Legal Assistance Office](#)
[AFN Vicenza](#)

Thrift Store & Yard Sales

[Vicenza Thrift Shop](#)
[Army Wives' Yard Sale](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Yard Sale](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Army Community Yard](#)

Pets

[Vicenza Military Pet Page](#) 🔒
[Paws and Claws Of Vicenza Italy](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility](#)

Auto

[Vicenza Beaters](#) 🔒

Vicenza Military Community (VMC)

[Vicenza Community Club](#)
[173rd Airborne Brigade Association](#) 🔒
[American Red Cross - Vicenza](#)
[Vicenza Family and MWR](#)
[USO Vicenza](#)
[Army Wives Caserma Ederle](#) 🔒

Pregnancy & Parenting

[TTC/ Expecting Army Wives of Vicenza](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Mom's Page](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Crunchy Moms- Natural Parenting](#) 🔒
[Moms Club of Vicenza](#) 🔒

Faith & Religion

[Vicenza Crossroads](#)
[St. Mark's Catholic Women, Vicenza, Italy](#) 🔒
[PWOC Vicenza. Italy](#)

Adult Education & Career Support

[Vicenza Textbook Exchange](#) 🔒
[In Gear Career--Vicenza Chapter](#) 🔒

Hobbies

[Big Country](#) 🔒
[Child Free at Vicenza](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Cooking Club](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Green Thumbs](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Italian Corner...V.I.C.](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Photo Group](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Travel Page](#) 🔒

Health

[Vicenza Civilian Healthcare](#) 🔒
[Weight Loss Buddies Vicenza Italy](#) 🔒
[CrossFit Vicenza](#)
[Hike It Out](#) 🔒

Kids

[Vicenza Playdate](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Italian Schools/Sports Parents Network](#) 🔒
[Vicenza Girl Scouts](#) 🔒
[Girl Scout Troop 37 - Vicenza, Italy](#) 🔒
[Cub Scout Pack 295 - Vicenza, Italy](#)
[Vicenza PTSA](#)