



The most up-to-date information on general entry requirements for Greece is in the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide found at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. In order to access the Guide, you will need to register for an Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System (APACS) account. This is a simple process, and access is usually granted immediately. For information specific to Greece, open the menu for U.S. European Command, found on the left-hand of the site.

Military Personnel and Dependents

Passports are not required for active-duty Navy personnel reporting on official orders.

Although the majority of military billets are unaccompanied billets, there are a small number of accompanied billets and dependents accompanying their military sponsor on a tour at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay will need a passport and are authorized a no-fee regular (blue tourist) passport.

Non-command sponsored dependents may visit during your unaccompanied assignment. According to Greek regulations, non-command sponsored dependents may not stay in Greece for more than 90 days within a six-month period, without a visa. Plan your non-command sponsored dependent travel accordingly.

Although military members who enter Greece using their official orders and military ID card are not required to have a tourist passport for leave travel within Schengen countries, not all customs agents are familiar with this process, and it can be time consuming and frustrating to sort out. Additionally, you will need a tourist passport for leave travel outside of the Schengen area. Therefore, we recommend that if you intend to travel as a tourist, to obtain a Tourist Passport PRIOR to arriving in Greece since the process is time consuming and may require additional travel to the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece.

DoD Civilian Employees and Dependents

Official passports are required for DoD civilian personnel and their dependents.

We recommend that if you intend to travel as a tourist, to obtain a Tourist Passport PRIOR to arriving in Greece since the process is time consuming and may require additional travel to the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece.

Identification Cards

Alien ID Card

All authorized personnel who will remain in Greece for more than 90 days will be issued an Alien ID Card by the Visitor Control Center (VCC).

Common Access Card (CAC) and Family Member ID Cards

DoD Civilian employees will be issued a CAC for their tour at NSA Souda Bay by the ID Card Lab. Their command-sponsored dependents will be issued a Family Member ID card. These cards allow entry onto NSA Souda Bay and authorize the use of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Commissary, and Navy Exchange services.

Military members and their command-sponsored dependents already have these access cards.

In addition to issuing ID cards, the ID Card Lab also updates information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), unlocks CACs, and provides replacement cards for lost or expired ID cards.

Hellenic Air Force 115th Combat Wing Access Badge

All authorized personnel who need recurring access to NSA Souda Bay will be issued a 115th Combat Wing Access Badge by the VCC. This badge allows entry through the Greek gate onto NSA Souda Bay.

NATO Marathi Pier Complex Access Badge

All authorized personnel who need recurring access to the NATO Marathi Pier Facility will be issued an access badge by the VCC.

The Visitor Control Center is located in Bldg. 85.

Customer Service Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The ID Card Lab is located in Bldg. 2, Second Floor.

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