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NOTICE TO THE TRADE – DeCA NOTICE 17-44

SUBJECT: Change in Fort Lee Access Policy, Effective June 15, 2017

- This information supersedes information in NTT 17-43.
- Visitors may continue using driver's licenses issued by Virginia and several other states when accessing Fort Lee until October 10, 2017, thanks to REAL ID Act enforcement extensions granted June 15 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- The 2005 law set minimum security standards for state-issued identification used for certain purposes—including visits to military installations—and prohibits federal agencies from accepting non-compliant identification cards for access.
- The law does not impact military personnel and others who possess appropriate federal identification for accessing military installations or other secure federal facilities.
- Twenty-six U.S. states and territories are fully compliant with the REAL ID Act. The new extensions add Alaska, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Maine, Montana, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington to a list of 27 total U.S. states and territories working toward compliance under extensions that expire October 10, unless renewed.
- Only state-issued identification from Minnesota and Missouri is currently not accepted from visitors to military installations, due to non-compliance. Oregon may join this list if it is not granted an extension by July 10, when a DHS-authorized grace period expires.
- Regardless of their compliance status, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington all offer optional enhanced driver's licenses that are considered superior to the act's requirements and may be used for visitor access to Fort Lee.
- Visitors requesting entry to Fort Lee with non-compliant identification must provide additional proof of identity for access, such as:
  - U.S. passport
  - Social Security card
  - birth certificate
  - permanent resident card/Alien Registration Receipt Card (form I-551)
  - foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp or visa
  - employment authorization document including a photograph (Form I-766)

- Fort Lee visitors are encouraged to review detailed information on obtaining post access, including a list of acceptable identification documents, in advance at [www.lee.army.mil/access](http://www.lee.army.mil/access).
- Information about the REAL ID Act and up-to-date compliance statuses for U.S. states and territories are available at [www.dhs.gov/real-id](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id).

  
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