



# Motor Carrier Installation Access: The Department's Way-Forward

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The Department of Defense greatly values the role that the trucking industry plays in support of its mission and is committed to improving truck driver wait times and standardizing procedures for enabling unescorted access to its military installations. To that end, the Department continues to modify its electronic physical access control systems (ePACS) to validate both driver identity and fitness (e.g. active wants/warrants). Many DoD installations are currently capable of electronically scanning a driver's Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) or Driver's License (Army Only), or DoD issued ePACS credential, to enable unescorted access, with additional installations rolling out the capability each month.

This paper outlines how the initiative will affect carriers. The most recent update on the progress of this initiative is located at the end of the document. Please distribute this paper to your drivers and other personnel to raise awareness on DoD's installation access procedures and capabilities. DoD will continue to update this paper and distribute it to industry as additional installations implement this capability.

- *What are ePACS?*

ePACS comprise a suite of hardware (e.g. handheld scanner) and software that enable installations to electronically screen visitors for access. The Department is modifying its ePACS to connect to various law enforcement databases (e.g. FBI's Wants and Warrants and Terrorist Screening), which will enable the Department to continuously vet fitness for individuals that have enrolled for access to its installations. The Army primarily uses the Automated Installation Entry (AIE) ePACS and the Air Force and Navy use the Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) ePACS. The Marine Corps estimates implementing DBIDS at all its U.S. installations by September 2018.

**DBIDS ePACS Handheld Scanner**



- *How do drivers enroll?*

**Army Installations (AIE):**

The Army allows drivers to enroll at 28 AIE installations (listed near the end of this document). Drivers should enter the visitor center at any of the installations to enroll. Visitor center personnel will perform a full background check against law enforcement databases and compare the results against the Army's list of disqualifying offenses. If the driver does not have any disqualifying offenses, visitor center personnel will ask the driver if he/she would like to enroll for future access to installations that use AIE. The driver will have a choice to use their Driver's License, or be

issued an AIE card, to serve as their enrollment credential for subsequent visits to all installations that use AIE. The Army is also working to allow drivers to enroll with their TWIC. For subsequent visits to any of those 28 installations, drivers can go directly to the truck lane (i.e. not enter the visitor control center) and provide their enrollment credential to gate personnel. Gate personnel will then scan the enrollment credential and look for any offenses that have occurred since initial enrollment (i.e. continuous vetting). If the scan (which only takes a few seconds to complete) does not identify any negative indicators, the driver may be granted unescorted access.

**Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Installations (DBIDS):**

The Navy and Air Force, which use DBIDS, currently allow drivers to enroll at almost all of its U.S. installations. Drivers should enter the visitor center at Navy and Air Force installations to enroll. Visitor center personnel will perform a full background check against law enforcement databases and compare the results against the Air Force or Navy’s list of disqualifying offenses. If the driver does not have any disqualifying offenses, visitor center personnel will ask the driver if he/she would like to enroll for future access to that installation. The driver will have a choice to use their TWIC, or be issued a DBIDS card, to serve as their enrollment credential. DBIDS is also being modified to allow drivers to use their Driver’s License as an enrollment credential. For subsequent visits to the installation where drivers enrolled, drivers can go directly to the truck lane (i.e. not enter the visitor control center) and provide their enrollment credential to gate personnel. Gate personnel will then scan the enrollment credential and look for any offenses that have occurred since initial enrollment. If the scan (which only takes a few seconds to complete) does not identify any negative indicators, the driver may be granted unescorted access.

The Marine Corps estimates implementing DBIDS at all its U.S. installations by September 2018.

Six Army installations currently use DBIDS, therefore, DBIDS enrollment procedures apply to those installations. They are:

<b><i>Army DBIDS Installations</i></b>		
Presidio of Monterey, CA	Camp Parks, GA	Ft. Jackson, MS
Military Ocean Terminal Concord, CA	Ft. Hunter Liggett, CA	Red River Army Depot, OK

**All DoD Installations:**

The driver will remain enrolled in the installation’s ePACS for up to 3 years, or until the expiration date of the TWIC or Driver’s License, after which a driver must re-enroll and go through a full law enforcement background check. Enrolled visitors will be disenrolled if they do not visit an installation within a year.

Sponsorship is not required to enroll in ePACS; however, unescorted access will not be granted unless the driver can establish that he/she has a valid reason to access the installation. Establishing the need for access can be accomplished via various means, such as providing a copy of the bill of lading (either hard copy or electronic) to gate personnel.

- *If I enroll at one DoD installation will I automatically be enrolled at all other DoD installations?*

The Department is implementing the ePACS solution in three phases.

- **Phase 1:** Drivers must initially enroll and go through a full law enforcement background check at each installation they visit. For subsequent visits to those installations, drivers should not be

subject to additional full law enforcement background checks—gate personnel will simply scan the driver’s enrollment credential to enable access. Air Force and Navy installations, which use DBIDS, are in Phase 1.

- **Phase 2:** If a driver enrolls at a Service installation (i.e. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force), the driver will automatically be enrolled at all installations within the same Service. For example, if a driver enrolls at a Navy installation, they will be automatically enrolled at all other Navy installations<sup>1</sup> and should not be subject to additional, full law enforcement background checks. The Army has implemented Phase 2 at its AIE fielded installations.
- **Phase 3:** If a driver enrolls at any DoD installation, the driver will automatically be enrolled at all DoD installations<sup>1</sup>. For example, enrollment at an Army installation will auto-enroll the driver at all Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, DLA, and other DoD Component installations.

- *How much does enrollment cost?*

Enrollment in installation ePACS is free. Drivers and other personnel will be responsible for costs associated with the procurement of the TWIC or Driver’s License. DoD-issued ePACS credentials (e.g. AIE or DBIDS cards) will also be provided for free to drivers.

- *What criteria will installations use for determining driver “fitness”?*

Currently, each military Service sets their own disqualification criteria. DoD is developing a policy which contains a standardized set of disqualification criteria, including criminal history, applicable to all military Service installations. Standardizing the criminal history disqualification criteria across DoD installations will enable carriers to make better informed decisions for dispatching drivers to pick-up shipments (e.g. if a driver picks-up at an Air Force installation and delivers to an Army installation, both installations will use the same criminal history disqualification criteria). The standardized criteria will also enable Phase 3 of the ePACS solution where a driver will be automatically enrolled at all DoD installations. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence anticipates publishing the visitor disqualification criteria policy (DoD Manual 5200.08 Volume 4 - Common Fitness and Credentialing) in late 2018 or early 2019.

- *What’s the current status and completion date of the initiative?*

Please see below.

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<sup>1</sup> Some installations may require separate enrollment and enforce citizenship and security clearance requirements due to the sensitive nature of the installation.

**Current Status and Projected Timeline (as of April 23, 2018):**

- **Army (AIE):**

- o Drivers can currently enroll in AIE with their Driver’s License, or be issued an AIE card, at 28 Army installations (listed below).
- o Enrolling at any of the Army’s AIE installations will automatically enroll the driver for all 28 installations (Phase 2). After initial enrollment, drivers can go directly to the truck lane and avoid entering the visitor center.
- o The Army is currently developing its AIE implementation schedule for additional Army installations. The Transportation Facilities Guide (TFG) will be updated as new Army installations come on line.

<b><u>Army AIE Installations</u></b>		
Ft. Belvoir	Aberdeen Proving Ground	Rock Island Arsenal
Joint Base	Ft. Polk	Fort Greely
Myer-Henderson Hall	Ft. Carson	Fort Wainwright
Ft. Bragg	Ft. Leonard Wood	Fort Bliss
Ft. Gordon	Lake City Army Ammunition Plant	West Point
Ft. Stewart	Arlington Hall Station	Ft. Lesley J. McNair
Ft. Benning	Blue Grass Army Depot	Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point
Ft. Knox	White Sands Missile Range	Fort Sill
Joint Base	McAlester Army Ammunition Plant	
Lewis-McChord	Watervliet Arsenal	

- **Navy and Air Force (DBIDS):**

- o As of March 18, 2018 all Navy and Air Force installations are capable of scanning and enrolling a TWIC. OSD(Transportation Policy) is currently working with the Navy and Air Force to communicate the new functionality to their visitor centers. Drivers should notify visitor center personnel whether they would like to use their TWIC, or be issued a DBIDS card, to serve as their enrollment credential for future visits.
- o Initially, drivers must enroll at each DBIDS-capable installation (Phase 1). The DBIDS PMO estimates the implementation of Phase 2 in July/August 2018.

- Below are key milestones and projected timeline for full implementation.

