

Traveling through Canada?

Below are recommendations from the Operations Coordinator (OPSCO), USDAO Ottawa, U.S. Embassy, Canada which might help our member avoid long delays at the borders of Canada/US.

Country Clearance Information: Aircraft and Personnel Clearance system (APACS)

- Country Clearance requests, through the Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System (APACS), are required for all official travel in Canada by U.S. Military, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) civilians, and DoD sponsored contractors, to include personnel traveling on deployment orders, personnel assigned to USNORTHCOM, components, and contractors. Further information is available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm> and <https://apacs.dtic.mil>. To reach the Country Clearance office at the Embassy, please visit our [DAO contact information page](#).
- District 17 has the "[Guide to Submitting APACS for Canada Travel](#)" available on their [CGPortal site](#).

Valid military ID and official travel orders required.

- Both US and Canadian border control officials at times may ask for a US drivers license, US birth certificate, or US passport (Official or Tourist) for further identification purposes.
- It's advisable to bring another form of ID, but official US passports are NOT required and should not be issued solely for the purpose of identification only.

Eligible family members.

- No-fee passport required. See <http://www.uscg.mil/international/passport.asp>
NOTE: If dependents apply for a tourist passport for the PCS transfer they will NOT be reimbursed by the USCG.

DUI and other convictions (military):

- Because of varying timelines of the Canadian statute of limitations, regardless of when the incident happened, member should contact a Canadian consulate in the US and coordinate approval for entrance to Canada. For more details, see attached guidance.

Transporting children:

- If both parents are not in the vehicle and they live together, it is highly recommended to have a letter from the parent who is not present stating they know their child is going into the US. For single parents, you should have a copy of the divorce decree (if applicable) and the custody agreement.

Pets:

- Dogs only, need a copy of their current vaccinations, to include rabies.
- A Bird will need to be seen by the vet at the border.
- For hours of operation and details concerning pets, contact the US and Canadian border crossing you plan to enter.

Documentation for movers:

- You or your representative, or the base Traffic Management Office will need to provide Customs Form 3299 or Department of Defense Form (DD) 1252 to the driver for when they cross into the US. Do not provide the driver a copy of any military ID or passport.
- US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) suggests you have a scanned or photocopy of those docs so that you can fax/email them to the CBP if they call you. For any questions about this subject contact your base Traffic Management Office.

"Do It Yourself" moves/moving family members somewhere else:

- BP suggests you have a general inventory of what you are bringing to show them i.e. house wares, clothes, computer, etc. members in receipt of orders to Alaska or from Alaska