

Vehicle decals: No more

Like most other installations around the world, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and the other U.S. Army Military District of Washington installations will cease issuing decals and registering vehicles Nov. 5.

All privately owned vehicles must still be licensed, registered, inspected and insured according to state and local laws.

See the following “frequently asked questions,” and call 703-696-8968 or 3525 for more information.

Q - Why is Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall no longer using DoD decals/vehicle registration?

A - A recent Department of Defense message allowed for elimination of vehicle registration and DoD decals as a mandatory requirement for access to military installations. The decals/registration process is redundant and does not further security.

Q - Should personnel scrape the decals from their vehicles or leave them on?

A - There is no mandate to remove them. If you visit other military installations you may wish to keep your current decal on your vehicle. However, they should be removed once expired or upon transfer of vehicle ownership.

Q - With no decals, will all vehicles entering JBM-HH have to go through a vehicle search?

A - No. Holders of valid DoD-issued ID cards will not be required to undergo a search. All vehicles must continue to be licensed, registered, inspected and insured in accordance with state and local laws, and are subject to checks at the gates by law enforcement or security personnel.

Q - What if I am driving a rental car?

A - If the driver has a valid DoD-issued ID card along with a valid rental car contract, they will not be required to undergo a search.

Q - How are installations supplementing the security measure?

A - Identification vetting, just as we do now, will continue. Law enforcement and security guards will continue vehicle safety checks, random searches and inspections at all gates. As in civilian communities off post, drivers are required and subject to citations for failing to ensure proper registration, inspection and insurance on vehicles.

Q - Will there still be temporary, long-term passes?

A - Yes. Temporary vehicle passes up to one year will still be issued by the JBM-HH Visitor Control Center (VCC) located at the Provost Marshal’s Office in Bldg. 415. The VCC is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Q - Is a state-issued driver’s license considered a “government identification card?”

A - No. The identification must be issued by the federal government. Examples of DoD-issued ID cards include common access cards and military identification cards for Family members and retirees.

Q - Is a DoD Pentagon pass or NCR pass considered a “DoD identification card?”

A - No. There are many different building security passes issued in the National Capital Region. These badges are designed for access into a building not an installation, and thus are not linked to a central database that can be cross-referenced by law enforcement personnel.