

Command Sponsorship Program (CSP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How do I apply for CSP?

Priority 1 (Key Billets) CSP billets are assigned to certain pre-determined positions where the continued presence of an officer is determined to be absolutely essential (e.g., commanders). If your assignment is to a Key Billet position, work with your AFPC Assignment Officer/NCO to confirm your Key Billet position and location. Contact your CSP Area Manager listed on the 7 AF home page (<http://www.7af.pacaf.af.mil/>) to notify him/her of your selection to a Key Billet. You are still required to submit the application and obtain family member medical clearance.

Priority 2 CSP billets are designated for mission continuity requirements. Notify your sponsor that you plan to request command sponsorship. Your unit commander determines whether you will receive a P2 billet. Download the AF Korea CSP application located on the 7 AF home page (<http://www.7af.pacaf.af.mil/>) and complete all required documents. Forward the application for review to the gaining location CSP Area Manager. A listing of Area Manager contact information is on the 7 AF home page. The Area Manager will coordinate with your inbound commander to determine your eligibility. You will either receive a tentative offer for CSP or you will be considered for a P3 CSP billet.

Priority 3 CSP billets are distributed based on a variety of factors, but primarily mission readiness and unit continuity. Billets are awarded through a board process. Download the AF Korea CSP application located on the 7 AF home page (<http://www.7af.pacaf.af.mil/>) and complete all required documents. Forward the application for review to the gaining location CSP Area Manager. Your application will meet the next projected CSP Allocation Board.

2. Can I apply for CSP after I've already arrived on station?

Yes. However, members will pay out of pocket for any expenses to bring family and accompanied household goods if approved for CSP after having already reported for duty in Korea.

3. Can I still apply for CSP if I have a follow-on/home-basing assignment?

Airmen who accept a follow-on/home-basing assignment before arriving in Korea or arrive with a follow-on assignment will not be considered for a CSP billet.

4. How does the P3 CSP Allocation Board (CSPAB) work in Area V (Osan)?

The board convenes quarterly and is co-chaired by the 7 AF Chief of Staff and 51 FW Vice Commander. They review all applications and select the best qualified candidates based on several quality of life factors including personnel returning from deployments, remote unaccompanied tours, dual military with children, single parents, consecutive overseas tours, and volunteer/non-volunteer status. Mission readiness and unit continuity will be the primary deciding factors.

5. What are determining factors that make my application more competitive for the CSPAB?

P3 boards are very competitive and several factors are weighed in determining selection for a P3 CSP billet. The justification you provide in Block 12 of the CSP Application should be brief and pointed to communicate your situation in a few sentences to the board members. Describe why choosing you to be Command Sponsored will benefit mission readiness and unit continuity. Include any information that is not already addressed in the application including number and dates of previously unaccompanied short tours, recent deployments, unique family situations, etc. Justifications that refer to how spouses or children would enjoy Korea are not acceptable justifications for a P3 billet.

6. What does a tentative CSP offer mean?

A tentative offer means that your dependents will be command sponsored in Korea with the understanding that you must obtain travel and medical clearances for your dependents in a timely manner.

7. If I'm approved for CSP, do I have to live in base housing?

Only personnel assigned to Key Billets are required to reside on base. Personnel with Priority 2 and Priority 3 CSP billets will reside on base unless on-base housing reaches capacity.

8. How does my approval for CSP affect my eligibility for Korea Assignment Incentive Pay (KAIP)? Am I authorized KAIP while filling a CSP billet?

All command-sponsored Airmen will serve a 24-month tour. Airmen projected to a Key Billet must serve the 24-month tour regardless of accompanied status and are not eligible for KAIP. Military members who are projected or currently filling Priority 2 or Priority 3 CSP billets may apply for KAIP if they serve the 36-month accompanied tour.

9. Is CSP offered to Air Force members assigned to Area IV (Daegu)?

Yes, CSP is offered to Air Force members assigned to areas other than Area V (Osan). CSP guidance for all Air Force members is located on the 7 AF web page: (<http://www.7af.pacaf.af.mil/>)

10. Are there any limiting factors preventing more Airmen from coming to Korea on command sponsored tours?

Limiting factors vary by location. The primary limiting factors are infrastructure and support capabilities.

11. Is it true that officers get higher priority than enlisted for CSP?

No. Priority 1 Key Billets are reserved for commanders and other positions where the continued presence of an officer is determined to be absolutely essential. Priority 2 and Priority 3 billets are open to all ranks.

12. If I am assigned to a different area, but all CSP billets are full, may I apply for an Area V P3 CSP billet?

No. You may only apply for CSP in the area where you are projected or currently assigned.

13. I heard there is a waiting list for P3 CSP?

There are no waiting lists for P3 CSP billets. Airmen applying for a P3 CSP billet at Osan AB will meet a quarterly CSP Board. If not approved for CSP, Airmen may request consideration for the next board provided the Airmen submits new justification.

14. What was the selection rate of the last quarterly CSP P3 board?

Quarterly P3 Board Stats:

Board Date: 30 Mar 2016

- 56 applicants/eligible
- 4 billets available
- 7% selection rate
- Next Board Date: July 2016 (Tentative)

15. Are Join Spouse assignments approved for Korea?

CSP for join spouse assignments is available at non-dependent-restricted locations. Only one member can apply for CSP per family at non-dependent-restricted locations. In most cases, the ranking member should submit the CSP application. When a member selected for assignment to Korea requests and receives CSP (or was selected to fill a key billet), the service member spouse has 10 duty days from the CSP approval notification date to request join spouse consideration (application available on vMPF) through the appropriate assignment officer/NCO. If a join spouse assignment is supported, both members will serve the same tour length.

16. Are same sex spouses eligible for CSP?

Effective April 5, 16, CSP eligibility has been extended to same sex civilian spouses of military members being assigned to Korea.

Military members with a same sex civilian spouse who receive an assignment to Korea (at a non-dependent-restricted location) and elect to serve the accompanied tour will apply for CSP consideration following the instructions on the [7 AF website](#).

Same sex military-to-military couples seeking an accompanied tour to Korea will continue to do so by pursuing a join spouse assignment. This is done by one member with an assignment to Korea (at a non-dependent-restricted location) applying for a CSP billet. In most cases, the ranking member should submit the CSP application. If the member receives a CSP billet (or was selected to fill a key billet), the service member's spouse has 10 duty days from the CSP approval notification date to request join spouse consideration (application available on vMPF) through the appropriate assignment officer/NCO.