

Command Sponsorship Program (CSP)

Purpose:

CSP allows key/essential members to stay in Korea for 24 or 36 months (with KAIP). Its intent is to provide stability, and in many instances, command presence, in those key positions that require a high degree of continuity for mission sustainment. (Reference: USFK CSP Policy Memo)

2 CSP Priorities:

Priority 1 – Key Billet (Commanders, Command Chiefs, Senior Leaders)

- 24-Month Standard Tour regardless of accompanied/unaccompanied status

Priority 2 – Mission Continuity Requirements (Unit-Owned)

- Duties from which commanders would benefit by having personnel remain for 24 or 36 month accompanied tours, such as officer and enlisted leadership positions requiring specialized training of hard to fill skill sets.

Eligibility:

- Must not have a Follow-On assignment
- Must be able to get retainability for the entire CSP tour
- Dependents must be cleared medically (AF 1466)
- Must have 1 year remaining on their overseas tour after arrival of dependents (on-station applicants).

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 Osan AB home page (<http://www.osan.af.mil/>) to notify him/her of your selection to a Key Billet.

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 Osan AB home page (<http://www.osan.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 Osan AB 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 boards are no longer conducted unless required at the group or squadron commander level.

2. 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.

3. What happens if I get approved for CSP after I arrive in Korea unaccompanied?

If approved for CSP after arriving to Korea UNACCOMPANIED, your PCS orders will be amended to reflect accompanied--with full JFTR and POV shipment authorizations. This means that your dependents will be allowed to follow you to Korea from a designated location at government expense.

4. 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.

5. 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 CSP billets will reside on base unless on-base housing reaches capacity.

6. 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 CSP billets may apply for KAIP if they serve the 36-month accompanied tour.

7. 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 Osan AB web page:

<http://www.osan.af.mil/>

8. 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 billets are open to all ranks.

9. Is there a waiting list for CSP?

There are no waiting lists for CSP billets. The Air Force is only allotted a certain number of CSP billets and unit commanders determine who will be offered these billets. Please remember that an assignment to South Korea, is a dependent-restricted tour. This means that there is a VERY LIMITED infrastructure (e.g. housing, schools, medical facility, and etc.) available to support families.

10. 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.

11. Is there an appeal process for CSP?

No. Applicants can try to apply again when they arrive on station until they are no longer eligible or if the applicants withdraw their application.

12. What are the determining factors that make my application more deserving of a P2 CSP billet?

Several factors are weighed in determining selection for a P2 CSP billet. It is imperative to provide justification that elaborates on your number of previous unaccompanied short tours, recent deployments, and unique family situations, but it is ultimately the unit commanders decision.

13. When can I start the AF 1466 Medical Form?

Unless applicants are offered CSP by their gaining commander, applicants are not to request an AF 1466.

14. Are there employment opportunities for my spouse while stationed in Korea?

Employment opportunities for American spouses, both command and non-command sponsored are very limited. Please contact the Airmen and Family Readiness Center for more information, DSN: 784-5440.