

DOD SKILLBRIDGE

FAQS

What is SkillBridge?



SkillBridge is a way to receive civilian workforce training through apprenticeships, job training, and internships prior to your EAS

Who can pursue SkillBridge?



Any Active Duty Marine, enlisted or officer, who is due to separate within 180 days, and who has completed TRS

When can I start?



Within 180 days (6 months) of your EAS, but you may start planning for it 365 days out from your EAS or earlier

Will I get paid?



You will receive your Active Duty pay while doing SkillBridge

How will I get to my program?



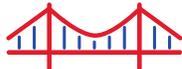
Travel pay is not authorized, therefore you will be responsible for costs associated with getting to your program and then returning to your separation location

Who pays for my housing while I'm in the program?



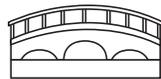
You will be in a PTAD status, and will not be entitled to BAH (unless your family is already receiving it)

Can I use my GI Bill?



Yes; if your program costs money, you will typically use as many months of GI Bill benefits as you are enrolled in the program (Ex. Program is 4 months long, you will use 4 months of benefits)

How will I check out of my command here in Okinawa if I am authorized to pursue a SkillBridge opportunity in the States?



Your travel orders, PCS orders, check-out and separation processes will be determined by your command and IPAC outbound

Where can I find available SkillBridge programs?



Check out <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/locations.htm> for a full list of DoD-Approved SkillBridge opportunities

Who contacts the SkillBridge program that I choose?



You do! Think of it as reaching out to your future employer. Be professional, introduce yourself and let them know you are interested in pursuing their program via SkillBridge

Where can I find the MCCS Okinawa SkillBridge Application Packet?



<https://www.mccsokinawa.com/dod-skillbridge/#tab0>

Will I still have to report to my command?



Yes; you are still an Active Duty Marine while in the program, but your appointed place of work is with the company or program (you are, however subject to emergency recall)

What documents do I need in order to pursue a SkillBridge opportunity?



MCCS Okinawa SkillBridge Application Packet
Command authorization letter
Company/program acceptance letter
Ethics brief completion