Dhekelia HIVE
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Local Area
Dhekelia is located in the East Sovereign Base Area (ESBA) on the south East side of the island. The closest major town is Larnaca, which is where the main commercial airport for Cyprus is located. Larnaca town is approximately a 15 minute drive from Dhekelia. Out of the South Gate is Cessa Beach so you really do have the beach on your door step.

There are several different tourist areas including Ayia Napa, Protaras, Paphos, Limassol, Troodos and Nicosia to name a few. They have hotels, restaurants and beautiful beaches. There are also some lovely little surrounding villages.

More information on Cyprus and the local areas can be found on:
www.visitcyprus.com
You can also pop into the HIVE when you arrive for more information.

Unit Overview
The RIB (Resident Infantry Battalion) at the present time is 2PWRR and in total will be based here for 3 years. The RIB are based in Alexander Barracks. The role of the RIB is as Theatre Support and Cyprus Security duties, as well as their usual duties.
DSU (Dhekelia Support Unit) are the main administrative support for Dhekelia Station, these include the schools, gym, housing and other facilities.

Address
RIB: Name, COY, Alexander Barracks, BFPO 58
DSU: Name, Dhekelia Support Unit, Dhekelia Station, BFPO 58
Unit Facilities

Dhekelia Village Square

In Dhekelia Village Square you will find: Costcutter, Coffee & Co, Hellenic Bank, Hellenic ATM machine, Medical Centre (MRS), Dental Centre, Inspirations Gift Shop and Vision Hire.

The Amenities Centre

Situated opposite Dhekelia Village Square, you will find: The HIVE, Post Office, Housing Community Support Office (HCSO), Homestart, Jumping Jacks, Barber Shop, Unit Welfare Office, Customs Office, The Health Zone and the Padre. There is Florentines Bakery Situated outside the Amenities Centre. The Watering Hole is located opposite the Dental Centre. A short walk from Dhekelia Village square you will find the Library and the Taxi Rank.

Alexander Barracks

There is a Costcutter, Coffee & Co and Beaches Bar. There is an ATM machine located by the guard room.

Gym

There is the Lions Gym located on the Station, close to the South Gate. The gym is available to use for dependants too for a small fee. You will need to obtain a gym car from the gym and be given an induction.

Lions Gym Tel: civ – 00357 2474 4394 Mil – 94120 4394

Post Office/Mail

The main sorting office is in Dhekelia Station.
Tel: Civ 00357 2474 4877 Mil: 94120 4877
There is a post room in Alexander barracks. The post office counter is located in the Amenities Centre.
Opening Hours: Mon – Friday 08.00 – 11.00
11.00 – 14.00
Sat 08.00 – 11.00

British Forces Post Office (BFPO) Mailing System. All mail in Cyprus is delivered to the Military/Civil Servant work address through the BFPO system. There are no house deliveries; all post is distributed through unit post rooms. It is important that all mail sent through the BFPO system is addressed correctly to ensure a smooth delivery to its destination. Definitions of mail types and special concessions for British Forces Cyprus detailing size and weight definitions can be found at the BFPO website. You can also pick up a postal information leaflet from your HIVE.
Under no circumstances are you to put Cyprus on the address. If you need to put a country in the address then use “United Kingdom”.

Commercial Mail. Many companies and/or carriers deliver directly to BFPO without going through the Royal Mail system. By having a contract they are paying for surface rate service not airmail. This ultimately means that customers can use companies to have goods delivered to a BFPO address within the limits of the size and weight restrictions. It can take between 18–22 days for a parcel to arrive once loaded at BFPO. A full list and more information regarding this can be found at the BFPO website.

Running a Business. Personnel or dependents, assigned to Cyprus, wishing to set up a private business within the Sovereign Base Areas are required to obtain a Business Licence from the HQ SBAA prior to operating. If you wish to run a private business you must use the local Cypriot Post Office, or external courier, to send and receive all mail relating to that business.

The introduction of Postal Address Filing (PAF) is finally here. At the request of many and in line with the Armed Forces Covenant the MOD have teamed up with Royal Mail to introduce a standard postcode for each of the BFPO addresses.

What is it? Quite simply it is a postcode allocated to each BFPO number.

What's it for? Primarily this should be used on-line to gain access to Government services and gain a credit rating. Although not fundamental to the introduction of PAF, in time this may also help expand the number of on-line based companies that are prepared to deliver to those serving overseas.

How many companies have signed up to the PAF changes and updated their databases? This is difficult to gauge but PAF is currently utilised by approximately 50,000 organisations.

Can I use this to receive private mail? No, the new postcode should only be used online – If you are receiving private mail then you should continue to use the BFPO number.

What's my Postcode?
BFPO 53 (Episkopi) BF1 2AS
BFPO 57 (Akrotiri) BF1 2AT
BFPO 58 (Dhekelia) BF1 2AU
BFPO 59 (Ayios Nik) BF1 2AW

What's my address online?
Name Pte Jones
Street ‘58’ (i.e. original BFPO number)
Town BFPO
County Air Traffic Control
Postcode BF1 2AU
This is a brief overview of the area and facilities available in Dhekelia. The HIVE holds further information and will research information on your behalf.