



European
Joint
Support Unit

Financial & Banking

Ramstein





Banking

It is recommended to open a German bank account whilst posted here, mainly due to the requirement to have one for your internet/phoneline. We tend to recommend Sparkasse as there are branches in Ramstein, Miesenbach, Weilerbach and Hutschenhausen, although you can choose any bank you like.

Forces Fixed Rate (FFR)

The FFR is the rate at which sterling is converted to the local currency by the military. The NSE publishes the FFR monthly and CLOs share in their community emails.

SAF Accounts

You can exchange money from € to \$ through SAF Cashier located on the top floor of building 539 (opposite the NSE corridor).

UK Credit & Debit Cards

Most UK credit/debit cards are accepted in large retail outlets, petrol stations, hotels and restaurants but you should check prior to purchase.

It is also possible to withdraw cash, with a UK credit/debit card, from a large network of cash point machines but a charge may be applied so please check with your bank first.

A lot of community members use 'holiday credit cards', pre-loaded with money like Halifax or other banks provide. A lot of our community also recommend using an app like TransferWise to quickly and cheaply move money between UK and German bank accounts.