6-15. Deployed to an OCONUS Area of Responsibility (AOR)

a. The Deploying Activity will identify CHs and BOs that will be using the GPC while in a deployed status OCONUS. It is preferred to use existing Cardholders if available.

b. Deployed situations may include humanitarian and contingency operations, training exercises, and/or TDY that involves use of the card to make mission-related purchases while OCONUS.

c. The OCONUS AOR will determine whether the deploying CH will either 1) use their existing card or 2) receive a new card for use within the OCONUS AOR. The deploying CH's home station contracting office will coordinate with the contracting office and A/OPC of the deployment AOR for instructions. If deploying CHs receive new OCONUS cards, their existing card accounts will be suspended or terminated. If GPCs are authorized while deployed, the local RM must make appropriate adjustments to the LOAs, and additional information must be entered in the servicing bank's EAS if needed. The BO must notify the A/OPC in writing if GPCs are authorized while deployed. OCONUS GPCs will be managed to meet the program requirements of the issuing agency.

d. **Card Deployment Steps**:

1) Cardholder receives OCONUS orders/assignment.

2) Deploying Activity determines which CHs will need to make purchases OCONUS and notifies the billing official(s).

3) Billing official informs home station A/OPC.

4) Home station A/OPC coordinates with OCONUS AOR to determine if CH will retain current card or receive new card at the AOR.

a) **Retain current card**. CONUS home station A/OPC will provide support and oversight.

b) **Receive new card**. OCONUS contracting office will provide support and oversight. Home station A/OPC suspends or terminates former card.

5) Resource manager adjusts LOAs on the card account to be used OCONUS if needed.

6) Supporting A/OPC provides training to the deploying CH and billing official on use of $25,000 Overseas Simplified Acquisition authority and/or Emergency Type Operation (ETO) training.

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