



**DEFENSE TRAVEL
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

Overseas Cost of Living Allowance Adjustments

April/May 2012

In April 2012, members stationed in Vienna, Austria and approximately 450 members in Bath, Bristol, and Croughton, United Kingdom will see an increase in COLA. Additionally, no-support members in Germany will see a decrease as will members in Maseru. In Malawi and Portugal, members will see a slight increase beginning in May.

An increase indicates that price differences have increased from being that much more expensive in comparison to average prices in the Continental United States (CONUS). A decrease in this allowance indicates that the prices of goods and services have declined in comparison. Overseas COLA is not a fixed amount and adjustments based on data are either immediate or made incrementally, depending on whether the payment will increase or decrease. Increases in COLA are made immediately, whereas COLA reductions are phased in over time to help minimize the impact of the adjustment. Please refer to Table 1 for the COLA index point adjustment by duty station location.

Location	Current Index	New Index	Point Change	Adjustment Begins	Adjustment Complete
March					
Vienna, Austria	150	150	No Change	1 Apr 12	N/A
Bath/Bristol, United Kingdom	134	146	+12	1 Apr 12	1 Apr 12
Croughton, United Kingdom	132	134	+2	1 Apr 12	1 Apr 12
Ankara, Turkey	112	112	No Change	16 Apr 12	N/A
Germany – No Support	136	132	-4	16 Apr 12	16 May 12
Maseru, Lesotho	124	116	-8	16 Apr 12	16 Jul 12
Gaeta, Italy	132	132	No Change	1 May 12	N/A
Livorno, Italy	124	124	No Change	1 May 12	N/A
Lilongwe, Malawi	132	134	+2	1 May 12	1 May 12
Lisbon, Portugal	132	136	+4	1 May 12	1 May 12

Table 1: COLA Adjustments –April/May 2012

**All indexes are subject to currency fluctuations*

Service members can calculate their COLA rate at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>.

The calculation tool is updated with the current COLA amounts each pay-period.

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