



**DEFENSE TRAVEL  
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

## Overseas Cost of Living Allowance Adjustments

February 2013

In February, members in Pretoria/Johannesburg, South Africa will see a 24 four point increase and Budapest, Hungary will see a 12 point increase. Members stationed in N'Djamena, Chad and Paris, France will see a four point decrease.

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
<b>February</b>					
Budapest, Hungary	112	124	+12	16 Feb 13	16 Feb 13
Pretoria/Johannesburg, South Africa	112	136	+24	1 Feb 13	1 Feb 13
N'Djamena, Chad	136	132	-4	1 Feb 13	1 Mar 13
Paris, France	156	152	-4	1 Feb 13	1 Mar 13

Table 1: COLA Adjustments – February 2013

*\*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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