MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: UTD for MAP 94-14(E) -- Station Allowances Waiver

1. **SYNOPSIS:** Allows station allowances paid based on dependents OCONUS location when the Secretarial Process authorizes or approves a housing allowance based on the dependents’ OCONUS location.

2. These changes are scheduled to appear in JFTR change 332, dated 1 August 2014.

3. This determination is **effective on 10 June.**

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Attachment: Rev 2

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**U9220:**

*U9220 STATION ALLOWANCES WHEN DEPENDENTS TRAVEL BEFORE (IN ADVANCE OF) OR AFTER (DELAYED) THE MEMBER TRAVELS OR FOR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES*

A. **Advance Travel.** When dependents are command-sponsored and authorized to travel before the member and arrive at the new OCONUS PDS before the member, Secretarial (by either the Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process at Service discretion) authorization/approval of housing allowance changes based on the advance arrival at the OCONUS PDS can be made under par. U10412. If advance travel of dependents has been authorized/approved by the selected process, COLA payment is also authorized/approved, without separate action based on the number of dependents at the new PDS. TLA for dependents may be authorized/approved under the same conditions for initial assignment under par. U9160.

B. **Delayed Travel.** When dependents are authorized (or required) to travel after the member and arrive at the new OCONUS PDS after the member, Secretarial (by either the Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process at Service discretion) authorization/approval of housing allowance continuation based on delayed dependents’ travel from an (the old) OCONUS PDS under par. U10412 also authorizes continuation of COLA for the same time period without separate action. TLA for dependents may be authorized/approved IAW par. U9170. **Par. U9220 applies whether the member’s new PDS is in CONUS or OCONUS.**

*C. Other Circumstances.** When there is a Secretarial (by either the Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process at Service discretion) authorization/approval of housing allowance continuation under par. U10402 (e.g., PME, training or member’s pending retirement), COLA continuation is authorized for the same time period without separate action. TLA for dependents may be authorized/approved IAW par. U9170. **Par. U9220 applies whether the member’s new PDS is in CONUS or OCONUS.**

*CD. Assigned to GOV’T QTRS.** When dependents are assigned to GOV’T QTRS ICW advance arrival at a member’s OCONUS PDS, or during delayed departure from a member’s OCONUS PDS, or other circumstances in par. U9220-C, a Secretarial decision (by either the Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process at Service discretion) to pay/continue station allowances payment is made at the same approval level as designated for housing allowance approvals. When dependents are residing in GOV’T QTRS, no specific housing allowance authorization/approval is required since a housing allowance in such case is not authorized.

**NOTE 1:** Prior to a change to 37 USC §475 authorized by the FY06 NDAA, station allowances for a member’s dependents located at an OCONUS location could be authorized only for a member assigned at an OCONUS PDS. The FY06 NDAA changed 37 USC §475 by adding a new section (e) titled “Payment of allowances based on overseas location of dependents.” The new section permits Secretarial authorization/approval for station allowances payment based on dependents’ OCONUS location, even if the member is assigned inside CONUS.

**NOTE 2:** A member may be authorized dual COLA at the with-dependent rate based on the dependents’ location and the without-dependent rate at the member’s PDS if dependents are command sponsored and authorized/approved for advance or delayed travel or other circumstances in par. U9220-C thru the Secretarial (by either the Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process at Service discretion) process pars. U9105-A, U9130-A, U9205-G, U10402-B, U10412-B and U10412-C.)