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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT:

UTD/CTD for MAP/CAP 139-16(I) -- Tour Length Change for Turkey

1. **SYNOPSIS:** Changes the tour length for Turkey to a 12-month unaccompanied tour for both military and civilian personnel except those assigned under Chief of Mission (COM) authority or under one of the Security Cooperation Organizations (SCOs). There are exceptions on a case-by-case basis for civilian employees at Incirlik and civilian employees and uniformed members in Ankara, until completion of tour but not later than 31 August 2017.
2. The attached revision is forwarded for information purposes only. No coordination or comments are required.
3. This revision was initiated by OSD/OEPM.
4. These changes are scheduled to appear in the JTR, dated 1 November 2016.
5. This determination is *effective on 21 September 2016*.
6. Action Officer: Velda Potter (velda.a.potter.civ@mail.mil).

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*12/ OUSD P&R memo dated.. 21 September 2016 changes the tour length for Turkey to a 12 month unaccompanied tour except those assigned under Chief of Mission (COM) authority or under one of the Security Cooperation Organizations (SCOs) and establishes an exception that the new tour length applies to employees currently assigned (JTR, par. 5840-C11b). This exception expires 31 August 2016. For employees assigned to Incirlik AB, the Commander, U.S. Air Force in Europe must issue an exception on a case-by-case basis. For employees assigned to Ankara, the exception applies until completion of their current tour, but no later than 31 August 2017.

The following pages are the same policy preceding this page but showing tracked changes.



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JTR REVISIONS

App Q1:

<u>*Turkey</u> (except as indicated)	24 <u>N/A</u>	15 <u>12</u>	<u>09-21-16</u>	24
<u>Ankara (SCOs)</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>24</u>		XX <u>25</u>
Balikesir	N/A	12		
Cakmakli	N/A	12		
Corlu	N/A	12		
Elmadag	24	12		24
Erhae	N/A	12		
Erzurum	N/A	12		
Eskisehir	N/A	12		
Ineirluk	24	15		19, 24
Iskendrum	N/A	12		
Istanbul	N/A	12		
Izmir	24	15	06-03-15	25
Izmit	N/A	12		
Karatas	24	12		24
Kurecik	N/A	12	05-14-15	
Malatya	24	12		24
Murted	N/A	12		
Oratakoy	N/A	12		
Pirinelik	N/A	12		
Sahihtepe	N/A	12		
Sinop	N/A	12		
Yumurtalik	N/A	12		

~~*24~~ OUSD P&R memo dated ~~23 June 2014~~21 September 2016 ~~denies command sponsorship for same sex spouse of a member assigned to Turkey. This is due to the refusal of the government of Turkey to extend Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) protections to same sex spouses or domestic partners. DoD's policy is that all command sponsored dependents receive SOFA protections~~changes the tour length for Turkey to a 12 month unaccompanied tour except those assigned under Chief of Mission (COM) authority or under one of the Security Cooperation Organizations (SCOs). For members assigned to Ankara on 21 September 2016 who are not under COM or SCO authority the current accompanied tour length remains in effect until completion, but not later than 31 August 2016.
~~XX25~~ – Per DoDI 1315.18, enclosure 4, para. 1h, the prescribed tours, including the tour length and accompanied or unaccompanied eligibility, for Service members assigned to Security Cooperation Organizations (SCOs) (e.g., Office of Defense Cooperation, Office of Security Cooperation, Office of Military Cooperation, U.S. Military Groups) will be the same tours prescribed for Service members assigned to the Defense Attaché System at the same assigned location, ~~published in DIA Directive 1350.100 (current version).~~

~~25~~ OUSD P&R memo dated 3 June 2015 changes the tour length at Izmir, Turkey, from a dependent restricted 12-month tour to a 24-month accompanied and 15-month unaccompanied tour, using the phased approach. Under Phase 1, the tour length for the six key billets immediately changes to 24/15. Under Phase 2, the tour length for 56 additional positions change to 24/15 starting with the summer 2015 rotations and under Phase 3, the tour length for the remaining positions change to 24/15 starting with the summer 2016 rotations.

App Q3:

*Turkey (except as indicated below 21 September 2016)		X¹²			<u>X¹²</u>
Cakmakli					X²
Corlu					X²
Diyarbakir					X²
Izmir					X²
Murs					X²
Ortakoy					X²
Sinop					X

*12/ OUSD P&R memo dated 23 June 2014 denies command sponsorship for same-sex spouse of an employee or same-sex domestic partner assigned to Turkey. This is due to the refusal of the government of Turkey to extend Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) protections to same-sex spouses or domestic partners. DoD's policy is that all command-sponsored dependents receive SOFA protections. 21 September 2016 changes the tour length for Turkey to a 12-month unaccompanied tour except those assigned under Chief of Mission (COM) authority or under one of the Security Cooperation Organizations (SCOs) and establishes an exception that the new tour length applies to employees currently assigned (JTR, par. 5840-C11b). This exception expires 31 August 2016. For employees assigned to Incirlik AB, the Commander, U.S. Air Force in Europe must issue an exception on a case-by-case basis. For employees assigned to Ankara, the exception applies until completion of their current tour, but no later than 31 August 2017.