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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SERVICES

SUBJECT: Approved - Allowances Branch File # 002-20(E) – Early Return of Dependents (ERD) Effective Date

1. Synopsis: Clarifies the date to change allowances incident to an ERD from an Outside the Continental United States location to be effective on the date the dependents arrive at the permanent residence or the date the ERD order is approved, whichever is later.
2. Memo 1 for Allowances Branch File # 002-20(E) – “Early Return of Dependents (ERD) Effective Date” dated 5 May 2020, requested positions and comments from panel members by a comment due date of 19 May 2020.
3. Allowances Branch received the following concurrence and comments:

MAP	Vote	Comment	Date
USA	Concur	N/A	5 May 2020
USN	Concur	N/A	5 May 2020
USAF	Concur	N/A	18 May 2020
USMC	Concur	N/A	18 May 2020
USCG	Concur	N/A	19 May 2020
USPHS	Concur	N/A	18 May 2020
NOAA	Concur	N/A	19 May 2020

4. This change affects Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), Volume 7A paragraphs 261008.A, 670406.A and Table 68-3.
5. This approved change will be recorded on the DTMO website pending publication of the next DoD FMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 68 under ‘Approved DoD FMR Changes Pending Publication’.
6. This item was approved 7-0 by Service concurrence via electronic vote on 19 May 2020.

//Approved//
Summer R. Britford
Chief, Allowances Branch

Attachments:

1. Approved DoD FMR, Volume 7A Changes

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261008. (Housing Allowances)

A. Early Return at Government Expense

*1. When *all* of a Service member's dependents are returned from a PDS OCONUS at Government expense not due to a PCS, regardless of the reason for the return, the Service member is authorized a housing allowance at the with-dependent rate based on the dependent's permanent residence location effective on the arrival day or the date the ERD order was issued, whichever is later. If the dependent's location is in an OHA area, start OHA on the date private-sector housing is acquired.

2. *****

3. Whether or not a Service member is assigned family Government quarters:

*a. If the dependent's location is in a BAH area, start with-dependent BAH based on dependent residence location as of the dependent's arrival date or the date the ERD order was issued, whichever is later.

*b. If the dependent's location is in an OHA area, start OHA on the date private-sector housing is acquired for the dependent (based on the paperwork) or the date the ERD order was issued, whichever is later.

*4. When a Service member assigned to Government family-type quarters terminates the quarters assignment and single-type Government quarters are not available, start FSH effective on the termination date, ~~or~~ the date private-sector housing for the Service member is acquired (based on the paperwork for OHA), or the date the ERD order was issued, whichever is later.

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670406. (CONUS COLA)

*A. Early Return at Government Expense. When all of a Service member's dependents are returned from a PDS OCONUS at Government expense for circumstances other than for a PCS (regardless of the reason for the return) the Service member is authorized CONUS COLA based on the primary dependent's permanent residence starting on the arrival day at that location or the date the ERD order was issued, whichever is later.

B. *****

Table 68-3 (Overseas COLA)

	If...	Then...
1	a Service member is on leave away from the PDS vicinity for 31 or more days and is accompanied by all command sponsored dependents,	OCONUS COLA is not authorized beginning on the 31st day.
2	a command sponsored dependent departs the PDS vicinity for a period of 31 or more consecutive calendar days,	OCONUS COLA payment beginning on the 31st day is reduced to the rate for the number of command sponsored dependents remaining at the PDS.
3	a command sponsored dependent departs the PDS vicinity to attend school,	OCONUS COLA payment is reduced the day after the dependent's departure to the rate for the number of command sponsored dependents remaining. For early return of dependents, the rate is reduced the day after the dependent's departure or on the date the order was issued, whichever is later.
*4	one or more, but not all, command sponsored dependents depart the PDS vicinity for early or advance return,	
*5	all the command sponsored dependents depart the PDS vicinity for early or advance return,	the Service member becomes a Service member "without a dependent" and the OCONUS COLA at the with-dependent rate terminates the day before the command sponsored dependent departs the Service member's PDS or the day before the date an ERD order is issued, whichever is later. *
6	a Service member is in a confinement status due to disciplinary action,	OCONUS COLA is authorized only at the rate for the number of command sponsored dependents who continue to reside in the PDS vicinity.
*See paragraph 680203 for early or advance return of a foreign-born, command sponsored dependent authorized to travel to his or her native country.		