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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Increase in the Single Temporary Lodging Allowance Percentage Rate

This memo approves an increase to the lodging portion of temporary lodging allowance (TLA) to 100 percent for a single member or one dependent (one person), effective October 1, 2020.

Currently, TLA for one person is computed at 65 percent for both lodging and meals and incidental expenses (M&IE). When the percentage was established, it accounted for a practice of charging a single room rate and a double occupancy rate in the hotel industry. Modern industry practices no longer have a single room rate and typically, 65 percent of the locality per diem lodging rate will not cover the cost of a hotel room for one person. OCONUS members did not experience the financial impact of this shortfall because on-base Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLFs) could provide a reduced lodging rate for single members. However, in November 2019, OCONUS TLFs were privatized, and many raised lodging rates to the full, locality per diem rate. This increased the number of members disadvantaged by the current lodging percentage rate.

Because of the rate changes in on-base TLFs, the Air Force submitted a request for this change in March 2020.

This change was previously coordinated as Allowances Branch Item 005-20 and will be submitted for inclusion in the next change to the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation.

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