

JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOL. 1 (JFTR)**CHANGE 309****1 SEPTEMBER 2012**

- A. Authorized Personnel. These regulation changes are issued for all persons in the Uniformed Services.
- B. New Regulation Changes. Material new to this change is indicated by an asterisk (*) and is effective 1 September 2012 unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Uniformed Service Principals. The following are the current Uniformed Service Principals:

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- D. Applicable MAP Items and Brief of Revisions. This change includes all material and revisions written in the following MAP Items:

MAP 88-12(E)/CAP 79-12(E) -- APP W Coast Guard Deletions. Deletes all Coast Guard locations in Alaska except for MSD Dutch Harbor. Affects APP W.

MAP 97-12(I)/CAP 84-12(I) -- Evacuation Allowance References Updates. Updates evacuation references in JFTR/JTR, Ch 6 (Part A). Affects pars. U6000 and U6003.

MAP 98-12(I) -- Dependency Determination. Clarifies wording on dependency determination for adopted children, illegitimate children, and stepchildren. Affects par. U10118

MAP 99-12(I)/CAP 85-12(I) -- FEML Updates. Certifies Dili, Timor-L'Este as a new USPACOM FEML location, the designated APOD is Honolulu, HI. The FEML effective date is 20 June 2012 valid for two years per DASD (MPP) memo of the same date. Affects APP S.

MAP 102-12(I)/CAP 88-12(I) -- OSD CAP and USPHS MAP Organization Updates. Updates OSD CAP relocation changes and USPHS MAP organization changes IAW HHS memo dated 13 July 2012. Affects Feedback Reporting, and pars. U4179-A7, U6001-D2d, U10000-C7, U10002, Table U10A-2, Footnote 3, and U10022-C(7).

MAP 103-12(I)/CAP 91-12(I) -- Remove Cancelled DoD Issuance. Removes DoDI 4500.42 from JFTR/JTR pars. U2405-B2 and C2405-B2. DoD issuance was cancelled on 24 May 2010. Affects par. U2405-B2.

MAP 105-12(I) -- Evacuation Typo in U6054-D6. Delete reference to par. U6054-D5 and excess language in par. U6054-D6, which is a typo. There was never an intent to allow safe haven allowances when away for the safe haven only for dependents temporarily absent from the PDS when an evacuation is ordered. Any evacuated dependent away from the safe haven is authorized safe haven allowances IAW JFTR, par. U6054-D6.

MAP 106-12(I)/CAP 092-12(I) -- Dependent Travel Restriction for Pakistan. Updates APP Q1 and Q3 to establish a dependent travel restriction for travel to Pakistan.

MAP 108-12(I)/CAP 95-12(I) -- Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicles Reimbursement. Corrects erroneous wording in APP G relating to special conveyance/rental vehicles reimbursement.

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**INTRODUCTION TO
JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOLUME 1 (JFTR)
FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS**

FOREWORD

The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) publishes these regulations. PDTATAC is chartered under the Department of Defense (DoD). Its members are a Deputy Assistant Secretary from each of the military departments and the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (NOAA), the Commandant of the Coast Guard (USCG), and the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service (USPHS). The Committee Chair is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy (MPP)).

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

JFTR pertains to per diem, travel and transportation allowances, relocation allowances, and certain other allowances of Uniformed Service Active Duty and Reserve Component members.

*When necessary, a Uniformed Service may supplement these regulations with administrative regulations (see pars. U1015 and U1020), but may not prescribe allowances that differ in amount or type from those authorized by these regulations, unless specifically permitted. DoD administrative regulations that implement these regulations must be submitted to PDTATAC for review and approval before implementation. See 37 USC §1001 and DoDD 5154.29.

If there is a headquarters' dispersal, each PDTATAC member has authority to prescribe the allowances in these regulations. Each PDTATAC member may issue necessary regulations prescribing travel, transportation, and station allowances (TLA/COLA)/BAH/OHA/FSH/CONUS COLA applicable to that Service (or those Services in the case of the DON) until the headquarters activities again are centralized. At that time, PDTATAC is again vested with the regulation-issuing authority.

JFTR is issued under the following authorities:

- *1. The USC, primarily sections found in Title 37 (especially those sections concerning travel and transportation allowances in Chapters 7 and 8) and Title 10;
2. DoD Directives, such as DoDD 1315.07, and 5154.29, and DoD Instructions such as DoDI 1315.18, and 1327.06; and
3. Executive Orders and decisions of the U.S. Comptroller General (CG), Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), and the OSD General Counsel (OSDGC).

TRAVEL VOUCHER SETTLEMENT APPEAL AND ADVANCE DECISIONS

Under 31 USC §3702, the SECDEF settles claims involving Uniformed Service members' pay, allowances, travel, transportation, retired pay, and survivor benefits (including those of non-DoD uniformed members). The SECDEF also may issue an advance decision with respect to the same subject areas. The SECDEF has delegated claims settlement appeal authority to the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA).

VOUCHER SETTLEMENT APPEAL

A member appealing a travel voucher settlement must submit the appeal via the proper paying office (i.e., the office that made the payment) IAW guidance provided by that Service and IAW [DoDI 1340.21](#). It is the member's responsibility to properly submit the travel voucher.

DOHA is the final appeal authority. A member must first submit the appeal via the proper Service address or the direction below. An appeal sent directly to DOHA is not properly submitted.

1. Army/Air Force/Marine Corps. DFAS-IN/JJFT, 8899 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-3700
2. Navy. DFAS-PTCA/CO, PO Box 182317, Columbus, OH 43218-2317
3. Coast Guard. Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801
4. NOAA Corps. Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333
5. U.S. Public Health Service. Submit to the proper Operating Division IAW guidance provided by Service agreement.

The address for DOHA is: Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), Claims Division, PO Box 3656, Arlington, VA 22203-1995.

APPEAL PROCESS

An accountable/disbursing officer desiring an advance decision on an issue involving the interpretation of the JFTR must forward that request through appropriate command channels. See Feedback Reporting in this Introduction.

A disbursing/certifying official, or the a Component Head may request an advance decision on a question involving a payment the disbursing official or Component Head has been requested to make; or a voucher presented to a certifying official for certification. The request must be sent through the General Counsel (GC) of the Component concerned to the GC DoD. See [DoDI 1340.21](#), effective 12 May 2004. A copy of the request should be sent to the PDTATAC Policy & Regulations Chief.

Throughout the JFTR, Comptroller General (Comp. Gen.) Decisions from the GOV'T Accountability Office (GAO), decisions from the Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), and occasionally decisions from the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) or Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA) are referenced. Decisions appearing in the published annual GAO volumes are cited by volume, page number, and date, e.g., 71 Comp. Gen. 530 (1992). Decisions of the Comptroller General that do not appear in the published volumes are cited by the appropriate file number and date, e.g., B-248928, 30 September 1992. DOHA decisions on their website are listed by category, type, year, and case number, e.g., Claims Program, Military Personnel Redacted Decisions, 1999, DOHA Case Number 99030812. In JFTR, these decisions are cited by DOHA claims case number and date, e.g., (DOHA Claims Case No. 97091101, 5 May 1998). GSBCA and CBCA decisions are cited using a GSBCA or CBCA number and date.

For [DOHA](#) information/decisions visit their website at: <http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/doha/>.

For [GSBCA](#) decisions visit their website at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/>.

For [CBCA](#) decisions visit their website at: <http://www.cbca.gsa.gov/>.

PARAGRAPH NUMBERING SYSTEM

The JFTR paragraph numbering system is coordinated with that of the JTR. The letter "U," precedes a JFTR 4- or 5-digit paragraph number (the first digit indicates the chapter number) and subparagraph designators, as shown in the following breakdown. **NOTE: Not all paragraph numbers are in consecutive numerical sequence (e.g., U1010, U1011, U1012); numbers may be skipped (e.g., U5305, U5310, U5315) so that a new paragraph can be added without changing existing paragraph numbering.**

Paragraph: U5310-B2a(1)(a)

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 Paragraph 310
 Subparagraphs

JFTR references and citations should be in the following format:

- JFTR, par. U5310
- JFTR, par. U5310-A
- JFTR, par. U5310-A1
- JFTR, par. U5310-A1a
- JFTR, par. U5310-A1a(1)(a)
- JFTR, pars. U5310-U5350

Paragraphs and subparagraphs may contain itemizations. Reference to a specific item should be in the following format:

- JFTR, par. U5310-A2
- JFTR, par. U5310-B4a

The most specific reference should be used.

CHANGES

Uniformed Travel Determinations (UTDs) make changes to the JFTR. A UTD is effective on its indicated date. A UTD is effective on the indicated date . It may be effective on the JFTR publication date, on the PDTATAC Chair’s signature date, on a date after the last signature mutually agreed upon by the Services, or, if permitted or required by law, some other date. When an effective date is earlier than the date assigned to the published change page, the changes are disseminated using the DTMO website.

Published changes are numbered consecutively and ordinarily are issued monthly. They contain the text and rate changes directed in determinations. The determinations included in a published change are shown on the change cover sheet.

New or revised provisions appearing on a change page are indicated by a symbol placed next to the new or revised portion.

Per Diem Bulletins, published in the Federal Register, change the non-foreign OCONUS [per diem rates](#).

FEEDBACK REPORTING

JFTR change recommendations should contain an explanation of, and rationale for, the proposed change. When the proposal relates to an actual situation, the details should be included. Submit feedback reports concerning inadequate per diem rates IAW par. U4179.

Suggestions that would improve JFTR are encouraged. Route them as follows:

1. Army. Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRR-C), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300.
2. Navy. Through appropriate command channels to: Chief of Naval Personnel (N130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472.

3. Marine Corps. Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.
4. Air Force. Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Road, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604.
5. Coast Guard. Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801.
6. NOAA Corps. Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333.
- *7. U.S. Public Health Service. Directly to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.
8. Office of the SECDEF and other DoD Components. Directly to Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01, Alexandria, VA 22350-9000.
FAX: (571) 372-1301.

HOW TO GET THE JFTR

See the DTMO website for [JFTR, Volume 1](#) material that can be downloaded and printed.

HOW TO OBTAIN LOCALITY PER DIEM RATES

See the DTMO website for current [per diem rates](#).

PART F: ARRANGING OFFICIAL TRAVEL

U2400 CTO USE

A. Policy

1. It is mandatory policy that all Uniformed Services travelers use an available contracted CTO (DTMO-contracted for DoD Services), or a GSA contracted TMC (when a contracted CTO is not available) for all official transportation requirements, except when authorized IAW par.U3045.
2. The eligible traveler must contact the responsible Agency/Service designated official if there is not an available contracted CTO to provide the official travel. DoD travelers contact DTMO.

B. Command Responsibility. A command must not permit a CTO to issue:

1. A YCA airfare purchased at GOV'T expense to a traveler when a -CA airfare is available and the AO determines that a -CA airfare meets mission needs. This *does not* establish the -CA as the basis for policy-constructed airfare. *The basis for policy-constructed airfare is the YCA.*; and
2. Other than the least expensive unrestricted economy/coach class tickets purchased at GOV'T expense without prior proper authority (see pars. U3500, U3600 and U3650 for exceptions).

C. Service Regulations. See Service regulations for CTO use information.

D. Failure to Follow Regulations

1. A command/unit is expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow the regulations concerning CTO use. See par. U1035.
2. A command/unit is expected to take appropriate action for reimbursement to the GOV'T when a traveler and/or AO acquires/allows a YCA airfare to be acquired when there is a -CA airfare available that meets mission needs ([CBCA 1511-TRAV, 7 May 2009](#)).
3. Disciplinary action should be for *willful* violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), non-judicial action, or other appropriate means.
4. Disciplinary action must *not* be through refusal to reimburse.
5. See par. U2400-E for the exceptions when reimbursement is *not* allowed.

E. Reimbursement Not Allowed. *Reimbursement is not allowed* when the traveler does not follow the regulations for:

1. Non-U.S.-certificated carriers use. See par. U3500-H.
2. Directed transoceanic transportation. See pars. U3045-B, and U5108-A.

U2405 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Making Travel Arrangements. When making travel arrangements, travelers should use the following in priority order:

1. A CTO (see APP A definition and par. U2400-A), or
2. In-house travel offices.

B. Authority. All travel arrangements must be made IAW:

*1. [DoDD 4500.09E, Transportation and Traffic Management](#), 11 September 2007, and

*2. Service regulations.

U2410 NON-U.S.-CERTIFICATED AIRCRAFT OR SHIP TRANSPORTATION

Transportation on a non-U.S.-certificated aircraft or ship must *not* be authorized/approved unless the conditions in, par. U3525 are met.

U2415 REIMBURSEMENT WHEN A CTO IS AVAILABLE BUT NOT USED

A. Transportation Reimbursement. When a CTO is available, but not used by the traveler, transportation cost reimbursement is limited to the amount the GOV'T would have paid if the arrangements had been made directly through a CTO.

B. Transaction Fee Reimbursement. When an available CTO is not used and no transaction fee is included in the GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation, the transaction fee for personally procured transportation from other than a CTO may be reimbursed as long as the total reimbursable amount for the transaction fee and transportation cost does not exceed the GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation cost.

U2420 REIMBURSEMENT WHEN A CTO IS NOT AVAILABLE

A. General. When the AO certifies that a CTO was/is not available to arrange the required official transportation, reimbursement is for the actual authorized/approved transportation cost NTE the policy-constructed airfare (see APP A1 definition) that meets mission requirements.

B. Non-Availability Limitations. CTO service not being available should be an extremely rare occurrence. Each event of non-availability should lead to correction(s) that make CTO service available should the same situation arise again.

C. Transaction Fee Reimbursement. When a CTO is not available, the transaction fee incurred for arranging transportation is a Reimbursable Expense. See APP G.

PART B: PER DIEM

U4100 GENERAL

Per diem is designed to offset lodging and M&IE costs incurred while performing travel, and/or TDY away from the PDS. Per diem is payable for whole days, except for PDS departure/return days that are reimbursed IAW par. U4147. *The per diem rate is determined based on the TDY location, not the lodging location.* See par. U4129-G if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available at the TDY location.

NOTE 1: *When the TDY point or new PDS is a reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., Pentagon, McGuire AFB, and Ft. Dix) that falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky)), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. See [DOHA Claims Case No. 2009-CL-080602.2, 7 July 2010](#).*

NOTE 2: *When the location (reservation, station or other established area) is not specifically listed in the per diem table, the applicable per diem rate is based on the front gate location for the reservation, station or other established area. Refer to the U.S. Census Bureau website at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup>, which can help determine in which county a destination is located.*

NOTE 3: *If the specific location (e.g., city or town) is not listed in the per diem list, but the county is, then the county per diem rate is the rate for all cities and towns in the county. If neither the city/town nor the county is listed, that area is a [Standard CONUS](#) per diem rate location (par. U2025).*

U4101 WHEN IS PER DIEM AUTHORIZED

Unless otherwise specifically provided for or restricted in JFTR, the per diem prescribed in this Part applies for all TDY periods, and related travel, including but not limited to the following:

1. Periods of necessary delay awaiting further transportation,
2. Periods of delay at POEs and PODs ICW a PCS,
3. TDY periods directed in a PCS order,
4. Delays to qualify for reduced travel fares (par. U4326-E).

U4102 CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PER DIEM IS NOT AUTHORIZED

A. When Not in a Travel Status. A member is not authorized per diem for any day that is not a day in a travel status (see par. U2255-A), except as noted in par. U4102-B.

B. Day of Leave or Administrative Absence (e.g., proceed time). A member is not authorized per diem on any day not in a travel status or any day classified as leave or administrative absence ([DoDI 1327.06, Leave and Liberty, 16 June 2009, incorporating change 1, 30 September 2011, Encl 2, par. 6, subpar. \(a-e\)](#)). See par. U7225 when on leave during a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY or par. U7226 when on leave from a TDY site to visit evacuated dependents at a safe haven location.

NOTE: *A day used in a constructed PCS mixed-mode travel computation does not make that day a travel day (par. U5160).*

C. When PCS 'MALT-Plus' Per Diem Is Paid. A member is not authorized 'Lodging-Plus' per diem for any day that PCS 'MALT-Plus' per diem is paid.

D. Travel or TDY within PDS Limits. Except as authorized in par. U4105-H, per diem is not authorized for travel or TDY performed within the PDS limits. This does not preclude per diem payment on the departure day from or

return day to the PDS ICW TDY away from the PDS. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances. Reimbursement under par. U4510 is permitted for occasional meals and lodging necessarily procured within the PDS limits by a member escorting an arms control inspection team/a member while engaged in activities related to the implementation of an arms control treaty or agreement during the in-country period referred to in the treaty or agreement ([37 USC §434](#)). Except as indicated below, per diem is not payable at the old or new PDS for TDY en route ICW PCS travel. This applies even if the member vacated the permanent residence at the old PDS and was in temporary lodging during the TDY. **Exception:** A member who detaches (signs out PCS) from the old PDS, performs TDY en route elsewhere, and returns TDY en route to the old PDS is authorized per diem at the old PDS ([B-161267, 30 August 1967](#)). **Example:** A member departs the Pentagon (Arlington, VA) PCS on 15 June, performs TDY en route at Ft. Leavenworth 1 -31 July, returns TDY en route to the Pentagon 5-15 August, and then signs in PCS to Ft. Polk on 31 August. The member is authorized per diem at the Pentagon (old PDS) 5-15 August. If the member had detached on 15 June but performed TDY in Arlington, VA, first, no per diem is payable for the TDY in Arlington immediately after detachment. This does not preclude per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1245 for a member hospitalized at the PDS.

E. TDY within the PDS Local Area (Outside the PDS Limits). A member is not authorized per diem for TDY performed within the PDS local area (outside the PDS limits) as defined in par. U2800-B, unless overnight lodging is required. Occasional meals may be paid under par. U4510 when the member is required to procure meals at personal expense outside the PDS limits. See par. U3040 for transportation allowances. This does not preclude per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1245 for a member hospitalized within the PDS local area.

F. Round Trip within 12 Hours. A member is not authorized per diem for TDY that is performed entirely within 12 hours. Occasional meals may be reimbursed IAW par. U4510 when the member is required to procure a meal(s) at personal expense outside the PDS limits. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances.

G. Members Traveling Together with No/Limited Reimbursement. Members traveling together under an order directing no/limited reimbursement (par. U4102-O) are not authorized per diem except as noted in par. U4102-P. Occasional meals or QTRS necessarily procured are paid under par. U4510.

H. Navigational and Proficiency Flights. *A member is not authorized per diem for a navigational and proficiency flight when the flight is authorized/approved at the member's request.*

I. Assigned to Two-crew Nuclear Submarines. A member under a PCS order is not authorized per diem after 2400 on the day the member, assigned to a two-crew nuclear submarine (SSBN), arrives at the ship's home port and no further travel is performed away from the home port under that order ([57 Comp. Gen. 178 \(1977\)](#)).

J. TDY or Training Duty aboard a GOV'T Ship. A member is not authorized per diem for any TDY period or training duty aboard a GOV'T ship when both GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day aboard and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. *There is no per diem paid for the first and/or last travel day by GOV'T ship when it departs from the port at the member's PDS and/or returns to the port at the PDS.* The TDY training duty is unbroken when a member transfers between GOV'T ships at the same place and the transfer is made within a 10-hour period. When lodging is required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the lodging cost is IAW par. U4135.

K. Aboard Ship Constructed by a Commercial Contractor. A member is not authorized per diem for the period aboard a ship constructed by a commercial contractor during acceptance trials before commissioning when both QTRS and all meals are furnished without charge. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day aboard and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. When lodging is required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the lodging cost is made under par. U4135.

L. Field Duty. A member on field duty is not authorized per diem except when the:

1. Senior commander in charge of the exercise (or designated representative) for each operating location issues a statement to the member indicating that either GOV'T QTRS at no charge and/or GOV'T meals at no charge for an enlisted member, were not available during stated field duty periods.

2. Member is participating in the operation advance planning or critique phase.
3. Secretary Concerned authorized per diem payment to a member who is performing field duty while in a travel status IAW par. U4105-D.

The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the day on which field duty begins and ends at 2400 on the day before the day on which it ends. Par. U4510 permits reimbursement for occasional meals or lodging necessarily procured. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

M. TDY aboard Foreign (Non-government) Ship. A member is not authorized per diem for any TDY period aboard a non-government foreign ship when both QTRS and all meals are furnished without charge. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day on board and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. If a member is required to retain unoccupied lodging at the location where TDY was performed just before performing duty aboard a non-government foreign ship, reimbursement for the lodging cost must be made under par. U4135.

N. Member in a Missing Status. A member is not authorized per diem after 2400 of the day the member is officially carried as, or determined to be, absent in a missing status under the Missing Persons Act (44 Comp. Gen. 657 (1965)).

O. Members Traveling Together. 'Members traveling together' refers to travel away from the PDS during which the mission requires the travelers to remain together as a group while actually traveling. Ordinary travel reimbursements apply unless the members' order(s) direct(s) limited or no reimbursement, in which case transportation, food, lodging, and other items ordinarily reimbursed, must be provided without cost to the members. ***No per diem is payable on days members travel when the order(s) direct(s) limited or no reimbursement for members traveling together.*** The restriction applies to per diem payment only on the travel days between duty locations and does not include per diem for full days at the duty locations. The per diem prohibition begins when the member departs the PDS and ends at 2400 the day the member arrives at the TDY location. The prohibition begins again at 0001 the departure day from the TDY location and continues until arrival at the PDS. ***Directing several members to travel together with limited or no reimbursement must never be done simply to save travel funds.*** If meals or lodging are not available, occasional meals and lodging are paid IAW par. U4510. Limited reimbursement refers to reimbursement for occasional meals and lodging.

P. Straggler. A member, who becomes separated from the others while traveling as one of several members traveling together under an order directing limited or no reimbursement, must be provided for in the manner prescribed in Ch 7, Part N.

U4105 PER DIEM PAYABLE IN SPECIFIC CASES

A. TDY ICW Fitting-out or Conversion of a Ship or Service Craft. A member, assigned to TDY ICW fitting-out or conversion of a ship (or service craft) is authorized per diem during each fitting-out or conversion period. This period includes the day the ship is commissioned or service craft is placed in-service and day the ship is decommissioned or service craft is placed out-of-service. Per diem authority ends on the date the member's assignment is changed from TDY ICW fitting-out or conversion of a ship (or service craft) to permanent duty aboard that ship (or service craft), even if that status change is effected prior to the ship commissioning or service craft placement in-service date. Par. U4102-K applies after a ship, or service craft, under construction is delivered to the GOV'T.

B. Travel by U.S. or Foreign Government Ship for 24 or More Hours

1. Member Not Charged for Meals. A member is not authorized per diem when traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship when meals are furnished without charge, except on days of embarkation and debarkation if otherwise authorized under par. U4105-C.

2. Member Charged for Meals. A member traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship, other than an oceangoing car ferry, of 24 or more hours as a passenger (except those aboard for TDY or training) who is charged for meals is authorized per diem equal to the cost of the meals furnished, except on the embarkation and debarkation days.

C. Travel, TDY Aboard a Commercial Ship or a U.S. GOV'T Ship Totally Leased for Commercial Operation. Except for the days of arrival/embarkation and departure/debarkation, for travel aboard a commercial ship, a per diem rate equal to the anticipated expenses should be set. The AO should state in the order the circumstances warranting the rate.

D. Field Duty. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a per diem rate in a lesser amount for a unit deployed OCONUS away from the unit's PDS. This rate is paid in lieu of the prescribed rate regardless of the OCONUS location and may be paid during a period that would otherwise be field duty, taking into account the reduced expenses, if any, a member would have while performing field duty during the period covered by the order. The authorized rate should be paid for the specified time period and be such that the total per diem paid during the entire period that the member is subject to the authorized rate is about equal to the per diem rate that would have been received for the same period, calculated IAW the computation procedures in this Part and excluding the time during which the member performs field duty. The Secretary Concerned may delegate this authority to prescribe such a rate to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate Department headquarters or to a commander of an appropriate naval systems command headquarters, but there may be no further re-delegations. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

E. Member Dies while in a TDY Status. When a member dies while in a TDY status, per diem accrues through the date of death. Reimbursement for transportation, TDY mileage, or MALT, accrues from the PDS, old station, or last TDY station (as appropriate) to the place of death NTE the ordered travel official distance.

F. Ordered to TDY while on Leave. ***This paragraph applies only if the need for the TDY is unknown to the member prior to the member's departure on leave.*** If the TDY is known by the member before departure on leave, the member is reimbursed actual travel expenses NTE the constructed round-trip cost between the PDS and TDY location. ***City-pair airfares are not authorized for use to/from the leave point if the TDY requirement is known before leave is begun (See APP P2).***

1. TDY at Leave Point. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY order to perform TDY at the leave point, is authorized per diem for the TDY performed in compliance with the order.

2. TDY at other than Leave Point

a. Authorized to Resume Leave upon TDY Completion. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY order to other than the leave point, is authorized round-trip transportation and per diem for travel between the leave address (or the place at which the order is received, whichever applies), and the TDY location (see par. U2165). TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

b. Directed to Return to PDS upon TDY Completion. A member away from the PDS, who receives a TDY order at other than the leave point, is authorized:

(1) Transportation and per diem for travel from the:

(a) Leave address (or place at which the order is received, whichever applies), to the TDY station (par. U2165), and

(b) TDY station to the PDS.

(2) TDY allowances at the TDY location.

c. Directed to Proceed to New PDS upon TDY Completion. A member directed to proceed to a new PDS upon TDY completion is authorized:

- (1) PCS travel and transportation allowances for travel performed from the:
 - (a) Old PDS to the leave address or to the place at which the order was received, whichever applies, NTE in either case the official distance from the old PDS to the new PDS; and
 - (b) Leave address or place at which the order is received, as applicable, to the TDY station; and
 - (c) TDY station to the new PDS.
- (2) TDY allowances at the TDY location.

G. Order Canceled while the Member Is en route to a TDY Station. If a TDY order is canceled while a member is en route to a TDY station, round trip travel and transportation allowances are authorized from the PDS (or residence, as appropriate) to the point at which the cancellation notification was received (includes a leave point) and return to the PDS, NTE the round trip distance from the PDS to the TDY station. *Per diem is not authorized for any day on which member was in a leave status (51 Comp. Gen. 548 (1972)).*

H. TDY within the PDS Limits. *The allowances in this par. are authorized when such duty is performed under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to human life or damage to Federal GOV'T property provided overnight accommodations are used by reason of such duty.* Travel and transportation allowances are authorized for a member performing TDY (other than at the member's residence or normal duty location) within the PDS limits when authorized by competent authority. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances. Per diem ICW transportation delays at the PDS may be paid in certain extremely limited weather-related circumstances beyond the traveler's control after return to the PDS vicinity from the TDY location. See [CBCA 2371-TRAV, 18 May 2011](#).

I. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Flat Rate Per Diem. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem for a member assigned TDY to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION for more than 180 consecutive days at one location. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem is equal to 55% of the applicable maximum locality [per diem rate](#). Retroactive application of this authority to an existing order dated prior to 1 February 2008 violates par. U2205. Except to correct or to complete an order to show the original intent, an order must not be revoked or modified retroactively to create, deny, or change an allowance ([24 Comp. Gen. 439 \(1944\)](#)) (See APP A).

1. Limitations. The following circumstances may affect per diem reimbursement.

- a. Retained lodging expenses during a member's authorized absence (pars. U7225 and U7226).
- b. CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem applies to TDY at the specified location. If a member is sent TDY to another location, the appropriate per diem, computed using the 'Lodging-Plus' method, for that area applies.
- c. Dual lodging (par. U4135).

2. Delegation Authority. The Secretary Concerned may delegate authority to prescribe a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate via the Secretarial Process to an official at the O-6 or GS-15 level with no further re-delegation authorized.

3. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Per Diem Exception. The Secretary Concerned or authorized delegated authority may adjust the CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem when the 55% rate is determined to be insufficient or overly generous. *Per diem rate adjustment must be authorized before travel.* For example, the Secretary Concerned or the authorized delegated authority, before travel begins, may authorize the following per diem rate adjustments:

- a. Lower the 55% to 50% to accommodate slightly lower than expected anticipated expenses; or
- b. Increase the 55% to 60% to accommodate slightly higher than anticipated expenses; or
- c. Increase the per diem in 10% increments above 60% (NTE 100%) if 60% is insufficient.
- d. Full locality per diem rate (and 'Lodging-Plus' computation) continuation when reduced cost long-term rental or lease facilities are not available at the specified location.

4. **Per Diem Computation.** The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate is rounded up to the next higher dollar and paid in a fixed amount NTE 55% of the applicable TDY locality [per diem rate](#), plus lodging tax (par. U4105-I4c). ***A lodging receipt is not required for lodging reimbursement (par. U2710); however, a lodging receipt may be necessary to support a lodging tax reimbursable expense (APP G) if required by a Service issuance.*** Ensure the member has asked about and taken advantage of any tax exemption that may exist.

- a. Pay 55% (or the appropriate percentage) of the locality per diem rate (plus CONUS lodging tax as a reimbursable expense (APP G) if applicable on the 55% or appropriate percentage) except for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS (par. U4147).
- b. Pay 75% of the M&IE rate plus the lodging cost if applicable on the arrival date at the TDY location and 75% of the M&IE on the return day at the PDS.
- c. Lodging tax in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to the 55% (or appropriate percentage) per diem. ***Lodging tax in a FOREIGN AREA is part of the per diem lodging ceiling and is not a reimbursable expense.***
- d. If authorized travel requires more than one day en route to the TDY CONTINGENCY OPERATION location where a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat per diem rate is authorized, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover locality per diem rate and is not at the 55% rate (par. U4145-B). The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate is effective the day after the member reports to the TDY location (pars. U4149 or U4151).
- e. For multiple TDY assignments between the CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location and other locations such as a uniformed service facility where GMR or PMR or similar deductible meals are available (par. U4165) or commercial lodging the locality per diem applies for the official travel days. When dual lodging is authorized, pay NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate (not the flat rate per diem amount) for the CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location (par. U4105-I1c). The applicable per diem rate is effective the day after the reporting date to the TDY location (pars. U4149 or U4151).

5. **Example.** A member is ordered TDY to a CONUS location for two years ICW a CONTINGENCY OPERATION. The Secretary Concerned authorizes 55% CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem in the TDY order at the onset. The locality per diem rate for the location is \$259 (\$198/ \$61). The actual long-term lodging cost is anticipated to be \$95/night (on a monthly or yearly lease) and the daily lodging tax is \$15, a reimbursable expense (APP G).

The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem is set at 55% or \$143 ($\$259 \times 55\% = \142.45 , rounded up to \$143), plus lodging tax of \$15/night.

Pay the reduced flat rate per diem of \$143, plus \$15 lodging tax/night. ***NOTE: If the \$95/night rate is known before the fact, the flat rate percentage could be reduced to 50% (or $\$198 \times .5 = \99) plus the appropriate lodging tax.***

Pay the first TDY day - \$140.75 (Lodging - \$95 + M&IE - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 75\% = \45.75)) plus lodging tax of \$15.

Pay the second TDY day up to the day before departure from the TDY location - \$143/day plus \$15

lodging tax.

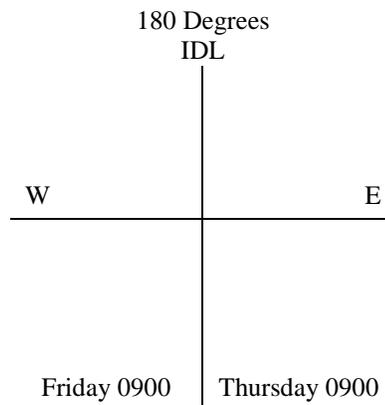
Pay the departure TDY day to the PDS - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 75\% = \45.75).

J. When the TDY Station Becomes the PDS. A member, who while at a TDY station receives a PCS order or information indicating that the member will be transferred to the TDY station on a *specified future date*, is authorized payment of otherwise proper TDY allowances for the TDY involved and return travel to the old PDS. See par. U7125-D if the TDY station is designated as the new PDS *effective immediately*.

U4115 INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE

A. International Date Line (IDL). The IDL is a hypothetical line along the 180th meridian where each calendar day begins. For example, when it is Thursday east of the IDL it is Friday west of the IDL.

B. Computing Per Diem when Crossing the IDL



C. Computation. The following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under this paragraph:

Example 1			
TDY Travel Involving IDL with a 'Lost' Day			
The TDY location lodging cost is \$135/night. The per diem rate is \$225 (\$135/ \$90).			
The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/20.			
When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the dates 8/18 -8/19 are treated as one day for per diem computation purposes because the traveler did not arrive at the TDY location until 8/20. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for two 8/25 dates.			
A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	At
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
20-24 Aug (Friday-Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT			
(Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
18 Aug Wednesday		75 % x \$90 =	\$67.50
19 August Thursday		NO PER DIEM	
20-24 Aug (Friday-Tuesday)		\$135 + \$90 = \$225/day x 5 days =	\$1,125.00
25 Aug Wednesday		\$90 (M&IE) =	\$90.00
25 Aug Wednesday		75 % x \$90 =	\$67.50
Total			\$1,350.00

Example 2			
TDY Travel Involving IDL without a ‘Lost’ Day			
TDY location lodging cost is \$140/night. The per diem rate is \$218 (\$146/ \$72).			
The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/19.			
When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the date 8/19 (Thursday) is treated as a full day for per diem computation purposes as the traveler arrived on 8/19. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for one 8/25 date.			
A GOV’T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	At
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
19-24 Aug (Thursday-Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
18 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$72 =		\$54.00
19-24 Aug (Thursday-Tuesday)	\$140 + \$72 = \$212/day x 6 days =		\$1,272.00
25 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$72 =		\$54.00
Total			\$1,380.00

U4125 PER DIEM UNDER THE ‘LODGING-PLUS’ COMPUTATION METHOD

Per diem computed under this Part is based on the ‘Lodging-Plus’ computation method. The total daily per diem amount is NTE the applicable daily locality rate. See par. U2710 and the [DoDFMR 7000.14-R, Volume 9](#) concerning receipts.

U4127 LODGING TAX UNDER ‘LODGING-PLUS’

A. CONUS and Non-foreign OCONUS Area. The [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area does not include lodging tax. Lodging tax in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) when per diem (or AEA as in Ch 4, Part C) is paid except when ‘MALT-Plus’ per diem for POC PCS travel is paid.

B. Foreign Area. The [per diem locality lodging](#) ceiling in a foreign area includes lodging tax. ***Lodging tax in a FOREIGN AREA is not a reimbursable expense when per diem (or Ch 4, Part C AEA) is paid.***

U4129 LODGING UNDER THE ‘LODGING-PLUS’ COMPUTATION METHOD

A. General. The amount allowed for lodging expense is the expense actually incurred or the maximum [TDY locality lodging](#) ceiling, whichever is less. TDY lodging when utilized for official travel is always based on the GOV’T’s interest. Reimbursement computation is in par. U2560 for the commercial lodging cost incurred for any day that the member was TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV’T QTRS were available and directed on that U.S. INSTALLATION. ***A lodging expense receipt is not necessary when par. U4105-14 applies unless to validate related expenses such as lodging tax or a parking fee.***

B. Commercial Lodging. Except as provided for double occupancy in par. U4129-D, when a member uses commercial lodging facilities (i.e., hotels, motels, and boarding houses), the allowable lodging expense is based on the single room rate for the lodging used. ***The traveler must adhere to the prudent traveler rule for official travel funded***

by the GOV'T (see par. U2010). TDY lodging accommodation is not intended for any individual who is an ineligible traveler ICW the official travel order (i.e., a TDY traveler is not expected to bring family members or friends to stay in the TDY lodging).

C. GOV'T QTRS. A fee/service charge paid NTE the TDY locality lodging ceiling for GOV'T QTRS use is an allowable lodging expense. Reimbursement to the member for GOV'T QTRS use is NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging ceiling.

D. Single and Multiple Occupancy of a Room

NOTE: The following presumes there are no complications, i.e., other provisions of the JFTR that may apply, such as being TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and being ordered to use available GOV'T lodging.

1. Single Occupancy. Each official traveler is authorized lodging up to the authorized lodging rate.

2. Official Travelers Share a Room

a. Each official traveler is:

(1) Allocated the appropriate percentage of the room rate charged (e.g., 2 official travelers –are each allocated 50% of the room cost; 3 official travelers–each is allocated 33%) of the actual rate charged if a room is shared with another/other official traveler(s), and

(2) Responsible for their share of the applicable room rate (e.g., 2 official travelers - each is responsible for 50% of the room rate; 3 official travelers - each is responsible for 33% of the room rate.

b. Multiple occupancy of a single room **DOES NOT LIMIT** a traveler's lodging per diem ceiling eligibility. **Example:** Two official travelers who share a room in a \$100/night lodging area have \$200 with which to pay for a room.

c. Examples of Room Charge Allocation:

(1) Locality per diem lodging ceiling is \$100/night. Two official travelers share a \$250/night room. Each official traveler is allocated \$125/night (but without an AEA, each only receives \$100 reimbursement since the locality maximum lodging ceiling is \$100/night).

(2) Locality per diem lodging ceiling is \$100/night. Two official travelers share a \$170/night room. Each official traveler is allocated \$85/night – which is payable since it is below the locality lodging ceiling rate of \$100/night.

3. Official Traveler Shares a Room with a Non-GOV'T Traveler(s). If the official traveler shares a room with a person(s) who is not a GOV'T traveler on official travel, then the official traveler is allowed the single room rate. **Refer to par. U4129-E if the non-GOV'T traveler(s) is a family member or friend.**

E. Lodging with a Friend or Relative. **Lodging cost reimbursement is not authorized for a member who stays with a friend or relative.** A member, who lodges with a friend or relative at the friend's/relative's residence, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible. The lodging reimbursement examples below apply for official travel to include as an attendant/escort, evacuation, extended TDY, limited evacuation and other circumstances in which the member has the option to stay with friends or relatives. **The Service/Agency cannot direct the member to lodge with friends or relatives. TDY lodging accommodation at GOV'T expense is not intended for an individual who is an ineligible traveler ICW an official travel order (i.e., a family member or friend is not expected to routinely share the TDY lodging).** While a lodging availability situation may require a traveler to accept lodging that is more spacious than is needed for the official traveler, the official traveler is expected not to purposely accept more spacious lodging simply because the official traveler desires to provide lodging for other non-official travelers. A lodging expense receipt is not necessary when par. U4105-14 applies unless to validate related expenses such as lodging tax or a parking fee.

Example 1: A member (outpatient) and a DoD civilian employee (attendant), each traveling under an official TDY order to Location A, reside together with family members who live at/near Location A during the TDY. They commute daily to the TDY location. The member is not authorized lodging reimbursement, but the DoD civilian employee possibly may be eligible for reimbursement of some lodging costs. See [JTR, par. C4555-B3](#).

Example 2: A member is TDY (active duty call-up) to Location A and stays in commercial lodging. A family member later joins the member at personal expense. The member is authorized NTE the single room rate and room tax on the single rate limited to the applicable locality lodging rate; or the reduced per diem lodging rate prescribed by the Secretarial Process authority annotated on the TDY travel order for lodging rental/lease at other than a higher rate. The lodging cost is split equally among the named people indicated on the signed rental/leased lodging agreement/contract.

Example 3: A member is TDY to Location A and stays in commercial lodging. Multiple family members later join the member at personal expense with no additional lodging expense incurred by the GOV'T. The non-GOV'T travelers are reflected as occupants on the lodging receipt. The official traveler member is authorized lodging reimbursement NTE the single room rate and room tax on the single rate limited to the applicable locality rate; or the reduced per diem lodging rate prescribed by the Secretarial Process authority annotated on the TDY travel order.

F. Lodging in other than Commercial Facilities. When no commercial lodging facilities are available (i.e., in remote areas) or when there is a room shortage because of a special event (e.g., World Fair or International Sporting Event), the cost of lodging obtained in other than commercial facilities may be allowed. Such facilities may include college dormitories or similar facilities as well as rooms made available to the public by area residents in their homes. In these cases, the member must provide a written explanation that is acceptable to the AO/designated representative.

G. Lodging Not Available at TDY Station. The TDY locality per diem rate or the AEA (Ch 4, Part C) ceiling for the location at which lodging is obtained is used for computation *only* when a member is TDY at a place where neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available. ***NOTE: This paragraph applies only when the locality per diem rate for the lodging location is higher than the locality per diem rate for the TDY location. The higher per diem rate must be authorized/approved by the AO.***

H. Online Booking Tool. Although savings may be realized through online booking agents, the traveler should follow Service/Agency procedures for making lodging reservations, or (if permitted by Service/Agency procedures) reserve a room directly with the hotel/chain (including the hotel's online website). ***Lodging reimbursement is authorized for hotel lodging obtained through an online booking agent only when the traveler can provide a documented itemized receipt for room costs from the hotel or online booking agent showing the following charges ([CBCA 2431-TRAV, 13 September 2011](#)):***

1. Daily hotel room costs;
2. Daily hotel taxes; and
3. Daily miscellaneous fees, if applicable.

I. Multiple Lessees Involving Leased or Rented Lodging. Even though a daily lodging rate is computed for TDY reimbursement, the long-term (i.e., not daily) lodging cost is split equally among the lessees indicated on the signed lease or rental agreement/contract before the daily reimbursement rate is computed. The prorated lodging cost reimbursement per person is limited to the applicable locality or the reduced per diem lodging rate prescribed by the Secretarial Process authority annotated on the TDY travel order. The applicable daily M&IE rate of the official traveler is not prorated. AEA authority must be in the GOV'T's interest IAW par. U4205 per the AO determination. ***TDY lodging accommodation is not intended for individual(s) who are ineligible traveler(s) ICW an official travel order. The traveler must adhere to the prudent traveler rules for official travel funded by the GOV'T.***

J. Advance Lodging Deposits. An advance lodging deposit is reimbursable when required by the lodging facility to secure a room reservation prior to TDY travel. The traveler is financially responsible for repayment of the advance deposit if the deposit is forfeited because the TDY travel is not performed for reasons unacceptable to the Service/ Agency.

U4131 APARTMENT, HOUSE, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT WHILE TDY

A. General. An apartment, house, or recreational vehicle (includes a mobile home, a camper, a camping trailer, or self-propelled mobile recreational vehicle) leased or rented ICW official TDY qualifies as lodging. Par. U4129-D applies for multiple occupancy involving official travelers; par. U4129-E for lodging with a friend/relative at the friend's or relative's residence; and par. U4129-I for multiple lessees of rented/leased TDY lodging.

B. Expenses. In determining the daily amount of expense items which do not accrue on a daily basis such as cost for connection/ disconnection of utilities, dumping fees, shower fees, cleaning charges, monthly telephone use fee, etc., these expenses are averaged over the number of days the traveler is authorized per diem during the entire TDY trip. Allowable lodging expenses are:

1. Apartment, house, or recreational vehicle rent;
2. Parking space for the recreational vehicle rent;
3. Appropriate and necessary furniture rental, such as a stove, refrigerators, chairs, tables, beds, sofas, television, and a vacuum cleaner;

NOTE 1: Some rental agreements (i.e., furniture rental agreements) include option-to-buy clauses that result in the renter owning the rented item (i.e., furniture) at the contract term end. A traveler may be reimbursed for the cost of such a rental agreement (i.e., cost of furniture rental as part of the lodging cost) while on TDY if the traveler has no other choice but to enter into such an agreement. However, if the traveler exercises the purchase option, the amount that is being credited toward the purchase must be returned to the GOV'T by the traveler if paid to the traveler as part of the travel claim settlement (B-259520, 7 December 1995). When a dwelling of any kind (to include a recreational vehicle) becomes purchased under some form of rent-to-buy provision, all associated costs previously claimed must be repaid.

NOTE 2: A member who rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from a previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished TDY lodging, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. Adopted from GSBCA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005 at <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/travel/u1669917.pdf>.

NOTE 3: Some furniture rental agreements may require a damage waiver fee for damage protection as part of the rental cost. A traveler may be reimbursed for the cost of such a fee as part of the cost of the furniture rental while on TDY if the traveler has no other choice but to enter into such an agreement. Adopted from CBCA 1961-TRAV, 20 JULY 2010.

4. Connection, use, and disconnection costs of utilities including electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil and sewer charges;
5. Dumping fees;
6. Shower fees;
7. Maid fees and cleaning charges;
8. Monthly telephone use fees (*does not include installation charges and unofficial long distance calls. When a personally-owned cellular phone is used in lieu of an installed phone, the monthly cell phone fee may not be claimed. See APP G for official communications.*);

9. The costs of special user fees such as cable TV charges and plug-in charges for automobile head bolt heaters, if ordinarily included in the price of a hotel/motel room in the area concerned; and
10. Exchange fee (but not the annual maintenance fee) paid by a member to acquire use of timeshare lodging at the TDY point (B-254626, 17 February 1994).

U4133 LODGING COST UNDER THE BARTER SYSTEM

A member, TDY in a remote location at which there are no GOV'T QTRS or other suitable commercial lodging facilities, may be reimbursed the cost of barter goods used in exchange for lodging obtained in private dwellings. Reimbursement may not exceed 20% of the locality per diem lodging ceiling. *As an exception to the \$75 or more receipt rule, the traveler should be prepared to provide receipts for the barter goods together with the traveler's certification that the barter goods were delivered to the householder for lodging received if required by finance regulations.*

U4135 DUAL LODGING REIMBURSEMENT ON A SINGLE DAY

A. Per Diem Basis. When the AO determines it is necessary for a traveler to retain lodging at one TDY location (Location A) for other than personal convenience and procure lodging at a second TDY location (Location B) on the same calendar day, the lodging cost incurred at the second TDY location (Location B) at which the traveler remained overnight is used for computing the member's per diem for TDY at that location (Location B) for that day.

B. AO Considerations. The AO must verify that the traveler acted reasonably and prudently. Considerations for dual lodging reimbursement include:

1. The inability to occupy lodging at the first TDY location was due to conditions beyond the traveler's control (60 Comp. Gen. 630 (1981));
2. Economical impact (daily, weekly, monthly room rate, availability, storage charges, or shipment costs) (GSBCA 15321-TRAV 26 October 2000; GSBCA 15482-TRAV 18 October 2001); and
3. Practicality of checking out (B-257670, 10 January 1995).

C. Reimbursable Expense for Lodging. The lodging cost incurred at the first location (Location A) is reimbursable as a reimbursable expense (APP G) if approved by the AO (60 Comp. Gen. 630 (1981)).

D. Maximum Reimbursement. Actual lodging cost reimbursement at the first TDY location (Location A) is NTE the amount of per diem or AEA plus lodging tax that would have been paid had the traveler remained at Location A overnight. Lodging receipts are required for dual lodging claims.

E. Limitation. *Dual lodging exists to cover lodging expenses that arise because of unexpected circumstances beyond the traveler's control during TDY travel.* Dual lodging must be approved after the fact by an amended order or by the approving official on the travel voucher. Any period of dual lodging reimbursement is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days, with extensions beyond 14 consecutive days only if approved by the Secretarial Process.

F. Long-term Dual Lodging Occupancy. *Long-term reimbursement for dual lodging is not permitted and an order may not contain such a provision.*

G. Example. An order is prepared to direct TDY at Location C for 150 days. The AO knows the member is to spend limited time at Location C and is also going to one or more other locations for lengthy periods during the TDY period. *Using par. U4135 to authorize multiple long periods (or a single all-encompassing period) of dual lodging reimbursement for lodging retained at Location C violates the intent of this authority and is not authorized. The known TDY locations must be named in the order.*

Example 1			
<i>NOTE: Lodging tax is not a reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.</i>			
A traveler, who leased an apartment while TDY at Location A, was required to perform additional TDY in Location B for 5 days. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the Location A apartment while TDY in Location B and authorized/approved the \$45/day Location A apartment cost as a reimbursable expense (APP G). The Location B lodging cost (\$95/day) was used for computing the traveler's per diem while TDY in that location.			
Per Diem Rates			
Location	Max Lodging	M&IE	Total
A	\$130	\$46	\$176
B	\$119	\$46	\$165
Reimbursement for the Location A Apartment for 5 days			
Lodging Cost	Number of Days	Total	
\$45	5	\$225	
Per Diem for the TDY Assignment in Location B			
First Day			
(Departure day from Location A and arrival day in Location B):			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$95	\$46	\$141 plus lodging tax (<i>NOTE</i>)	
Second thru Fifth Day			
(Lodging cost + M&IE)/day x 4 days			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$95	\$46	\$141/day x 4 days = \$564 plus lodging tax (<i>NOTE</i>)	
Return day to Location A			
(Lodging cost + M&IE)			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$45	\$46	\$91	

Example 2			
<i>NOTE: Lodging tax is not a reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.</i>			
A traveler occupied GOV'T QTRS while on a training assignment at a U.S. INSTALLATION in Location C. The traveler was required to perform additional TDY for 3 days in Location D. If the traveler vacated the GOV'T QTRS (daily cost \$25) while on the 3-day TDY assignment, the QTRS might not be available upon return. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the GOV'T QTRS while TDY in Location D and authorized/approved the cost of those QTRS as a reimbursable expense (APP G). The Location D lodging cost (\$110/day) was used to determine the traveler's per diem while TDY there.			
Per Diem Rates			
Location	Max Lodging	M&IE	Total
C	\$109	\$38	\$147
D	\$130	\$46	\$176
Reimbursement for GOV'T QTRS for 3 Days			
Lodging	Number of Days	Total	
\$25	3	\$75	
Per Diem for the TDY Assignment in Location D			
First Day			
(Departure day from Location C and arrival day in Location D):			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$110	\$46	\$156 plus lodging tax (<i>NOTE</i>)	
Second and Third Day			
(Lodging Cost + M&IE)/day x 4 days			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$110	\$46	\$156/day x 2 days = \$312 plus lodging tax (<i>NOTE</i>)	
Day of Return to Location C			
(Lodging Cost + M&IE)			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$25	\$38	\$63	

U4137 ALLOWABLE EXPENSES WHEN A RESIDENCE IS PURCHASED AND USED FOR TDY LODGING

*Effective with an order issued on/after 1 January 2012, mortgage interest and property taxes associated with the purchase of any dwelling (to include a recreational vehicle) purchased at a TDY location may not be claimed as substantiation for payment of per diem while TDY. Effective 10 January 2012 utilities on a dwelling purchased on/after 1 January 2012 (including a recreational vehicle) may not be reimbursed. **Example:** Order issued 29 December 2011 and dwelling purchased 2 January 2012 = no lodging payments for purchase costs. Personnel who were issued orders before 1 January 2012 and had already purchased a dwelling at the TDY location before 1 January 2012 may continue to claim lodging costs related to the purchased dwelling until the expiration of the current TDY order including any extensions to that order limited to the following:*

A. **Purchased Residence.** For those eligible (see above), allowable expenses are prorated based on the number of days in the month, rather than by the actual number of days the member occupied the residence ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)), and include the monthly:

1. Mortgage interest;
2. Property tax; and
3. Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hook-up charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges, not to include entertainment utilities (e.g. cable, TV, telephone).

B. Limitation. *In no case may the total lodging per diem payable exceed the applicable TDY maximum locality lodging ceiling unless an AEA (Ch 4, Part C) is authorized/approved. Par. U4141 does not apply when the residence is purchased.*

NOTE: *A member who purchased and occupied a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for any cost associated with rental, purchase or shipment of furniture.*

U4139 COST FOR LODGING JOINTLY OCCUPIED BY MEMBER AND DEPENDENTS

The cost for lodging jointly occupied by a member and a dependent(s) is 50% for the member and 50% for the dependent(s) (regardless of the number of family members) when a member in a per diem status receives TLA for a dependent(s) (par. U9160-C). When a dependent(s) is not traveling at GOV'T expense, the member is authorized the single room rate.

U4140 LODGING WHEN TDY AT ONE LOCATION FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS

If a traveler is TDY at one location for more than 30 days, lodging reservations should be made on a weekly, monthly, or other long-term basis, if possible. Follow Service/Agency procedures for making lodging arrangements (pars. U4131, U4137, and U4141).

U4141 LODGING OBTAINED ON A WEEKLY, MONTHLY, OR LONGER TERM BASIS

When a traveler obtains lodging on a weekly, monthly, or longer term basis, the daily TDY lodging cost is computed by dividing the total periodic (e.g., weekly, monthly) lodging cost by the number of days the member is authorized the lodging portion of per diem (62 Comp. Gen. 63 (1982)).

This computation presumes that the member acts prudently in renting by the week or month, and that the GOV'T cost does not exceed the cost of renting conventional lodging at a daily rate. **NOTE:** *This does not apply when a residence is purchased* (par. U4137).

<u>Example</u>
1. A traveler is TDY at a location at which the per diem is \$136 (\$80/ \$56).
2. Lodging (apartment & utilities) are obtained on a long-term basis for \$900/month.
3. The daily lodging cost per month is \$30 (\$900/30 days).
4. In June the traveler took leave for 10 days and is authorized per diem for only 20 days.
5. The daily lodging rate during June is computed to be \$45/day (\$900/20). Since the \$45/day lodging cost does not exceed the authorized \$80/day locality lodging ceiling, the traveler is reimbursed \$45/day for 20 days of lodging in June.

NOTE: *See par. U7225 if lodging is obtained on a daily basis and a member takes an authorized absence while on TDY in support of a CONTINGENCY OPERATION or par. U7226 if a member takes leave ICW an authorized/ordered evacuation to visit dependents at their safe haven.*

U4143 LODGING AND/OR MEALS OBTAINED UNDER CONTRACT

When a contracting officer contracts for rooms and/or meals for a member traveling on TDY, the total daily amount paid by the GOV'T for the member's lodging, M&IE is NTE the applicable per diem authorized in this Part (60 Comp. Gen. 181(1981) and 62 Comp. Gen. 308 (1983)) unless an AEA is authorized/approved under Ch 4, Part C.

NOTE: *There is NO reimbursement for any items rented for contract QTRS that are rented with an "option to buy" (GSBCA 15890-TRAV, 29 July 2003).*

U4145 PER DIEM COMPUTATION

A. General. Ordinarily, per diem is based on the member's TDY location at 2400. There are occasions, however, when the member is en route to a TDY location and does not arrive at the lodging site until 2400 or later. In that

case, lodging is claimed for the preceding calendar day and the maximum per diem for the preceding day is determined as if the member had been at the stopover point or TDY location at 2400 of the preceding day. If no lodging is required, the per diem rate is still determined as if the member had been at the stopover point or TDY location at 2400 of the preceding day.

B. Stopover Point. If authorized travel requires more than 1 day and a stopover for the night that includes lodging (***NOTE: Lodging does not include sleeping in the transportation terminal.***) is required, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover point locality per diem rate.

C. M&IE Payment. The M&IE rate is payable to the member without expense itemization and without receipts. Box lunches, in-flight meals and rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft are not a GOV'T dining facility/mess for per diem computation purposes. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

D. Meal Rate. The meal rate established by the order cannot be reduced after the ordered travel has been completed except for a deductible meal (GOV'T meals paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess are not deductible meals). See par. U4165. However, an AO/schoolhouse commander may amend an order to direct immediate and/or future meal rate changes.

U4147 PER DIEM FOR DEPARTURE FROM AND RETURN TO PDS

A. Rate. 75% of the appropriate locality M&IE rate is paid for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS ICW TDY, regardless of what time the member departs or returns. ***On these days, the GMR, PMR, \$3.50 OCONUS IE, or reduced per diem rate do not apply.***

NOTE: As an exception, USCG members assigned to detached duty at USCG Stations (small), USCG Search and Rescue Detachments, USCG Air Facilities, USCG Auxiliary Operated Stations, and OPBAT Sites may be paid 75% of the reduced M&IE (if any) prescribed for the site.

B. Departure Day. The per diem rate for the PDS departure day is based on the member's TDY/stopover location at 2400 on that day. If the member is traveling and lodging is not procured for that night, the locality M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) is the applicable M&IE rate.

C. Return Day. For the day travel ends (return day to the PDS, home, or other authorized point), the per diem is based on the M&IE rate applicable to the preceding day (last TDY or authorized delay point). Any TDY en route locations, on the day travel ends, do not affect the M&IE rate for the return day unless overnight lodging is required. ***NOTE: For USCG only: For the day travel ends (return day to the PDS, home or authorized delay point), the per diem is based on the M&IE applicable to the last TDY or authorized delay point, whether or not overnight lodging was required there.***

<u>Example</u>	
01 Sep	Depart PDS
01 Sep	Arrive TDY A (\$50 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY A
10 Sep	Arrive TDY B (\$60 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY B
10 Sep	Arrive PDS
Pay 75% of \$50 (TDY A M&IE for preceding day) on 10 Sep	

U4149 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR CONUS FULL DAYS

A. Locality Rate. The applicable per diem rate for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official CONUS travel. Use the M&IE rate for the locality concerned.

B. GMR. The standard GMR paid for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess plus \$5 IE is paid. This rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4149-D),
2. The GMR is directed,
3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
4. The member is not traveling.

C. PMR. The PMR plus \$5 IE is paid. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4149-D),
2. At least one meal is available and directed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
3. The member is not traveling.

D. Member Directed to Procure Private Sector Lodging off the U.S. INSTALLATION. When adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodging off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the GOV'T QTRS are *not available* and is *authorized the locality meal rate* instead of the GMR or PMR and \$5 IE. Just because GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodging off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality meal rate to the GMR or PMR.

U4151 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR OCONUS FULL DAYS

A. Locality Rate. The applicable per diem rate for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official OCONUS travel. Use the M&IE rate for the locality concerned.

B. GMR. The Standard GMR paid for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess plus the appropriate IE rate is paid. This rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4151-E),
2. The GMR is directed,
3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
4. The member is not traveling.

C. PMR. The PMR plus the IE rate is paid. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4151-E),
2. At least one meal is available and directed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and

3. The member is not traveling.

D. OCONUS IE

1. Except for USCG members and other members traveling under USCG funds, the OCONUS locality [IE rate](#) is the applicable rate, or \$3.50 when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. ***Regardless of the location at which the member is lodged, the \$3.50 must be stated on the travel order for it to be paid for travel beginning on or after 1 July 2009. The \$3.50 IE rate does not apply on any day the member is traveling.***

2. For USCG members and other members traveling on USCG funds, the OCONUS locality IE rate is the applicable rate when the member is not ordered TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>), or \$3.50 when the member is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS are available (par. U4151-E) on that U.S. INSTALLATION. Two exceptions are noted below. The AO may determine that \$3.50 is:

a. Adequate when the member *is not lodged* on a U.S. INSTALLATION. ***The OCONUS IE rate of \$3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the order.***

b. *Not adequate when the member is lodged on a U.S. INSTALLATION. The [locality IE rate](#) (<http://http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>) may be authorized and must be stated in the order.*

E. Member Directed to Procure Private Sector Lodgings off the U.S. Installation. When adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the QTRS are ***not available*** and is ***authorized the locality meal rate*** instead of the GMR or PMR plus the locality IE rate unless the \$3.50 IE rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. Just because QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality M&IE to the GMR or PMR.

U4153 PER DIEM ON ARRIVAL AT OR DEPARTURE FROM A TDY POINT

The M&IE rate payable on the days of arrival at and departure from the TDY point is the M&IE rate for that location, unless the member is in a different TDY location at 2400 on that day. On a ship, the embarkation/debarkation port M&IE rate applies.

U4155 SCHOOLHOUSE TRAINING (FORMAL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION)

A schoolhouse commander is authorized to determine the appropriate meal rate (GMR, PMR or locality meal rate) regardless of what the AO may put in a TDY order to the contrary. See pars. U4149-B/U4149-C for CONUS and pars. U4151-B/U4151-C for OCONUS. If there is information about the course that provides the appropriate meal rate, that information, and its source, should be documented in the order. If that information is not available prior to order issuance, it must be provided to the member by the schoolhouse commander (or designee) upon arrival at the school and submitted with the travel voucher.

U4157 LODGING PER DIEM COMPUTATION

Lodging reimbursement while on TDY or at a delay point, is NTE the [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling for the TDY or delay location. The lodging cost or the locality lodging ceiling, whichever is less, is added to the M&IE rate for that location to determine that day's per diem rate. The total amount is NTE the maximum per diem rate for the TDY (or stopover) locality unless an AEA is authorized/approved IAW Ch 4, Part C. When lodging has been obtained at a location other than the TDY location the per diem rate for the lodging location may apply if par. U4129-G applies.

U4159 PER DIEM COMPUTATION FOR TDY OF MORE THAN 12 BUT LESS THAN 24 HOURS

M&IE of 75% of the [M&IE rate](#) for the TDY location is payable for each travel day. If more than one TDY location is

involved and lodging is not required, M&IE of 75% of the highest M&IE rate is payable on each day (e.g., 15-hour trip covering 2 days with three stops on day 1 and two stops on day 2 – the highest of the three rates on day 1 for day 1 and the highest for the 2 on day 2 for day 2). If lodging must be obtained, the rules for travel of more than 24 hours apply. ***Per diem is not authorized under par. U4159 when travel is performed in the local area unless overnight lodging is required. If overnight lodging is required in the local area these rules or rules for over 24 hours apply.*** See par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.

U4160 PER DIEM FOR TDY TRAVEL BY CAR FERRY

A. **General.** When a member on TDY travels by POC partly by road and partly by car ferry (circuitously or otherwise), the member is authorized per diem while traveling on the ferry. See Ch. 3, Part I for transportation reimbursement.

B. **Lodging.** Reimbursement for the actual cost of required accommodations (unless included in the ferry transportation cost) is authorized.

C. **M&IE when Travel Includes an Overnight on a Car Ferry Anywhere in the World.** M&IE is based on and computed for the member using the highest CONUS M&IE rate for the arrival day (embarkation) on the ferry through the day before the departure day (debarkation) from the ferry. M&IE for the departure day (debarkation) from the ferry is the rate applicable for the member's location at 2400 on that day. See par. U4145-A.

D. **M&IE when Travel Does Not Include an Overnight on a Car Ferry.** If the ferry passage does not include an overnight, the applicable M&IE while on the ferry is that rate applicable to the member's location at 2400 on the debarkation day. See par. U4145-A.

U4163 ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING (EUM)

A. **Authority.** There is no authority to pay the M&IE meal portion when the Secretary Concerned, or for a JTF the Combatant/JTF Commander, determines that GOV'T dining facility/mess use is essential to accomplish training and readiness.

1. The prohibition on paying the M&IE meal portion begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on last full EUM day.

2. The CONUS IE rate is \$5, or the appropriate OCONUS **IE rate**, or \$3.50 OCONUS when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. ***The \$3.50 rate must be stated on the order for it to be paid.***

B. **Meal Procurement Required.** A member ordered to use EUM, who must procure occasional meals, is authorized reimbursement under par. U4510.

C. **IE Rate.** ***IAW par. U4151-D, if an order does not state otherwise, locality IE rate is paid.***

U4165 DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

A. **PMR Application.** The PMR in pars. U4149-C and U4151-C applies on any day (except travel days to and from the PDS) when one or two deductible meals is/are provided (APP R2, par. J). The GOV'T should not pay for the same meal twice (e.g., originally by registration fee, etc., and then again through per diem). ***A meal provided to the traveler for which the GOV'T pays nothing does not affect per diem payment.***

B. **Deductible Meal.** A deductible meal is a meal:

1. Made available pursuant to an agreement between a Uniformed Service and any organization, if the order directs use of the facility providing the meal(s);

2. Included in a GOV'T-paid registration fee;

3. Furnished at no cost to the traveler by a school while attending a course of instruction if the GOV'T ultimately pays the school for the meal cost;
4. Furnished by the GOV'T at no cost to a member (par. U4167);
5. Provided by a lodging establishment for which a charge is added in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost \$75 without breakfast; lodging cost \$85 with breakfast); or
6. Provided by a lodging establishment when the meal(s) is/are included in the lodging cost under an agreement between the GOV'T and the lodging establishment (ex., an agency arranges for lodging at a conference/meeting and the cost of one or more meals is included in the lodging cost). **NOTE: A negotiated rate should fall either within the locality lodging rate, or if declared (APP R), within the conference lodging rate. If the negotiated rate exceeds the locality (or conference) lodging rate, an AEA lodging rate should be provided to cover the higher lodging rate that includes the meal(s).**

NOTE: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) are a deductible meal if otherwise qualified above and served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast - 0600-0800). Light refreshments served during a break (not at a meal time) are not a deductible meal.

C. Meals Provided/Consumed. If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the traveler, only the IE amount for that day is payable (\$5 CONUS IE, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS).

D. AO Authority. The AO may authorize/approve the locality meal rate or PMR, as applicable, if the member:

1. Is unable to eat an otherwise deductible meal because of medical requirements or religious beliefs (the AO may request substantiating documentation from the appropriate professional authority), and
2. Attempted, but was unable, to make, alternative meal arrangements for a substitute meal, and
3. Must purchase a meal that satisfies the medical requirements or religious beliefs, or
4. Is unable to eat the deductible meal due to mission.

U4167 NON-DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

A. Non-Deductible Meal. The following is not a deductible meal:

1. Box/'bagged' meal from a GOV'T dining facility/mess, (which includes such things as C Rations, K Rations, MREs) - except when the GOV'T dining facility/mess box/'bagged' meal is the **only method** of providing an adequate meal to a member. **NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.**
2. In-flight meal,
3. Rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft,
4. GOV'T meal paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess,
5. Meal furnished on commercial aircraft,
6. Meal provided by private individuals, or
7. Meal provided by a lodging establishment on a complimentary basis without adding a charge for the meal in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost \$75 with or without breakfast).

B. Meals Provided/Consumed. If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the member, only the IE amount for that day is payable (\$5 CONUS IE, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS).

U4169 LODGING REQUIRED ON THE DAY TRAVEL ENDS

When lodging is required on the day travel ends and the AO authorizes/approves the member to obtain lodging, the lodging reimbursement is based on the locality rate, or AEA if appropriate, for the en route TDY site.

U4171 MEALS PROVIDED BY A COMMON CARRIER OR COMPLIMENTARY MEALS PROVIDED BY A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT

Meals provided by a common carrier do not affect per diem. Complimentary meals provided by a lodging establishment do not affect per diem as long as the room charge is the same with or without meals. Pars. U4165-B5 and U4165-B6 when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost. Adopted from [CBCA-1900-TRAV, 3 MAY 2010](#).

U4173 PER DIEM COMPUTATION EXAMPLES

- A. GMR. The Standard GMR in the following examples is for illustrative purposes only (APP A for GMR).
- B. U.S. and Non-foreign OCONUS Area Lodging Tax. The [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area does not include lodging tax. Lodging tax in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G), except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.
- C. Foreign Lodging Tax. The [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling in a FOREIGN AREA includes lodging tax. Lodging tax in a FOREIGN AREA is not a reimbursable expense (APP G).

D. Examples

1. **Example 1.** Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation

Example 1					
Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation					
<p>A traveler is ordered TDY for two days, POC use between the residence and TDY station (not a U.S. INSTALLATION) is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the order (par. U4915). The traveler arrives at the TDY station on day 2 and completes the TDY assignment on day 4.</p> <p>Reimbursement is limited to the actual lodging cost NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate plus the appropriate M&IE.</p> <p>The per diem rate for the TDY location is \$131 (\$85/ \$46); actual lodging cost is \$90/night. The per diem rate for both stopovers is \$141 (\$85/ \$56); actual lodging cost is \$60/night. The 12-hour rule does not apply because the TDY period is over 12 hours.</p> <p><i>AEA is not used for this example but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO (Ch 4, Part C).</i></p>					
ITINERARY					
Date	Depart	Arrive	Per Diem Rate	Lodging Cost	POC Distance
10 May	Residence	1st Stopover	\$141 (\$85/ \$56)	\$60	400 miles
11 May	En Route	TDY Station	\$131 (\$85/ \$46)	\$90	15 miles
12 May	TDY Station	TDY Station	\$131 (\$85/ \$46)	\$90	
13 May	TDY Station	2nd Stopover	\$141 (\$85/ \$56)	\$60	365 miles
14 May	En Route	Residence	Use 2 nd Stopover M&IE		50 miles
REIMBURSEMENT					
Day 1	$\$60 + [\$56 \times 75\%] = \$60 + \$42 =$				\$102.00
Day 2	$\$90 = (\$90 \text{ limited to } \$85) + \$46 =$				\$131.00
Day 3	$\$90 = (\$90 \text{ limited to } \$85) + \$46 =$				\$131.00
Day 4	$\$60 + \$56 =$				\$116.00
Day 5	$\$56 \times 75\% =$				\$ 42.00
1 round trip of 830 miles (official distance) x \$0.555/mile =					\$ 460.65
Total Reimbursement					\$982.65

2. **Example 2.** Per Diem Rate – Standard GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

Example 2

Per Diem Rate – Standard GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

A traveler is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION at which GOV'T lodging (\$6/night) and dining facility/mess are available. GMR is directed in the order. The AO approves the PMR on the 17th because breakfast was not available.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the order (par. U4915).

The maximum per diem rate is \$131 (\$85/ \$46). Standard GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$11.55 and the PMR (par. U4149-C) is \$26 plus the CONUS \$5 IE rate applies in this example.

NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are never made for arrival and departure days (par. U4147, item 1). The GMR and PMR rates used in this example are for illustrative purposes only –APP A for the current GMR.

ITINERARY

Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
10 March	Residence	TDY Station	325 miles
16-18 March		At TDY Station	
19 March	TDY Station	Residence	325 miles

REIMBURSEMENT

15 March	$\$6 + (\$46 \times 75\%) = \$6 + \$34.50 =$	\$ 40.50
16 March	$\$6 + \$11.55 \text{ (GMR)} + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$	\$ 22.55
17 March	$\$6 + \$26 \text{ (PMR)} + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$	\$ 37.00
18 March	$\$6 + \$11.55 \text{ (GMR)} + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$	\$ 22.55
19 March	$\$46 \times 75\% =$	\$ 34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$0.555/mile =		<u>\$ 360.75</u>
Total Reimbursement		\$517.85

3. **Example 3.** Per Diem Rate – AOR Travel Computation

Example 3				
PER DIEM RATE – AOR TRAVEL COMPUTATION				
A MEMBER IS TDY IN AN AOR				
2-3 Jan	The member departed the residence via POC (2 Jan), and was en route awaiting transportation without procuring lodging.			
4 Jan	Arrives at the AOR TDY station.			
5-30 Jan	The member stayed in GOV'T QTRS and received \$3.50 per day.			
31 Jan	The member departed the AOR TDY station and arrived at another AOR location.			
1 Feb	The member departed the AOR location and arrived at an approved delay stopover point, procuring lodging.			
2 Feb	The member departed the stopover point and arrived at the residence.			
PER DIEM COMPUTATION:				
Date	Travel Plan	Transportation Mode/Means	Reason For Stop	Per Diem Rate
2 Jan	Depart Residence (Departure Day)	PA		\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	
3 Jan	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
4 Jan	Arrive TDY location (enter AOR)	TP	TD	\$15 (\$0/ \$15) TDY Destination
5-30 Jan	TDY (AOR) (Lodging in GOV'T QTRS)	--	TD	\$3.50 (\$0/ \$3.50) TDY Destination
31 Jan	Depart TDY (AOR)	TP	--	\$3.50 AOR to AOR
	En route (AOR to AOR)	TP	AT	
1 Feb	En route (exit AOR/lodging)	TP	AD	\$190 (\$126/ \$64) Stopover Point
2 Feb	Arrive Residence	PA	MC	\$190 (\$126/ \$64) Preceding calendar day's M&IE rate
REIMBURSEMENT				
2 Jan	\$15/day x 75% = (Departure Day = 75% of TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)			\$11.25
3 Jan	\$15/day x 1 day = (TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)			\$15.00
4 Jan	\$15/day (TDY destination M&IE, lodging \$0)			\$15.00
5-30 Jan	\$3.50/day x 26 days = (AOR M&IE, lodging \$0)			\$91.00
31 Jan	\$3.50/day (En route AOR to AOR M&IE, lodging \$0)			\$3.50
1 Feb	\$70 + \$64 = \$134/day (Exit AOR to AD stopover point, stopover point M&IE, lodging procured at \$70)			\$134.00
2 Feb	\$64/day x 75% = (75% of preceding calendar day's M&IE rate)			\$48.00
MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT				\$317.75

U4174 RETURN TO PDS DURING EXTENDED TDY

A. General

1. For this paragraph, "extended TDY" means directed travel of 3 or more weeks.
2. A member on extended TDY (other than deployment) may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the member commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other non-workdays.
3. *Reimbursement for transportation and per diem is on the same basis as TDY travel, but is not limited to the*

expenses otherwise payable had the member remained at the TDY location.

4. *Authorized return to the PDS or place of abode is not authorized for Coast Guard.*

B. Authorized Return

1. *A traveler, who travels to a location (other than the PDS or place of abode from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS) for personal reasons and returns to the TDY location is not authorized reimbursement for transportation expenses (par. U4176).*

2. A statement that return travel is authorized must be included in the order, or on the travel voucher if approved after the travel has been performed. ***This travel is an exception to the policy of scheduling travel during regular duty hours.*** Accordingly, the authorized return should be performed outside the member's regular duty hours or during authorized leave periods.

3. A traveler who is not authorized/approved to return to the PDS is paid for personal returns IAW par. U4175.

C. Lodging Retained at TDY Location.

1. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Voluntary Return. If the member retains lodging at the TDY location during a voluntary (per par. U4175) return, the member is financially responsible for the retained room cost while gone except IAW pars. U7225 or U7226.

2. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Authorized Return. The AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for the cost of lodging retained at the TDY site as mission essential considering:

- a. The reasons for retaining the lodging are reasonable and necessary and not strictly for the traveler's convenience;
- b. The traveler's efforts to obtain lodging on a weekly or monthly basis or other long-term rental agreement; and
- c. When the retained lodging is charged on a daily basis, such factors as the TDY duration, the amount of personal belongings, the establishment's capability to store those belongings, and the traveler's ability to secure a room upon return.

3. Lodging Retained at the TDY Location Reimbursement. If authorized/approved, the costs of lodging retained at the TDY site are paid as a reimbursable expense (APP G - NTE the locality per diem lodging ceiling). See par. U7225 for lodging reimbursement if TDY supports a CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

U4175 RETURN TO PDS FROM TDY FOR PERSONAL REASONS

A. General

1. Authorized Member. Par. U4175 applies to an active or an RC member.

2. Authorized Allowances. Based on the transportation expenses incurred, a member who voluntarily returns to the PDS or residence from which the member ordinarily commutes daily to the PDS, during a TDY period, for personal reasons, is authorized the lesser of:

- a. Per diem or AEA for the actual travel time (***no per diem or AEA while at the PDS***) to and from the PDS/residence and transportation expenses for the travel from the TDY point to the PDS/residence and return; or
- b. The per diem or AEA that would have been allowed had the member stayed at the TDY point.

NOTE: Lodging tax is not included in the constructed cost for a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location as it is a reimbursable expense (APP G). FOREIGN AREA lodging tax is not a reimbursable expense.

3. Allowances Not Authorized. No per diem is credited for any day the member was in a leave status.
4. CONTINGENCY OPERATION. See par. U7225 concerning reimbursement for lodging retained at a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location during leave away from that location.

B. Computation. Following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under this paragraph:

NOTE: The GMR used in the following examples is for illustrative purposes only (APP A for GMR).

1. Example 1

<u>Example 1</u>			
Per Diem and POC TDY Mileage Computation			
A traveler performed TDY (not at a U.S. INSTALLATION) and returned to the PDS during the TDY period on the weekend for personal reasons. The TDY location lodging cost is \$65/night. The maximum per diem rate is \$131 (\$85/ \$46). AEA is not authorized and per diem is not payable for 28 June (actual cost computation) because the traveler is at the PDS (par. U4102-D).			
POC use between residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the order for one round trip (par. U4915).			
The traveler is due \$1,493.75 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).			
<i>AEA is not used for this example, but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO (Ch 4, Part C).</i>			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
23 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
24-26 June		At TDY Station	
27 June	TDY Station	PDS (personal reasons)	325 miles
28 June		PDS	
29 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
30 June-2 July		At TDY Station	
3 July	TDY Station	PDS	325 miles
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
23 June	\$65 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$ 99.50
24 to 26 June	\$65 + \$46 = \$111/day x 3 days =		\$333.00
27 June	\$46 x 75% =		\$ 34.50
28 June	<i>Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)</i>		\$ 0.00
29 June	\$65 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$ 99.50
30 June-2 July	\$65 + \$46 = \$111/day x 3 days =		\$333.00
3 July	\$46 x 75% =		\$ 34.50
2 round trips of 650 miles (official distance) = 1,300 miles x \$0.555/mile =			<u>\$ 721.50</u>
Actual Cost Total			\$1,655.50
CONSTRUCTED COST			
23 June	\$65 + [\$46 x 75%] = \$65 + \$34.50 =		\$ 99.50
24 June-2 July	\$65 + \$46 = \$111/day x 9 days =		\$999.00

3 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$	\$ 34.50
	1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) \times $\$0.555/\text{mile} =$	\$ 360.75
Constructed Cost Total		\$1,493.75

2. Example 2

<u>Example 2</u>			
Per Diem, Discount GMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation			
<p>A traveler is TDY at a U.S. INSTALLATION at which a GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all meals and the lodging cost is \$6/night. GOV'T dining facility/mess use is directed and per diem is not paid on 12 July (actual cost computation) while the member is at the PDS (par. U4102-D). The member returned by POC to the PDS while TDY on the weekend for personal reasons.</p> <p>The maximum per diem rate is \$131 (\$85/ \$46). The discount GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$9.90 plus \$5 IE for this example.</p> <p>POC use between residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the order for one round trip (par. U4915).</p> <p>The member is due \$405.75 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).</p> <p><i>NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are not made for arrival and departure days (par. U4147-A). The GMR rate used in the example is for illustrative purposes only – APP A for the current GMR.</i></p>			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
9 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
10 July		At TDY Station	
11 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
12 July		PDS (personal reasons)	
13 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
14-15 July		At TDY Station	
16 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
9 July	$\$6 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$6 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 40.50
10 July	$\$6 + \$9.90 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$		\$ 20.90
11 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
12 July	<i>Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)</i>		\$ 0.00
13 July	$\$6 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$6 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 40.50
14-15 July	$\$6 + \$9.90 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} = \$20.90/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days} =$		\$ 41.80
16 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
2 round trips of 370 miles (official distance) \times 2 = 740 miles \times $\$0.555/\text{mile} =$			<u>\$410.70</u>
Actual Cost Total			\$623.40
Constructed Cost			
9 July	$\$6 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$6 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 40.50
10-15 July	$\$6 + \$9.90 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} = \$20.90/\text{days} \times 6 \text{ days} =$		\$125.40
16 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
1 round trip of 370 miles (official distance) \times $\$0.555/\text{mile} =$			<u>\$205.35</u>
Constructed Cost Total			\$405.75

U4176 TRAVEL TO AN ALTERNATE LOCATION ON NON-DUTY DAYS

A TDY member who travels to a location, other than the PDS or home, for personal reasons on non-duty days (and returns to the TDY location) is not authorized transportation expense reimbursement. The member is authorized only per diem-related expenses based on the TDY location per diem rate and any reimbursable expenses (APP G) that would have been allowable had the member remained at the TDY location. Reimbursement is NTE what would have been paid had the member remained at the TDY location (B-200856, 3 August, 1981; and B-214886, 3 July, 1984).

Example 1: Member TDY from Location A to Location B (with a locality per diem rate of \$173 (\$122/ \$51) drives to Location C on Friday night and returns to Location B Sunday night. The member checks out of the Location B hotel (which cost \$120/night plus a reimbursable expense for the 12% tax (\$14.40) on Friday and stays in a Location C hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays \$145 plus a 13% tax (\$18.85) per night for Location C lodging for Friday and Saturday. Even though the Location C locality per diem rate is \$203 (\$149/ \$54), the member is limited to \$122/night for lodging (and lodging tax on \$122 – 12% of \$122 (\$14.64) and to \$51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the Location B locality diem rate is \$173 (\$122/ \$51) and the member is being paid per diem that would have been paid (max \$122 for lodging + \$51 for M&IE) had the member remained in Location B. The member's lodging tax in Location C each night is reimbursed but limited to \$14.64 per night (12% of \$122). The member is reimbursed NTE \$29.28 for lodging tax while in Location C. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations B and C.***

Example 2: Member TDY from Location X to Base Y (with a maximum per diem rate of \$161 (\$110/ \$51)) where the member is staying on the U.S. INSTALLATION for \$20/night with no tax and is being paid the \$29 PMR + \$5 CONUS IE rate (total \$34) based on the order content that indicates GOV'T QTRS and the PMR is directed. The member drives to Location Z on Friday night and returns to Base Y Sunday night. The member checks out of the Base Y GOV'T QTRS on Friday and stays in a Location Z hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays \$75 and 12% lodging tax (\$9) for Location Z lodging each night on Friday and Saturday. Even though the Location Z per diem rate is \$128 (\$79/ \$49), the member is limited to \$20/night for lodging, no reimbursement of Location Z lodging tax, and is paid \$34/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (\$20 for lodging + \$34 for the PMR-based rate of M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Base Y and limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost and PMR + CONUS "IE" since they were directed in the order. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations Y and Z.***

Example 3: Member TDY from Location D to Location E (with a per diem rate of \$161 (\$110/ \$51)), where the traveler is staying with friends and incurring no lodging costs. The member drives to Location F on Friday night and returns to Location E Sunday night. The member stays in a Location F hotel Friday and Saturday nights and pays \$75 and 12% lodging tax (\$9) for Location F lodging each night. Even though the Location F per diem rate is \$114 (\$70/ \$44), the member is paid \$75/night for lodging, and reimbursement of Location F lodging tax (\$18 for both nights), and is paid \$51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (NTE \$110 for lodging + \$51 for M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Location E. The fact that the member was staying with friends has no effect on the traveler's per diem on days when not staying with friends. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations E and F.***

U4177 NO PER DIEM OR A PER DIEM RATE IN A LESSER AMOUNT

The Secretary Concerned may authorize per diem rates in lesser amounts (to zero) when the circumstances of the travel or duty to be performed so warrant ***and are peculiar to that particular Service*** (par. U4105-D). This authority may be delegated to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate Service, but may not be further re-delegated. ***The authorized reduced per diem rate must be stated on the order before travel begins (or as part of an order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the original order was issued). In the absence of such authority, an order prescribing a different per diem rate is without effect and the applicable locality per diem rate is used.*** The reduced or zero per diem rate does not apply to any day the member is traveling. Reduced per diem rate establishment should incorporate an amount for clothes laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing if the travel is OCONUS or for less than 7 days in CONUS.

NOTE: As an exception, USCG members assigned to detached duty at USCG Stations (small), USCG Search and Rescue Detachments, USCG Air Facilities, USCG Auxiliary Operated Stations, and OPBAT Sites may be paid 75%

of the reduced M&IE (if any) prescribed for the site.

U4179 PER DIEM RATE REVIEW

A. General. When a member, command or AO thinks that the lodging and/or meal expenses for an area are inconsistent with the prescribed per diem rate, a letter identifying the location and nature of the problem should be sent to the appropriate activity listed in par. U4179-B via (1) the appropriate command channels and (2) via the applicable department/office listed below:

1. Army. Army Military Advisory Panel Member, HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Attn: DAPE-PRC, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300.
2. Navy. Navy Military Advisory Panel Member, Chief of Naval Operations (N130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472.
3. Marine Corps. Marine Corps Military Advisory Panel Member, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.
4. Air Force. Air Force Military Advisory Panel Member, HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Rd, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604.
5. Coast Guard. Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801.
6. NOAA Corps. Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333.
- *7. U.S. Public Health Service. Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.
8. Office of the SECDEF and other DoD COMPONENTS. Directly to the - Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, ATTN: Allowances Branch, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01, Alexandria, VA 22350-9000. FAX: (571) 372-1301.

NOTE: See Ch 4, Part C for one-time necessary expenses in excess of the prescribed per diem rate.

B. Final Submission Process. The Service determines the survey request is valid (depending on the location in question along with other factors) and then may submit the request to:

<u>CONUS Locations</u>	<u>Non-Foreign OCONUS Locations</u>	<u>Foreign OCONUS Locations</u>
<p>General Services Administration Office of Governmentwide Policy Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management 1 Constitution Square, 6th floor (685C) 1275 First Street NE Washington, DC 20417-0001 ATTN: Jill Denning jill.denning@gsa.gov</p>	<p>Defense Travel Management Office ATTN: SPP/Allowances Branch 4800 Mark Center Drive Suite 04J25-01 Alexandria, VA 22350-9000 FAX: (571) 372-1301</p>	<p>Department of State Director of Allowances State Annex 1, Room L314 Washington, DC 20522-0103</p>

U4181 PER DIEM AND AEA ON A SINGLE TRIP

A member performing TDY at more than one location on a per diem and actual expense basis for a single trip is authorized the allowances prescribed in par. U4260-D.

U4183 QUICK REFERENCE TABLES - PER DIEM

The following tables are for reference purposes only. Ch 4, Part B for applicable rules. Pars. U4163 & U4800 when JTF operations are involved.

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
(1) Departure Day from PDS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Arrived at the TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION - GOV'T QTRS available) on the same day as departed the PDS. The member elected not to occupy available directed GOV'T QTRS.	Traveled overnight - no lodging required.	Overnight lodging required at a stopover en route to the TDY location.	Arrived at the TDY location on the same day as departed from the PDS (per diem at a lesser amount than the TDY locality rate prescribed authorized under par. U4105-1 or U4177.)
Per Diem for the Departure Day from the PDS ^{5/}	75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality ^{1/} , plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. ^{2/, 4/}	75% of TDY locality M&IE rate ^{1/} , plus the GOV'T QTRS cost ^{11/} .	75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate ^{1/} , plus the cost of lodging occupied NTE the available GOV'T QTRS cost ^{11/} . No lodging tax reimbursement.	75% of the M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) locality ^{1/} for the departure day.	75% of the M&IE rate for the en route stopover locality, plus the lodging cost NTE the stopover locality maximum lodging ceiling. ^{2/, 4/}	75 % of the TDY locality M&IE rate ^{1/} , plus lodging ^{2/, 4/} cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling.
Footnotes After Table 4						

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
(2) Whole Travel Days – CONUS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION).	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) – GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) at which a member elects not to occupy available directed GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality at which per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for Whole Travel Days ^{5/}	TDY locality M&IE (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals), plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. ^{2/6/}	M&IE, plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. ^{11/} M&IE may be at the TDY locality, or PMR plus \$5 IE if the AO specifies the PMR based on 1 or 2 deductible meals. ^{1/6/}	The CONUS TDY locality M&IE, plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling ^{2/} (unless the AO specifies the PMR plus \$5 IE when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided ^{6/} – par. U4165)	M&IE, plus the GOV'T QTRS cost ^{11/} . M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (2) Standard GMR ^{8/} plus \$5 IE, (3) PMR ^{6/,9/,10/} plus \$5 IE, or (4) \$5 IE only when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Pars. U4102-L, U4105-D & U4800 for field duty.	M&IE, plus the lodging cost NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost ^{11/} . Lodging tax is not reimbursable M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (2) Standard GMR ^{8/} plus \$5 IE, (3) PMR ^{6/,9/,10/} plus \$5 IE, or (4) \$5 IE only when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Pars. U4102-L, U4105-D & U4800 for field duty.	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177. ^{7/}
Footnotes After Table 4						

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
(3) Whole Travel Days – OCONUS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at the OCONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION)	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) at which a member elects not to occupy available directed GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality at which per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for the TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for Whole Travel Days^{5/}	The OCONUS TDY locality M&IE ^{3/} rate (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the lodging cost ^{4/} NTE the TDY locality lodging ceiling.	M&IE plus the GOV'T QTRS cost ^{11/} . (M&IE may be at the TDY locality rate, or PMR plus locality IE if the AO specifies the PMR and 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided. ^{1/6/})	The OCONUS TDY locality M&IE ^{3/} rate plus the lodging cost ^{4/} NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. If the AO specifies the PMR when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided, the M&IE is PMR ^{6/,9/,10/} plus locality or \$3.50 IE ^{6/} – par. U4165-A.	M&IE plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality meal rate, (2) Standard GMR ^{8/} , (3) PMR ^{6/,9/,10/} , or (4) no meal amount when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Add the locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} . Pars. U4102-L, U4105-D & U4800 for field duty.	M&IE plus the lodging cost NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost ^{4/11/} . M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality meal rate, (2) Standard GMR ^{8/} , (3) PMR ^{6/,9/,10/} , or (4) no meal amount when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Add the locality or \$3.50 IE ^{3/} .	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177. ^{7/}
Footnotes After Table 4						

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours					
(4) Day of Return to PDS					
	A	B	C	D	E
	Arrived at the PDS on same day as departed the TDY location.	Traveled overnight (no lodging required) & arrived at the PDS on the day after departing the TDY location.	On the departure day from the TDY location overnight lodging was required at a stopover en route to the PDS.	On the day travel ended lodging was required en route to the PDS.	Arrived at the PDS on the same day as departed the TDY location where per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for the Return Day to the PDS ^{5/}	75% of last TDY locality M&IE rate. ^{1/}	For the departure day from the TDY location, the TDY locality M&IE rate. For the arrival day at the PDS, 75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate. ^{1/}	For the departure day from the TDY location, M&IE, plus lodging ^{2/, 4/} cost NTE the stopover locality lodging ceiling. For the arrival day at the PDS, 75% of the stopover locality M&IE rate.	75% of the M&IE rate, plus the lodging cost based on the locality rate at which lodging was obtained if authorized/approved by the AO. See par. U4169.	75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate. ^{1/}

Footnotes

¹ GMR/PMR, a reduced per diem rate IAW pars. U4105-I and U4177 and the \$3.50 IE rate do not apply on the departure day from, or return day to, the PDS, or any day the member is traveling. The PMR for deductible meals can apply on an interim travel day.
NOTE: As an exception, USCG members assigned to detached duty at USCG Stations (small), USCG Search and Rescue Detachments, USCG Air Facilities, USCG Auxiliary Operated Stations, and OPBAT Sites may be paid 75% of the reduced M&IE (if any) prescribed for the site.

² Lodging tax is a separate reimbursable expense (APP G) in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area because lodging tax is not included in the applicable locality per diem lodging ceiling.

³ For OCONUS travel the AO can determine that an IE of \$3.50, in lieu of the TDY locality IE, is adequate for anticipated expenses. Regardless of at what location the member is lodged, the OCONUS IE rate of \$3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the order for travel beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

⁴ Lodging tax *is not* a separate reimbursable expense in a FOREIGN AREA because a lodging tax is included in the applicable FOREIGN AREA locality per diem lodging ceiling.

⁵ (a) The cost incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to the PDS) for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing, up to an average of \$2/day, is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to per diem/AEA when travel *within CONUS* requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging *in CONUS* (i.e., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE \$14, 8 Nights NTE \$16, etc.). There must be expense; this is not an automatic payment.

(b) The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing *is not* a reimbursable expense for *OCONUS* travel and is part of the IE included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for *OCONUS* travel.

⁶ On any day that 3 deductible meals are provided without cost to the member, no meal reimbursement is allowed.

⁷ When a reduced per diem rate is authorized in the traveler's order IAW par. U4105-I or U4177, the per diem authorized in the order applies beginning on the day after arrival at the TDY location and ends on the day before departing the TDY location.

⁸ The GMR applies if the AO specifies the GMR based on available GOV'T dining facility/mess at the installation to which the member is TDY. See pars. U4149-B, U4151-B, and U4400.

⁹ The PMR applies if the AO specifies PMR based on 1-2 GOV'T meals available in a GOV'T dining facility/mess at the installation to which the member is sent TDY. Pars. U4149-B, U4151-B, and U4400.

¹⁰ The PMR applies if the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals. See par. U4165.

¹¹ Reimbursement for GOV'T QTRS cost is NTE the maximum locality lodging ceiling.

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*B. [DoDD 3025.14](#), "Protection and Evacuation of U.S. Citizens and Designated Aliens in Danger Areas Abroad (Short Title: Noncombatant Evacuation Operations)," 8 December 2003.

*C. DoD Services: see [DoD 7000.14-R](#) "Military Pay, Policy, and Procedures," Volume 7, Part A (DoD Military Pay and Allowances Entitlements (DoDFMR, Vol. 7A)).

U6001 GENERAL INFORMATION

A. General. An evacuation, (par. U6002-C) must be caused by unusual/emergency circumstances, such as:

1. War,
2. Riots,
3. Civil uprising/unrest,
4. Adverse political conditions,
5. Host government denial/revocation of permission to remain,
6. National/natural disasters,
7. Epidemics, or
8. Similar conditions of comparable magnitude.

B. Application. The evacuation applies to:

1. A command and a non-command sponsored dependent who is permanently residing at/in the member's PDS vicinity, at the time the evacuation is authorized/ordered. ***A non-command sponsored dependent is authorized transportation only – no safe haven allowances.***
2. A command sponsored dependent en route to the member's:
 - a. PDS, or
 - b. PDS vicinity

to establish a permanent residence with the member.

3. A dependent student authorized to travel to the member's PDS, under par. U5260-D;
4. A dependent who permanently resides at a:
 - a. Member's former PDS vicinity following the member's assignment elsewhere, or
 - b. PDS vicinity (other than the member's current PDS) incident to an order ICW the member's unaccompanied tour of duty,

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if the dependent's departure is authorized/ordered by competent authority from the PDS vicinity at which the dependent permanently resides and the dependent actually moves to an authorized safe haven designated by that authority.

5. The dependent of a member assigned to an OCONUS PDS who dies before the dependent is evacuated from the PDS or while the dependent is in an evacuation status from there. *When a member whose dependent(s) is receiving evacuation allowances dies, the evacuation allowances continue for the dependent(s) in the same manner as if the member had not died.*

C. Member's Travel Status

1. The statute pertaining to a dependent's evacuation (37 USC §405a), does not apply to a uniformed member.
2. A uniformed member, ordered to depart an area being evacuated, must be in a TDY or PCS status.

D. Funding

1. The Joint Plan for DoD Noncombatant Evacuation and Repatriation contains the fund cites chargeable for evacuation allowances for a DoD member's dependent.
2. Questions ICW fund cites should be addressed to:

a. DoD: The Joint Plan Proponent

HQDA, ODCSPER
ATTN: DAPE-PRO
300 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0300

FAX:
(703) 695-6953 (commercial)
(312) 225-6953 (DSN)

PHONE:
(703) 695-9547 (commercial)
(312) 225-9547 (DSN)

b. Coast Guard

USCG Commandant (CG-832)
2100 2nd Street S.W.
Washington DC 20593-0001

PHONE:
(202) 372-3567 (commercial)

c. NOAA

Director, CPC
8403 Colesville Road
Suite 500, ATTN: CPC1
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333

FAX:
(301) 713-4140 (commercial)

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PHONE:

(301) 713-3444 (commercial)

***d. USPHS**

Director
Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness
1101 Wootton Parkway
Tower Building PL 100
ATTN: Travel Coordinator
Rockville, MD 20852

FAX:(240) 453-6141 (commercial)

*PHONE: (240) 453-6059 (commercial)

E. Evacuation Allowance Payments

1. Authorized Payment. The allowances authorized by this Part, may be paid to one or more of the following individuals:

- a. The member's evacuated command sponsored dependent spouse;
- b. Any command sponsored dependent age 18 or older, if at a different location than the spouse; or when there is no spouse present;
- c. The member (as the natural guardian) for a command sponsored dependent who is under age 18; and/or
- d. The member's dependent spouse, any dependent at least age 18, or the member (as the natural guardian) under the circumstances in par. U6001-A4.

2. Payment Limitation. A dependent is authorized evacuation allowances *only* if the dependent actually evacuates the home.

F. When Allowance Payments Are Made. Allowances authorized in this Part, are paid beginning on the date that the official (par. U6003-A1, or U6003-A2) authorizes/orders an evacuation.

G. Written Order

1. Evacuation travel may be required to begin before a written order can be issued due to emergency situations (par. U6001).
2. Under emergency circumstances, an oral order may be given by any medium (including telephone).
3. When an oral order is given, the AO must promptly issue a confirmatory written order, including the oral order date, IAW par. U2210.

H. Funds Advance**1. Travel and Transportation Allowances**

- a. Travel and transportation allowances (including safe haven allowances) in this Part, may be paid in advance when an order is issued for the dependent's/escort's travel from the evacuation area.
- b. An advance of safe haven allowances (authorized under par. U6005) may not exceed the estimated amount for 30 days at the safe haven/designated place.

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c. Transportation advances (par. U1015-C2e) must be issued **only** to provide sufficient funds to cover necessary expenses incurred for:

- (1) A dependent while traveling to and while at the safe haven/designated place, or
- (2) An escort traveling to and from the safe haven/designated place.

2. DLA. DLA (par. U6012) may be paid to the member designated dependent (par. U1015-C2e) in advance of the dependent(s) travel to the designated place.

3. Pay

- a. A pay advance furnishes an evacuated dependent with funds for travel, food, and other needs.
- b. The member designates the advance amount, NTE 2 month's basic pay.
- c. The pay advance is payable, to the dependent, in one or more installments.
- d. The Secretary Concerned may waive recovery of not more than 1 month's advanced basic pay when such recovery would be against equity and good conscience or against the public interest.

e. References

- a. DoD. [DoDFMR, Vol. 7A](#), Military Pay, Policy, and Procedures.
- b. USCG. [COMDTINST M7220.29](#), U.S. Coast Guard Pay Manual.
- c. Implementing Procedures. See individual Service pay and allowance manual(s).

U6002 DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THIS PART

A. Designated Place. As used in this Part, a designated place is a location the evacuated dependent selects within the range of possible locations allowed, as the place where they should establish a permanent residence when competent authority determines that return to the PDS should not take place or is not expected to take place in the near future. A command-sponsored dependent transported to a designated place incident to an evacuation must establish a permanent residence thereat as soon as practicable.

B. Evacuated Dependent. A dependent (APP A1) who is:

1. Residing in a command-sponsored/non-command-sponsored status at/in the member's PDS vicinity, at the time of the evacuation;
2. Command-sponsored, but temporarily absent from the member's PDS or its vicinity;
3. Command-sponsored, and en route to the member's PDS or its vicinity to establish a residence with the member;
4. A dependent student who, had it not been for the evacuation, would have traveled to the member's PDS under par. U5260-D, but who instead travels (or converts the current location) to a safe haven or designated place; or,
5. Residing at/in the member's former PDS vicinity following the member's assignment elsewhere or who resides at/in a PDS vicinity (other than the member's PDS) incident to the member's order to an unaccompanied tour of duty, if competent authority authorized/ordered a dependent's departure from the PDS at/in the vicinity

of which the dependent resides and the dependent actually moves to an authorized safe haven designated by that authority.

C. Evacuation. The authorized/ordered dependent's movement from a specific OCONUS area, when authorized/ordered by the appropriate authority in par. U6003-A. Evacuation refers to movement or departure from one area to another. Both areas may be in the same city/country, or each may be in a different city/country.

D. Safe Haven

1. Named Location. A location anywhere in the world named in the evacuation order, or subsequent modification to that order, to which a dependent is directed to relocate on a temporary basis to await a decision by competent authority to either return to the OCONUS PDS or proceed to a designated place.

2. CONUS. If CONUS is named the safe haven in the evacuation order, an evacuee, upon arrival at the CONUS POD, must select the exact CONUS safe haven location to which they are traveling at GOV'T expense.

U6003 RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Authorizing/Ordering an Evacuation

*1. Foreign Areas. The decision to evacuate a dependent from an OCONUS foreign area rests with the DoS. In appropriate circumstances, such as Presidential declaration of national emergency or directed reinforcement of U.S. Armed Forces in a theatre, or to accommodate force protection or anti-terrorism considerations, the SECDEF, after consultation with the Secretary of State, may authorize the evacuation of all DoD non-combatants ***NOTE: The SECDEF's authority does not apply to non-combatants attached to DoD Attaché Offices, Marine Security Guard Detachments, DoD elements or personnel that form an integral part of the U.S. Country Team, and others as determined between the Combatant Commander and the Chief of Mission.*** See [Memorandum of Agreement](#) between DOS and DoD, 13 April 2012 revision. If timely communication with the DoS is not possible or there is no DoS presence in the area concerned, the Combatant command Commander or the senior commander in the country concerned or the Defense Attaché is responsible for authorizing/ordering an evacuation of the area. The DoD (USD (P&R) DSN: (312) 224-2798, COML: (703) 614-2798) is primarily responsible for a dependent's evacuation at the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo, Cuba ([DoDD 3025.14, 8 December 2003](#)).

*2. Non-foreign OCONUS Areas. The following officials are responsible for authorizing/ordering an evacuation of the dependents of uniformed service personnel from non-foreign OCONUS areas:

*a. DoD Services. Per [DSSR](#) 614, DoS (Under Secretary of State for Management Office) authority is required for designation of an alternate foreign OCONUS safe haven. Following Secretary of State authority, the Principal Deputy Under SECDEF (Personnel and Readiness) (PDUSD (P&R)) may authorize/approve requests for reimbursement of travel and transportation expenses to an alternate foreign OCONUS safe haven location for an evacuated dependent. The PDUSD (P&R) must also authorize/approve all requests for evacuees to move from one safe haven location to another when circumstances warrant for the travel expenses to be reimbursed. While determinations are made on a case-by-case basis, justification must consider family support at the requested designation, collocation with the service member at an alternate work site, or similar rationale to attest that relocation is in the GOV'T's best interest. Secretary of State authority is not required for an alternate safe haven in a non-foreign OCONUS area (APP A1).

b. The Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Secretary's designated representative (Commandant (CG-12) COML (202) 475-5395), for the dependent of a Coast Guard member;

c. The Secretary of HHS, or the Secretary's designated representative (Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness, COML (240) 453-6059), for the dependent of a PHS member;

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- d. The Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary's designated representative (Commissioned Personnel Center, COML (301) 713-3444), for the dependent of NOAA Corps member;
- e. The Secretary of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, or the Secretary's designated representative, for the dependent of a member of the respective Services (including the Coast Guard when operating under the DoN by agreement with the Secretary of Homeland Security);
- f. The head of a DoD component (APP A1) or designated representative;
- g. The commander of a U.S. INSTALLATION (APP A1) or Coast Guard District Commander (for the dependent of a Coast Guard member) or designated representative; and
- h. The commander, director, head, chief or supervisor of an organization or office.

B. Evacuation to a Safe Haven or a Designated Place. The anticipated evacuation duration is the key to determining if a dependent should travel to a safe haven or a designated place. If the circumstances making an evacuation necessary are expected to improve so that the evacuated dependent can return to the member's PDS, the dependent is evacuated to a safe haven. If circumstances are not expected to improve, the dependent is evacuated to a designated place.

1. Original Safe Haven Location Designation. The original safe haven location is ordinarily designated by the DoS, with DoD coordination. DoD has primary responsibility for designating the original safe haven when the evacuation is from the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo, Cuba, or a non-foreign OCONUS area.

a. If the CONUS is named in the evacuation order as the original safe haven, an evacuee must select the exact CONUS safe haven location to which they travel at GOV'T expense.

b. If the U.S. is named in the evacuation order as the original safe haven, for:

(1) DoD Services. An evacuee must select the exact CONUS safe haven. Safe havens outside the CONUS but in a non-foreign OCONUS area (APP A1) must be authorized/approved by PDUSD (P&R). *Secretary of State authority is not required for an alternate safe haven in the CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area.*

(2) Non-DoD Services. An evacuee must select an exact U.S. safe haven location.

2. Alternate Safe Haven Location Designation

a. DoD Services. Following Secretary of State authority (through the Under Secretary of State for Management's Office), the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (PDUSD (P&R)) has the authority to authorize/approve an alternate safe haven for an evacuated dependent including transportation at GOV'T expense from one safe haven location to another when circumstances warrant. Secretary of State authority is not required for an alternate safe haven in a non-foreign OCONUS area (APP A1).

b. Non-DoD Services. The Secretarial Process following Secretary of State authority (through the Under Secretary of State for Management's Office) may authorize/approve an alternate safe haven, including transportation from one safe haven to another. Secretary of State authority is not required for an alternate safe haven in the U.S.

c. Alternate Location within a Safe Haven. For all Services, the Secretarial Process must authorize/approve an alternate location within a safe haven (e.g., within the CONUS) for an evacuated dependent and transportation at GOV'T expense, when circumstances warrant, for evacuation allowances to be based on the alternate location. That is, an evacuee must obtain formal permission to change safe haven even if the change is within the same state.

3. OCONUS Designated Place Designation. The Secretary Concerned or designated representative is the authority to authorize/approve an OCONUS designated place.

C. Safe Haven Status Termination and Directing a Dependent to Select a Designated Place

1. DoD Services. For DoD Services the USD(P&R) has responsibility to determine when an evacuated dependent at a safe haven must optionally select a designated place and move thereto, or select the current safe haven as the designated place.

2. Non-DoD Services. For Non-DoD Services, authority is vested in the Secretarial Process.

D. Evacuation Status Termination

1. DoD Services. For DoD Services, the USD(P&R) terminates evacuation status and authorizes a dependent to return to the OCONUS PDS.

2. Non-DoD Services. For non-DoD Services, authority is vested in the Secretarial Process.

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SECTION 3: SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCE

U6054 SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCE

A. Purpose. A safe haven allowance is provided to assist a dependent in meeting the excess costs involved in temporarily maintaining a place away from the PDS. Each dependent listed in par. U6050-A, including a dependent who turned 21 while at the safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE, are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances.

NOTE:

1. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to lodging reimbursement.

2. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in foreign areas is not separately reimbursable. It is part of the per diem rate(s) used to compute the safe haven evacuation allowances. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.

B. General

1. 'Lodgings-Plus' Computation Method Applicability to an Evacuated Dependent. An evacuated dependent is authorized a safe haven allowance computed under the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method for each day the dependent is in an evacuation status. ***An AEA described in Ch 4, Part C, does not apply to an evacuation.*** The 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method consists of a lodging allowance ceiling and an M&IE allowance. APP A PER DIEM definition and Ch 4, Part B for an explanation of the expense items the safe haven allowance is intended to cover. The maximum lodging reimbursement for a dependent family is the actual total daily lodging the family incurs, NTE the sum of the daily lodging portion of the evacuation allowance authorized for each dependent concerned. Because such an evacuated dependent may stay with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, par. U4129-E applies. ***That is, if an evacuated dependent stays with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, no lodging cost is allowed, whether or not any lodging payment is made to the friend or relative.*** This restriction does not apply when the dependent leases a house, apartment (i.e., lodgings) from a friend or relative with a bona fide, standard written lease, in those instances when the friend or relative concerned does not jointly occupy the leased house or apartment. Each evacuated dependent is authorized the M&IE portion of the safe haven allowance even if not authorized the lodging portion of the safe haven allowance for any given day. See the computations in par. U6054-G. ***GOV'T dining facility/mess or open mess availability/use has no effect on safe haven evacuation allowances even though the dependent may or does use such facilities without charge.*** Par. U6054 safe haven evacuation allowances may be paid in advance as in par. U6060-A.

2. Authorization Termination

a. Authorization for safe haven evacuation allowances may:

(1) Be terminated by the Secretarial Process on an individual basis when a member's/dependent(s)' situation does not warrant additional reimbursement assistance; or,

(2) Terminate sooner for other reasons.

b. If not terminated under par. U6054-B2a(1) or U6054-B2b(2), above, safe haven evacuation allowances, authorized in par. U6054-B, terminate on the date the member detaches/departs from the PDS from which the dependent's evacuation was authorized/ordered except when the:

(1) Authorization for evacuation safe haven evacuation allowances is extended by the Secretarial Process; or,

(2) Member dies. Par. U6050-A.

c. Safe haven evacuation allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the earliest of the:

- (1) 180-consecutive-day period unless extended by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent;
- (2) Date the dependent departs the safe haven for the PDS or DESIGNATED PLACE (or converts the safe haven to the DESIGNATED PLACE); or
- (3) Expiration date established by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DoD Service member's dependent.

3. Unexpired Lease. A dependent should avoid signing a long-term lease and a lease without a military clause while at a safe haven and/or a DESIGNATED PLACE. However, many short-term leases and leases with military clauses require at least 30 days termination notice. If a dependent signs a lease for lodging at the safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE and is then authorized to return to the PDS or move to a DESIGNATED PLACE, reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the unexpired lease period up to 30 days may be authorized. The amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount the evacuated dependent would have received for the lodging portion of the safe haven evacuation allowances for the unexpired period.

C. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while Traveling. While traveling:

1. From:

- a. The place a dependent, while traveling to a member's PDS, receives notification of the evacuation under par. U6054-D or par. U6054-F to a safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE;
- b. A member's CONUS PDS to a safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE;
- c. One safe haven to another safe haven;
- d. A safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, or;
- e. A safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE to return to member's CONUS PDS;

2. The safe haven allowance payable, IAW par. U6054-C1, to a dependent in an evacuation status:

- a. Age 12 or older is equal to that payable to a member traveling on TDY;
- b. Under age 12 is NTE one half of the amount payable to a member traveling on TDY.

D. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances while at Safe Haven

1. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances Payable. A safe haven evacuation allowance rate is based on the locality per diem rate for the safe haven location. A dependent in an evacuation status, incident to an authorized/ordered evacuation or limited evacuation, is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for 30 consecutive days beginning on the dependent's initial safe haven arrival date. The safe haven evacuation allowance is computed as shown in examples in par. U6054-G, in an amount NTE the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. A dependent age 12 and older is authorized NTE the full safe haven evacuation allowance amount, while a dependent under age 12 is authorized NTE 50% of the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. The safe haven evacuation allowance rate is increased for a dependent reaching age 12 while located at a safe haven beginning on the twelfth birthday. After the 30-consecutive-day period expires, and unless otherwise authorized/approved in a determination issued by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and/or the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD member's dependent, the safe haven evacuation allowance rate is computed for NTE 150 consecutive additional days (unless extended for time and/or safe haven evacuation allowance rate percentage by the USD (P&R) for a DoD member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD member's dependent under par. U6052-D) at:

- a. 60% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent age 12 and older; and
- b. 30% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent under age 12.

A situation may arise in which the reduced safe haven evacuation allowance does not cover the additional cost involved in maintaining a specific dependent at a safe haven (i.e., the additional expense for lodging and M&IE exceed the reduced rate amount). The specific dependent receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances, or the individual receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances on the dependent's behalf, on a case-by-case basis may forward a request for approval through the Secretarial Process requesting an increased safe haven evacuation allowances rate.

2. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances when Movement Is Directed or Authorized to Another Safe Haven.

Competent authority (par. U6052) may direct a dependent to move between safe havens. Safe haven evacuation allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to the dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven evacuation allowances may not be authorized for any period beyond that authorized in par. U6054-D1. A dependent, who is directed to move between safe havens (e.g., from one OCONUS safe haven or to another OCONUS safe haven or to a CONUS safe haven) receives safe haven evacuation allowances in par. U6054-D1 for NTE 180 consecutive days begin again on the arrival date at the new safe haven. If at the dependent's or member's request, a dependent is authorized to travel between:

- (a) Safe havens (e.g., from a CONUS safe haven to a safe haven in Puerto Rico), or
- (b) Locations within the same safe haven (e.g., within CONUS from Chicago to Baltimore),

the 180-consecutive-day period begun at the first safe haven continues in effect but the locality rate applicable to the new location begins on the arrival date at that location. If travel to the new location is not completed within one day, safe haven evacuation allowances for the travel day(s) is paid under par. U6054-C except for the arrival day at the new safe haven.

3. Return to the Member's PDS Authorized. When the evacuation status is terminated and competent authority authorizes a dependent to return, safe haven evacuation allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to a dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven evacuation allowances may not be authorized beyond the period authorized in par. U6054-D1.

4. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances - Termination when an Evacuated Dependent Is Directed to Move to a DESIGNATED PLACE. A dependent at a safe haven is expected to comply promptly with the requirement to select a DESIGNATED PLACE and move thereto, if the dependent selects other than the safe haven location as the DESIGNATED PLACE. The requirement to select a DESIGNATED PLACE is issued by the USD (P&R) for a DoD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DoD Service member's dependent. The requirement to relocate to a DESIGNATED PLACE must specify the date on which safe haven evacuation allowances terminate for a dependent directed to relocate from the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the period authorized in par. U6054-B2.

5. A Dependent Is Temporarily Absent from the Member's PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. A dependent who has established a residence at/in the member's CONUS PDS vicinity who is temporarily absent from the PDS for any reason when the evacuation is authorized/ordered, is at a safe haven. Safe haven evacuation allowances for the dependent's location are authorized beginning on the date return travel to the PDS would have begun had return not been prevented by the evacuation. Competent authority must determine this date from information secured from the dependent and/or the member, but the date must not be earlier than the date the evacuation from the PDS actually began.

*6. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances when Away from the Safe Haven. Safe haven evacuation allowances continue for a dependent at a safe-haven location, who is absent from the safe haven for personal reasons

provided the dependent does not join the member to establish a residence (or occupy the old residence) at the PDS. Any excess transportation costs are the dependent's financial responsibility. The locality rate used and payment period while the dependent is away from the safe haven location is the same as though the dependent had remained at the safe haven location during the entire period. If the dependent does not go to the authorized safe haven but goes somewhere else instead without authorization/approval, use the Standard CONUS per diem rate, even OCONUS. Transportation costs are limited to the cost to the authorized safe haven location. If the dependent ultimately goes to the authorized safe haven location or if the location to which the dependent travels is later approved as an authorized safe haven, then the safe haven evacuation allowance is based on the locality per diem rate which is used for the entire time, rather than the Standard CONUS per diem rate.

E. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances at a DESIGNATED PLACE. When a dependent selects a DESIGNATED PLACE and move there, or converts the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, the dependent must establish a permanent residence there as soon as practicable. Safe haven evacuation allowances are authorized to offset lodgings and M&IE while locating and establishing such residence. While at a DESIGNATED PLACE, a dependent who:

1. Moves to a DESIGNATED PLACE is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6054-D.
2. Converts the safe haven to a DESIGNATED PLACE, is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances as in par. U6054-D, except for a dependent receiving a reduced safe haven evacuation allowance IAW par. U6054-D1. A dependent continues receiving a reduced safe haven evacuation allowance while looking for a permanent residence.

Safe haven allowance begins on the dependent's initial arrival date at the DESIGNATED PLACE or the date the safe haven is converted to a DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies the permanent residence or at 2400 on the 30th consecutive day, whichever is earlier. When unusual or emergency circumstances prevent permanent residence establishment, the SECDEF, Secretary Concerned, or a Secretary's designated representative may authorize/approve an additional safe haven evacuation allowance period as warranted. The safe haven evacuation allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies a permanent residence. Determine safe haven evacuation allowances at the DESIGNATED PLACE using par. U6054-D. The Secretarial Process may approve rates higher than those prescribed for periods after 30 days, on a case-by-case basis, when justified by costs for lodging and M&IE.

F. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowances for a Dependent En Route to a Member's CONUS PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/ Ordered. When a member's CONUS PDS is authorized/ordered to be evacuated, an en route dependent:

1. With official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally procured transportation subject to GOV'T reimbursement,
2. Who has already disestablished the former permanent residence and has moved to temporary accommodations in preparation for performing such travel, and who has been notified of the evacuation, and
3. Who has been requested to remain at the place at which located when notified pending notification to continue to the member's PDS or to travel to another safe haven or to a DESIGNATED PLACE

is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances at the applicable [per diem rate](#) for the area concerned, computed as shown in par. U6054-G. The allowance period begins at 0001 on the date the dependent receives official notification of withdrawal or suspension of the official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally procured transportation. The allowance continues until 2400 on the date that the dependent receives notification to resume travel or to begin travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE. If travel to the member's PDS is then authorized, no safe haven evacuation allowances incident to such travel are authorized under Ch 6, Part A. If travel to a DESIGNATED PLACE is authorized, pars. U6054-C and U6054-E apply.

G. Safe Haven Evacuation Allowance Computations. The following examples illustrate the method used for computing safe haven evacuation allowances:

NOTES:

- 1. The locality per diem rates/mileage allowances used in the following example(s) are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current allowances.*
- 2. Lodging tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to safe haven evacuation allowances.*
- 3. Lodging tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/DESIGNATED PLACE or traveling in a foreign OCONUS area is not a reimbursable expense. It is part of the per diem rate used in safe haven evacuation allowance computation. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.*
- 4. OCONUS locality per diem includes laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. CONUS locality per diem does not include laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. There is no authority to reimburse laundry/dry cleaning expenses while at a CONUS safe haven or DESIGNATED PLACE.*

EXAMPLE 1					
A member's spouse, one child age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from a CONUS PDS to a CONUS safe haven. The daily actual lodging cost incurred at the safe haven by the 3 dependents, who shared one room, was \$100 plus \$11.50 for lodging tax (11.5%). The applicable maximum locality rate was \$146 (\$90/ \$56).					
(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's 3 dependents for the first 30 consecutive days is determined as follows. Par. U6054-D1.					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$146), which in this case is \$56 for M&IE and NTE \$90 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.					
		M&IE		Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:		\$56		\$90	\$146
Child (age 12 or older)		\$56		\$90	\$146
Child (under age 12)		\$28	\$56 x 50%	\$45	\$90 x 50%
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:		\$140		\$225	\$365
(b) Determine the actual total daily amount for each of the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$140 for M&IE and NTE \$225 for lodging), as follows:					
M&IE:	\$140	The M&IE, in this daily amount, is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$100	This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum (\$225) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$240	Daily amount that is payable to the dependents within the maximum \$365/day established in (a) for the three dependents for each of the first 30 consecutive days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$11.50				
Total:	\$251.50	Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the three dependents' costs incurred for first 30 consecutive days.			
(c) Beginning on the 31st day, the safe haven allowance is computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days for the member's three dependents in this example as follows:					
		M&IE		Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:		\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$54	\$90 x 60%
Child (age 12 or older)		\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$54	\$90 x 60%
Child (under age 12)		\$16.80	\$56 x 30%	\$27	\$90 x 30%
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:		\$84.00		\$135	\$219.00
(d) Determine the actual total daily amount paid for 31st to 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$84.00 for M&IE and NTE \$135 for lodging), as follows:					
M&IE:	\$84.00	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$100	This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) paid for lodging by the 3 dependents, which is less than the maximum (\$135) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$184.00	The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum \$219.00 established in (b) for costs incurred by the 3 dependents for the 31st to 180th consecutive days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$11.50				
Total:	\$195.50	The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for costs incurred by the 3 dependents on the 31st to the 180th consecutive day.			

EXAMPLE 2						
A member's spouse, 2 children over 12 and one child under 12 were evacuated from a member's CONUS PDS to a non-foreign OCONUS area safe haven. The actual daily lodging cost at the safe-haven location for one room shared by the spouse and child under 12 was \$110 plus \$9.90 for lodging tax (9%). The actual daily lodging cost for the room shared by the 2 children over 12 was also \$110 plus \$9.90 for lodging tax (9%). Maximum locality rate in for the safe-haven location was \$226 (\$155/ \$71).						
(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 consecutive days that may be paid to member's 4 dependents as follows. Par. U6054-D1.						
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowance up to the full rate (\$226), which in this case is \$71 for M&IE and up to \$155 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances up to 50% of the rate.						
		M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:		\$71		\$155		\$226
Child (12 or older)		\$71		\$155		\$226
Child (12 or older)		\$71		\$155		\$226
Child (under 12)		\$35.50	\$71 x 50%	\$77.50	\$155 x 50%	\$113
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dep:		\$248.50		\$542.50		\$791
(b) Determine the actual daily amount that is paid for each of the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amount shown in (a) (\$248.50 for M&IE and NTE \$542.50 for lodging), as follows:						
M&IE:	\$248.50	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry-cleaning for the 4 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.				
Lodging:	\$220	The actual daily lodging cost for the 4 dependents (\$110 + \$110) (not including lodging tax), which is less than the max (\$542.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.				
Daily Amount:	\$468.50	Daily amount paid to the dependents within the maximum \$791 established in (a) for the 4 dependents' costs for the first 30 consecutive days.				
Lodging Tax:	\$19.80	\$9.90 + \$9.90				
Total:	\$488.30	Actual daily amount paid to dependents (including lodging tax) for the 4 dependents' costs for first 30 days.				
(c) Beginning on the 31st consecutive day safe haven evacuation allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's 4 dependents in this example on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days is determined as follows:						
		M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:		\$42.60	\$71 x 60%	\$93	\$155 x 60%	\$135.60
Child (12 or older)		\$42.60	\$71 x 60%	\$93	\$155 x 60%	\$135.60
Child (12 or older)		\$42.60	\$71 x 60%	\$93	\$155 x 60%	\$135.60
Child (under 12)		\$21.30	\$71 x 30%	\$46.50	\$155 x 30%	\$67.80
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dep:		\$149.10		\$325.50		\$474.60
(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for 31st through 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$149.10 for M&IE and NTE \$325.50 for lodging), as follows:						
M&IE:	\$149.10	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry-cleaning for the 4 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.				
Lodging:	\$220	The actual daily lodging cost for 4 dependents (not including lodging tax) which is less than the max (\$325.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for the actual lodging cost.				
Daily Amount:	\$369.10	Daily amount paid to dependents within the maximum \$474.60 established in (c) for the 4 dependents' costs for the first 30 consecutive days.				
Lodging Tax:	\$19.80	\$9.90 + \$9.90				
Total:	\$388.90	Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the 4 dependents' on the 31 st through the 180 th consecutive days.				

EXAMPLE 3					
<p>A member, spouse and one child over age 12 were in a CONUS location on authorized leave from 25 July to 15 August when a dependent evacuation was ordered effective 1 August from the member's PDS. The member contacted the organization at the CONUS PDS and was directed to return. The member departed the leave point on 3 August. As in par. U6054-D5, the dependents were determined to already be at a safe haven and are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances for the place at which they were located beginning on the date return travel to the member's PDS would have begun had the evacuation not prevented the return. Since the dependents were scheduled to begin travel to the member's PDS on 16 August, the dependents were authorized safe haven evacuation allowances under par. U6054-D1 beginning on that date. The member's spouse and child stayed in the spouse's parent's home. The locality rate for the CONUS location at that time was \$186 (\$130/\$56).</p>					
<p>(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the first 30 consecutive days to the member's two dependents is determined as follows. Par. U6054-D1,</p>					
<p>Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full locality rate which in this case is \$186 (\$130/\$56).</p>					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$56		\$130		\$186
Child (age 12 or older)	\$56		\$130		\$186
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents:	\$112		\$260		\$372
<p>(b) The actual total daily amount that is paid for the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$112 for M&IE and NTE \$260 for lodging), is determined as follows:</p>					
M&IE:	\$112	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 2 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$0	No lodging allowance is paid when dependents stay with friends or relatives (par. U6054-B1).			
Total:	\$112	The actual daily amount paid to dependents the 2 dependents' costs for first 30 consecutive days.			
<p>(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven evacuation allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependents age 12 or older) of the applicable locality rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st to the 180th consecutive days for the member's 2 dependents in this example as follows:</p>					
	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$78	\$130 x 60%	\$111.60
Child (age 12 or older)	\$33.60	\$56 x 60%	\$78	\$130 x 60%	\$111.60
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents:	\$67.20		\$156.00		\$223.20
<p>(d) The actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$67.20 for M&IE and NTE \$156for lodging), is determined as follows:</p>					
M&IE:	\$67.20	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 2 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$0	No lodging allowance is paid when dependents stay with friends or relatives (par. U6054-B1).			
Total:	\$67.20	The actual daily amount paid for the 2 dependents' costs on 31 st to 180 th consecutive days.			

Part B: Auth/Ordered Evac/Limited Evac w/in CONUS/Section 3: Safe Haven Allowance

EXAMPLE 4					
Member's spouse, one child age 14 and one child age 9 evacuated from member's CONUS PDS to a DESIGNATED PLACE.					
The travel itinerary was as follows: Departed the CONUS PDS on 14 August. Arrived at a CONUS location en route to the DESIGNATED PLACE on 14 August. Remained overnight at the CONUS location; incurred lodging cost of \$95 plus \$11.40 lodging tax (12%). Departed the CONUS location on 15 August. Arrived at the DESIGNATED PLACE on 15 August.					
The dependents shared a hotel room at the DESIGNATED PLACE and incurred a lodging cost of \$105 plus \$13.13 lodging tax (12.5%) per day until they moved into a permanent residence on 10 September. The dependents are authorized safe haven evacuation allowances while traveling to, and while at, the DESIGNATED PLACE. Safe haven evacuation allowances at the DESIGNATED PLACE begin on the arrival date at that location (15 August) and continues to 2400 on the day they occupied the permanent residence. Par. U6054-E. The maximum locality rate at the CONUS location en route, at the time of travel was \$155 (\$99/ \$56). The maximum locality rate at the DESIGNATED PLACE was \$161 (\$110/ \$51).					
(a) The maximum safe haven evacuation allowances that may be paid for the member's 3 dependents for 14 August while they traveled to the DESIGNATED PLACE and while they remained overnight at the en route CONUS location (par. U6054-E):					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$148), which in this case is \$44 for M&IE and NTE \$99 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.					
		M&IE		Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:		\$56		\$99	\$155
Child (age 14)		\$56		\$99	\$155
Child (age 9)		\$28	\$56 x 50%	\$49.50	\$99 x 50%
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents:		\$140		\$247.50	\$387.50
(b) Computing safe haven evacuation allowances, as for a member's TDY, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) (\$105 for M&IE and NTE \$247.50 for lodging) for payment for the travel period to the DESIGNATED PLACE via the en route CONUS location on 14 August:					
The dependents are authorized 75% of the M&IE allowance for 14 August (\$140 x 75% = \$105).					
M&IE:	\$105	The M&IE in this amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$95	Actual amount (not incl lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging at the en route CONUS location, which is less than the reimbursable max (\$247.50). A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Lodging Tax:	\$11.40				
Total:	\$212.28	Actual amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the 3 dependents' costs on 14 August.			
(c) Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's 3 dependents beginning on the arrival day at the designated place through the day the permanent residence was occupied as follows. Par. U6054-E.					
Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE the full rate (\$161), which in this case is \$51 for M&IE and NTE \$110 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven evacuation allowances NTE 50% of the full rate.					
		M&IE		Max Lodging	Total
Member's spouse:		\$51		\$110	\$161
Child (age 14)		\$51		\$110	\$161
Child (age 9)		\$25.50	\$51 x 50%	\$55	\$110 x 50%
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents:		\$127.50		\$275	\$402.50
(d) The actual total daily amount that is paid for 27 days (15 August to 10 September), within the maximum amounts shown in (c) (\$127.50 for M&IE and NTE \$275 for lodging), is determined as follows:					
M&IE:	\$127.50	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.			
Lodging:	\$105	The actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the max (\$275) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.			
Daily Amount:	\$232.50	The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum \$402.50 established in (c) for costs incurred by the 3 dependents for 27 days.			
Lodging Tax:	\$13.13				
Total:	\$245.63	The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the 3 dependents' costs while at the DESIGNATED PLACE for 27 days (27 days x \$245.63 = \$6,632.01).			

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PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

U10000 DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER

A. Sharer. For OHA/FSH O purposes, a member who resides with one or more:

1. Members authorized an OHA/FSH O; and/or
2. Federal civilian employees, including dependents, authorized a living QTRS allowance or COLA (in non foreign OCONUS locations); and/or
3. Other persons, excluding the member's dependents, who contribute money toward the payment of rent, mortgage and/or utilities.

B. Owner Owned Multiple Occupancy Dwelling. A member/owner owned duplex, triplex or other type of multiple occupancy dwelling that is designed for separate private sector housing units for more than one household. The units within the dwellings ordinarily have separate addresses and/or entrances. For OHA/FSH O purposes the member and dependent occupy a single separate unit within the dwelling and the other units are rented out.

C. Vicinity. When a member resides with the dependent and commutes daily to the PDS, the dependent resides in the PDS vicinity regardless of distance even if at a place in an adjacent country or state. A dependent is residing in the PDS vicinity if residing in the same country, state (when in Alaska or Hawai'i), or U.S. territory or possession within which the member's PDS is located. However, if the member has to maintain separate households, a dependent is not residing in the PDS vicinity for FSH purposes if maintaining two households is authorized/ approved through the Secretarial Process. A commander may submit a request for determination through channels to the appropriate office listed below:

1. Army. Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRC), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;
2. Navy. Through appropriate command channels to: Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472;
3. Marine Corps. Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5143;
4. Air Force. Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Rd, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604;
5. Coast Guard. Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;
6. NOAA Corps. Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333; or
- *7. U.S. Public Health Service. Directly to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.

D. GOV'T QTRS. GOV'T QTRS include:

1. U.S. GOV'T owned or leased sleeping accommodations or family type housing;
2. Lodging or other QTRS obtained by U.S. GOV'T contract;
3. Dormitories or similar facilities operated by cost plus a fixed fee contract;

4. Sleeping or housing facilities furnished by a foreign government on the GOV'T's behalf; and
5. QTRS in a state owned National Guard camp.

For BAH, GOV'T QTRS do not include transient facilities such as Temporary Lodging Facilities, guest houses, hostess houses, and hotel type accommodations built and/or operated by non appropriated fund activities, or privatized housing.

E. Privatized Housing

1. GOV'T QTRS that have been converted to privatized housing are, by definition (APP A1), no longer GOV'T QTRS.
2. The Service Secretary determines which privatized housing is suitable for use as military family housing.
3. Each member occupying privatized housing is authorized a housing allowance in the same manner as a member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS.
4. Par. U10010-C explains Navy Barracks Privatization Test.

F. Rental Charge. A charge made on account of occupancy. It does not include service charges for linens, cleaning, maintenance, etc.

G. Housing Allowance. Housing allowance includes:

1. Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) (pars. U10004 and U10006);
2. Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) (pars. U10020 – U10032);
3. Family Separation Housing (FSH) (par. U10016);
4. Basic Allowance for Housing Differential (BAH-Diff) (par. U10008);
5. Partial Basic Allowance for Housing (Partial BAH) (par. U10010);
6. Transit Rate (BAH-T) (par. U10012); and
7. RC Rate (BAH-RC) (par. U10014).

H. Primary Residence. See definition of Primary Residence/Home in APP A.

U10002 HOUSING ALLOWANCE

A. General. Effective 1 January 1998, in general, a member on active duty entitled to basic pay is authorized a housing allowance based on the member's grade, dependency status, and location. Rates are prescribed depending on the member's grade and whether or not the member has a dependent. The location determines the rate, and whether the allowance is BAH or OHA. The BAH rate is based on median housing costs and is paid independently of a member's actual housing costs. It is paid for housing in the U.S. OHA is a cost-reimbursement based allowance. The authority depends on other elements that factor in such as sharers, utilities, and owner vs. renter. OHA is paid for housing outside the U.S. The member is reimbursed actual rental costs NTE the maximum OHA rate for each locality and grade. The maximum OHA rates are established based on members' actual rental costs in those locations. FSH-B follows the BAH logic and FSH-O follows the OHA logic. Except for a partial housing allowance (par. U10010) or BAH-Diff (par. U10008), a housing allowance is not paid to a member assigned to adequate GOV'T QTRS (Ch 10, Part D).

B. Rates. The Housing Allowance rates are divided into seven categories: BAH, OHA, FSH, BAH-Partial, BAH-Diff, BAH-Transit, and BAH-RC.

1. BAH Rates

- a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a MHA for all Uniformed Services' members authorized BAH. The determination for housing allowances is based upon the costs of adequate rental housing for civilians with comparable income levels in the same area.
- b. An adjustment in the BAH rates as a result of PDTATAC housing costs redetermination-in an MHA takes effect with the pay raise each year.
- c. A MHA is defined geographically by Zip Code(s) within the U.S. Major military population areas are further identified by a combination of a 2-digit code for the state and a 3-digit numerical designation within the state. For small military population areas, Zip Codes are aggregated into areas of similar housing cost and designated as County Cost Groups.

2. OHA Rates

- a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a locality for all Uniformed Services' members authorized OHA by location.
- b. OHA rate ceilings are calculated based on data provided by OCONUS commanders and actual rent data derived from pay systems.
- c. The PDS geographic location governs the OHA rate payable unless otherwise specified. Geographic locations are determined as outlined in APP K1, par. A.

3. FSH Rates

- a. The FSH-B rate is the same as the without-dependent BAH rate for the same location.
- b. FSH-O is computed under the same rules and conditions as without-dependent OHA for the same location.

4. BAH Partial Rates. The BAH partial rate is the difference in basic pay between the 1980 and 1981 reallocated pay raises and what those basic pay rates would have been had the raise not been reallocated. The rate is fixed from those years and does not change.

5. BAH Diff Rates. The BAH Diff rate is defined as the difference in Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) with dependents and BAQ without dependents for the member's grade as of 31 December 1997, increased each year by the average pay raise percentage.

6. BAH Transit Rates. The BAH Transit rate varies depending on old PDS location and the housing allowance type received. Unless a location-specific rate is payable, the default Transit rate is the amount of BAQ on 31 December 1997 incremented by the average housing allowance increase each year.

7. BAH RC Rates. The BAH-RC rate for a period of active duty for a non-contingency of 30 or fewer days is the BAQ amount on 31 December 1997 incremented by the average housing allowance increase each year.

C. GOV'T QTRS. A housing allowance (except partial BAH or BAH-Diff) is not authorized to a member who is assigned to GOV'T QTRS appropriate to the member's grade, rank, or rating and adequate for the member and dependents, if with dependents (Part D for GOV'T QTRS).

D. Dependency Determinations. For Army, Navy and Air Force determinations of dependency and relationships for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents are made by the Defense Finance and Accounting

Service (DFAS). CMC-MPP-1 makes dependency and relationship determinations for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents for Marines. For non-DoD Services, Service regulations. The Secretary Concerned or persons designated by the Secretary make determinations for primary dependents. The designee may re-delegate this authority (Part B for dependents).

E. Housing Allowance Start and Stop Dates. Tables U10A-1, U10A-2, and U10A-3.

1. Start. Unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this Chapter, PDS housing allowance eligibility starts on the member's reporting day to a new PDS. OHA *eligibility* starts on the day after the member's reporting day if, on the reporting day, a member is authorized MALT PLUS per diem. OHA starts on the day the member obtains private sector housing. The authorized document for OHA is DD Form 2367 (APP K).

2. Stop. Unless an extension is authorized/approved under par. U10402-B, or the PCS is a close proximity move as described in pars. U10400-B or U10402-B, OHA and FSH-O authority stops:

- a. On the day the member's OHA lease terminates, or
- b. On the day before the member departs in compliance with a PCS order, or
- c. On the day before the home port change effective date (from OCONUS) of the ship or unit to which a member is assigned (par. U10002-E3 below for exception), or
- d. Upon assignment to GOV'T QTRS.

3. Member without Dependents Undergoing a Home Port Change. Ordinarily the housing allowance based on the rate for the old home port stops on the day before the home port change effective date and a housing allowance based on the new home port rate begins on the home port change effective date. However, if a member without dependents is undergoing a home port change and the ship delays at the old home port after the home port change effective date (i.e., does not depart from the old home port before/on the home port change effective date) and QTRS on board the ship are not available (e.g., ship dry docked) a member without dependents is authorized a housing allowance based on the old home port until the day the member moves back aboard the ship.

DATE TO START BAH OR OHA—MEMBER WITH DEPENDENTS		
Table U10A-1		
Rule	If a member:	then BAH or OHA at the with-dependent rate begins on the date: ¹
1	enlists, or is called to EAD	of enlistment or entry on active duty, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date.
2	is appointed to commissioned/warrant officer status	active duty pay begins, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date.
3	occupies GOV'T QTRS with dependents and QTRS assignment is terminated or member and dependents physically depart PDS pursuant to a PCS order	of QTRS assignment termination or PCS departure date, unless dependents continue to occupy the QTRS. If definite QTRS assignment was not required, then BAH or OHA begins the date QTRS are vacated.
4	occupies GOV'T QTRS with dependents and the QTRS are declared inadequate	on which designation of inadequacy of QTRS is effective, if the member and dependents continue to occupy such QTRS.
5	acquires a dependent (marriage, birth, adoption, etc.) ²	the dependent is acquired, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for member and dependent(s) on that date ³ . Table U10E-3.
6	acquires a dependent while in an unauthorized absence status	the member is returned to a pay status after apprehension or surrender, if member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date. ⁴
7	claims dependent parent	determined/approved by authority shown in Table U10B-1 or U10B-2.
8	claims doubtful dependent	

¹ Payment of OHA requires a lease agreement or a verifiable purchase price.

² Includes dependent acquired while member is on authorized leave.

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- a. Applies to sole dependent of officer or enlisted member.
- b. Applies to any dependent on whose behalf a member is authorized increased BAH or OHA.
- c. BAH or OHA starts with date of member's marriage even though the marriage occurs on same day as divorce from another member.
- d. When blood parents of an illegitimate child marry, the child becomes a legitimate dependent for BAH or OHA purposes.

⁴ If there has been any change in the status of dependents on whose behalf BAH or OHA existed on the date an unauthorized absence commenced, a member must reestablish the right to BAH or OHA.

DATE TO STOP HOUSING ALLOWANCES - CHANGES IN DEPENDENCY STATUS		
Table U10A-2		
Rule	If the sole dependent:	then stop with-dependent housing allowance at midnight of the day:
1	Dies	of death.
2	is divorced ¹	of the final decree of divorce. ¹
3	is a spouse in a voidable (not void) marriage which is dissolved by final annulment decree	before date of the decree. No BAH or OHA payment may be made on or after date of the decree, regardless of credits accrued and not paid. BAH or OHA paid before the date of decree may be retained. ²
4	is a spouse in an invalid (void) marriage	before discovery marriage invalidity. No housing allowance payment may be made on or after date of discovery, regardless of credits accrued and not paid. Retention of BAH or OHA paid before that time depends on validation under DoDFMR, Vol. 7A, section 5005.
5	becomes of age (except a child who is incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity)	before the child's 21st birthday (or 23 rd birthday if a full-time student). ⁴
6	marries (regardless of age, or mental or physical incapacity)	of the child's marriage. This applies even though even though the child's marriage is to a Service member who is also authorized BAH or OHA on child's behalf for that date.
7	is adopted by a third party by interlocutory order or decree which has effected a changed legal relationship	before date of adoption. ³
8	is adopted by a third party and a final order or decree has been entered	before date of adoption.
9	enters military service	before day of entry into service.
10	is one who must be "in fact" dependent on member, and such dependency ceases	before date dependency ceases.

¹ Applies also when an affinitive relationship between a member and stepchild ceases because of divorce from the child's parent.

² Applies also when affinitive relationship between a member and stepchild ceases because of annulment of marriage.

*³ A case involving an Army or Air Force member must be sent to DFAS-IN or DFAS-DE respectively, for determination as to whether or not an order of decree effected a changed legal relationship. A case involving Navy must be sent to DFAS-CL and a Marine Corps case is sent to Commandant of the Marine Corps, respectively. A case involving a USPHS member must be sent to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness: Attn: DEERS Determination.

⁴ See par. U10108 regarding dependents over age 21.

DATE TO STOP BAH OR OHA - OTHER THAN DEPENDENCY STATUS CHANGES		
Table U10A-3		
Rule	A	B
	If a member:	then stop BAH or OHA at 2400 hours of the day:
1	is furnished GOV'T QTRS at the PDS, adequate for the member and dependents	before the day QTRS are assigned (or before the day occupancy begins, if definite assignment was not made). ¹
2	is furnished QTRS (cash or in kind) on behalf of the U.S., adequate for the member and dependents	before the day QTRS are furnished.
3	and dependents occupy inadequate GOV'T QTRS which are rehabilitated and designated as adequate GOV'T QTRS	before the effective date of re-designation as adequate GOV'T QTRS.
4	is absent without leave	Table U10E-2.
5	is discharged or released from active duty	of discharge or release.
6	is retired	before the retirement effective date.
7	Dies	of death.

¹ When dependents are prevented from occupying the assigned QTRS because of an order from a competent authority, BAH or OHA continues until transportation is arranged for HHG and is available for the dependents (if prompt application is made), plus the normal travel time for dependents to reach the member's station via a direct route.

U10004 BAH RATE PROTECTION

The monthly BAH amount actually paid a member (i.e., BAH Rate Protection) must not be reduced as a result of changes in housing costs in the MHA, changes in the national monthly housing cost, or a member's promotion. If the member is demoted, or loses authority for BAH, then the member's BAH rate protection at the current amount ceases on the date the member's eligibility to BAH for a given MHA terminates. The current BAH rate at the current duty location becomes the member's new protected BAH rate.

U10006 BAH ADVANCES

A. Authority. Effective April 20, 1999, when allowed by Service regulations, a member's commanding officer, the commanding officer's designated representative, or another designated official may authorize an advance BAH payment to pay advance rent, security deposits, and/or initial expenses incident to occupying other than GOV'T housing. The advance may be made at any time during a member's tour at the station concerned. It also may be authorized when a member has relocated housing incident to a PCS order. Ordinarily, the advance should not be disbursed more than 3 working days before the date payment under the lease or rental agreement must be made. Officers listed herein may authorize disbursement, in extenuating circumstances, more than 3 working days before the date payment must be made. The member must request the advance payment within 30 days after incurring the expense(s). Housing expenses must be documented to include copies of the lease, utility company statement and any other pertinent documentation available. Expenses identified by a member to be used in the purchase of any real estate or living accommodations must not be considered as a basis for authorizing or determining the amount of the advance.

B. Amount. The advance amount is determined based on the member's current prescribed BAH rate. The member's ability to repay the advance, considering other advances of pay which may have been made and any recurring pay deductions, must be considered in determining the advance amount. ***The BAH advance must not exceed a total of 3 months BAH expected to be accrued by the member.***

C. Liquidation. Advance liquidation should be at a rate of not less than equal monthly installments of one-twelfth of the amount advanced, per month for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after the advance payment has been made. When justified by the member and authorized by the member's commanding officer, the commanding officer's designated representative, or another service-designated official, the collection action beginning may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance is made. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE 24 months or the member's scheduled tour at the station concerned, whichever is shorter. Action must be taken immediately to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par. U10006, that has been returned to the member by the landlord, upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the existing loan repayment schedule.

D. Administrative Instructions. Each Service must prepare regulations for advance BAH payment administration to include the preparation and disposition of vouchers and supporting papers.

E. Special Circumstances. The Secretary Concerned or the Secretary's designee may authorize an advance BAH payment in circumstances and conditions other than those under par. U10006-A. Service regulations must prescribe liquidation procedures for advances made under par. U10006-E.

U10008 BAH DIFFERENTIAL (BAH-DIFF)

A. General. **BAH-DIFF** is the difference between the with- and without-dependents BAQ rates as of 31 December 1997 increased by the average pay raise percentage each year.

BAH Payable Amount Limitation for a Member Authorized BAH Solely on the Basis of the Member's Child Support Payment

1. If a member is assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS or a single-type housing facility under a Uniformed Service's jurisdiction and is authorized BAH solely by reason of the member's adequate child support payment, the member is authorized only BAH-DIFF. *A member is not authorized BAH-DIFF if the child support payment is less than the member's applicable pay grade BAH-DIFF amount.*
2. A member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS, who is authorized BAH or OHA on behalf of a dependent solely on the basis of child support payment, is authorized a with dependent housing allowance (either BAH or OHA).
3. A member is not authorized BAH or OHA solely on the basis of the member's child support payment when the child/children is/are in another active duty member's custody (including a former spouse), who is assigned to GOV'T owned/leased family-type QTRS (does not include privatized housing) or is in receipt of a with dependent housing allowance or on behalf of the child/children (pars. U10120, U10122, U10124, U10126 and U10206).

U10010 PARTIAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-Partial)

A. Partial Rates. A member without dependents who is assigned to single-type QTRS or is on field or sea duty, and is not authorized to receive a BAH or OHA, is authorized **BAH-Partial**.

Conditions

1. A member without dependents assigned to single-type adequate GOV'T QTRS at the permanent station and authorized BAH-Partial who is subsequently sick in a hospital (no PCS involved), continues to be authorized BAH-Partial while hospitalized.
2. Except as provided in pars. U10400-D and U10400-E, a member without dependents in grade E-6 or below who is offered an assignment of adequate GOV'T QTRS, or is assigned GOV'T QTRS but elects not to occupy such QTRS and resides in private QTRS at own expense, is considered to be assigned to GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA. Therefore, such member is authorized BAH-Partial.

3. BAH-Partial is not authorized during proceed time, leave en route, or travel time on PCS unless the member is assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA.
4. A member, married to another member, who has no dependents other than the spouse is authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS and is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate. However, such a member assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS is not authorized BAH-Partial.
5. A member occupying single-type GOV'T QTRS whose dependents reside in family-type GOV'T QTRS, is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate and therefore, is authorized BAH-Partial, provided the family QTRS are not assigned under the member's eligibility.
6. A single member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS.
7. A member without dependents confined in a guardhouse, brig, or correctional barracks who was assigned to single-type, GOV'T QTRS before confinement and remains assigned to such QTRS during confinement is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
8. A member without dependents who is restrained in a status of arrest in assigned single-type GOV'T QTRS, and therefore not authorized BAH or OHA, is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
9. A member without dependents permanently assigned to a hospital for treatment and assigned QTRS in the hospital is authorized BAH-Partial.
10. A member married to another member, if neither member has other dependents, who is assigned to sea duty and occupies GOV'T family QTRS assigned to the spouse when the ship is in port, is a member without dependents assigned to QTRS on the ship and is not authorized BAH or OHA but is authorized BAH-Partial.
11. A member without dependents who is ordered PCS to confinement in a guard-house, brig, correctional barracks, or to additional training in a retraining or rehabilitation facility, is assigned to certain QTRS therein and is not authorized BAH or OHA. Such member is Authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
12. A member without dependents assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS between PDSs and not authorized BAH or OHA is authorized BAH-Partial.
13. A member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to GOV'T single-type QTRS (including GOV'T-leased QTRS) that exceed the minimum standards of single QTRS for the member's grade. This limitation does not apply to members on medical hold or holdover personnel receiving outpatient medical treatment who have been designated as requiring a live-in non-medical attendant. The Service determines the housing standards for these personnel based on medical condition, treatment, non-medical attendant, and other relevant factors.
14. A member paying child support and receiving BAH-DIFF is not a member without dependents and therefore is not authorized BAH-Partial.

C. Navy Barracks Privatization Test. Under the authority in [10 USC §2881a](#), the Navy is conducting a limited test of barracks privatization. *The privatized barracks are defined as GOV'T QTRS for the purposes of the test.* For a member occupying the privatized barracks, a special BAH-Partial rate equal to a percentage of the PDS locality BAH without-dependents rate for the member's grade is established. The following locations and rates apply.

1. San Diego starting 1 October 2006 a special BAH-Partial rate equal to 34% for double occupancy of the QTRS and 68% for single occupancy.

2. Hampton Roads, VA, area which includes both the Hampton/Newport News and the Norfolk/ Portsmouth MHAs starting in 1 April 2007 a special BAH-Partial rate equal to 66% for occupancy of existing Unaccompanied Housing and 74% for occupancy of new construction privatized housing (two-bedroom, two-bath market style).

U10012 TRANSIT HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-T)

A Transit housing allowance rate is a temporary housing allowance paid while a member is in a travel or leave status between PDSs, provided the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS. The Transit rate continues during proceed time and authorized delays en route, including TDY en route (par. U10416).

U10014 RC RATE (BAH-RC)

BAH-RC rates are established by the SECDEF and are determined and set forth in par. U10002-B1. The BAH-RC Rate is the housing allowance authorized for an RC member called or ordered to active duty for 30 or fewer days except for an RC member called to active duty for a contingency. An RC member called to active duty for a contingency is authorized the BAH/OHA rate even for tours of 30 or fewer days (par. U10428).

U10016 FAMILY SEPARATION HOUSING (FSH)

The Family Separation Housing (FSH) allowance is payable to a member-with-dependents for added housing expenses resulting from separation from the dependents when a member is assigned to an OCONUS PDS (par. U10414), or incident to an assignment in the CONUS when dependent travel is delayed or restricted (pars. U5222-N and U10406).

Effective 13 March 2012

U10018 TEMPORARY BAH INCREASE

A. General. The SECDEF may prescribe a temporary increase in BAH rates in an area declared as a major disaster area by the President, or at an INSTALLATION experiencing a sudden increase in the number of members assigned. Payment of the higher BAH is only effective for a MHA or zip code within a County Cost Group. *This authority expires 31 December 2012.*

B. Eligibility. A temporary increase in BAH rates results in members assigned to the same Zip Code being eligible for two different BAH rates, depending on the member's certification of higher costs. To receive the higher BAH rate, a member must certify to the Secretary Concerned that the member has incurred higher housing costs in an MHA by reason of a major disaster, or sudden increase of military personnel assigned to an INSTALLATION. The law requires that the member certify that higher costs have been incurred.

C. Member Certification. Once an MHA area is approved for an increased BAH rate, a member eligible for an increased allowance must document housing cost. The certification must be in a form acceptable to the approval authority. The member's certification must show rent, or mortgage expense in the case of homeowners, utility expenses and insurance costs (renters or homeowners).

D. Approval. The approval authority is at a level specified through the Secretarial Process. If the total housing expense (rent or mortgage, utility expenses and insurance costs) from the member's certification is:

1. Less than the existing BAH rate, no increase is authorized. In this situation, the existing allowance fully covers the documented expenses, even though the member may be paying more after the disaster/influx of military personnel than before.
2. Higher than the existing BAH rate, then the member is authorized the increased rate effective the latter of the approval date of the MHA for an increased rate or the date the member started incurring the increased expenses.

E. Termination. The increased allowance is paid through the day before the next regular rate change effective date for the area at which time the new regular BAH rate applies. ***There is no rate protection of temporary increased rates.*** The following examples reflect how changes during the temporary rate increase period affect the BAH paid. If a member receiving a temporary BAH rate increase:

1. Is Promoted. The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the higher grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the higher grade.
2. Is Demoted. The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the lower grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the lower grade.
3. Has a Dependency Change. The member must recertify housing costs for purposes of comparing applicable rates.

F. Locations. Any locations that a temporary BAH rate increase is approved are listed below:

1. *No Locations at this Time*

U10020 OHA - GENERAL

NOTES:

1. *The OHA program is designed to help offset housing expenses for a member and/or dependent at the assigned overseas location. The reported housing must be the actual residence that the member occupies and from which the member commutes to and from work on a daily basis. If a member is assigned on an unaccompanied tour or has a Secretarial waiver and is authorized OHA for a dependent who lives separately, the reported housing must be the actual residence that the member's dependent occupies.*
2. *OHA is not intended, and must not be allowed to be used, for the personal enrichment of a member by including costs incurred for procuring/adapting a residence to accommodate renters or for vacation purposes.*
3. *OHA is intended to assist in paying for private sector leased/owned housing for a member and/or a member's dependent.*
4. *Disciplinary action addressed in par. U1035 applies when housing allowances are used for other than the purpose intended.*

A. Purpose. OHA is authorized to assist a member in defraying the housing costs incurred incident to assignment to a PDS outside the U.S. Every member authorized to live in private sector leased/owned housing is authorized OHA, provided an Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report (DD Form 2367) is completed by the member and approved by the senior officer of the Uniformed Services in the country concerned, or the individuals or offices designated for that purpose by the senior officer. APP M3 for responsibilities of the Overseas Command/Commander, Senior Officer and Country Allowance Coordinator. There are two housing allowance types paid under the OHA:

1. An up-front, lump sum MIHA for those who qualify (par. U10026 and APP N for rules and information), and
2. A monthly OHA including a utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

The location MIHA is based on the average "move in" costs for members. The monthly OHA is the rent, up to the rental allowance at a PDS, plus the utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

B. OHA and 'MALT Plus'. OHA is not payable on the arrival day when 'MALT Plus' per diem is paid.

C. Allowances Payable. The amount of OHA payable is determined as shown in APP K, unless a special determination jointly issued by the Secretary Concerned and the PDTATAC Chair authorizes a different rate due to special circumstances. OHA rates are based on a member's PDS except as indicated in Part E or par. U10400-B or U10402-B.

D. OHA Calculation. OHA is calculated by comparing the member's monthly rent to the prescribed locality rental allowance, selecting the lesser of the two, and then adding the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance. MIHA is paid at the start of the OHA. For detail computation procedures, APP K.

U10022 OHA DETERMINING MONTHLY RENT

A. General. Monthly rent is the amount paid per month by a member for possession and use of private sector housing. (The term "private sector housing" includes a mobile home or boat.) The rent stated in the lease or as otherwise agreed to by the landlord and the tenant in a written document must be used in computing the OHA. The cost of a separate lease for parking at/in the vicinity of the private sector housing also should be added to the member's dwelling lease amount in determining the member's total rental amount. *The cost of parking at the place of duty is not included in rent.* The following rules apply for determining rent.

1. A recurring condominium or homeowner association fee, paid by the member, is prorated to a monthly charge and incorporated into the member's rent.
2. See par. U10022-C for a member-owned dwelling place.
3. A sharer's monthly rent is determined by dividing the total monthly rent by the number of sharers occupying the dwelling.
4. *In an arrangement by which a member pays rent in advance and the landlord agrees to reimburse the member all or substantially all of the rental money at the end of the lease agreement, the amount of rent used in computing a member's OHA is zero.*
5. Re-compute OHA if/when the rent changes.

B. Sharers. **NOTE** below. A sharer is authorized up to the maximum rental allowance set for a member-without-dependents unless accompanied by one or more dependents. A sharer accompanied by dependent(s) is authorized up to the maximum rental allowance set for a member with dependents. Compute the OHA to which each sharer is authorized by adding the:

1. Sharer's prorated share of the rent paid or the maximum rental established for the sharer's grade and locality, whichever is less, plus
2. Prorated monthly Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance.

A member authorized MIHA "Miscellaneous" (par. U10026 and APP N for specific rules) receives a full rather than prorated allowance. *Only one sharer may claim reimbursement for any individual rent or security-related expense.*

NOTE: *A renter living in a completely separate unit of an owner-owned multiplex dwelling as described in par. U10022-C4 is not a "sharer", and OHA is determined as if the renter occupied an unattached unit.*

C. Private Sector Housing Owned

1. Divide the actual purchase price (not an appraised value, the actual purchase price) of the private sector housing by 120 to derive the monthly "rent" for a member-owned private sector dwelling. *Settlement costs, fees for title search, other legal and related costs are not included in determining the actual purchase price.* **NOTE:** *For a member in the Azores who purchased a home on/after 1 January 1999, divide the purchase price by 24.*

2. The amount of any personal installment type loans and real estate equity loans obtained for renovating, or repairing the current dwelling place are added to the actual purchase price before determining the rent.

a. Definitions:

(1) Renovating: Restoring to a previous condition, as by remodeling.

(2) Repairing: Restoring to sound condition after damage or injury. Fixing, setting right, renewing or refreshing.

b. *A loan used to furnish or decorate the home (including such things as addition of a Jacuzzi or pool to a home purchased without such an amenity) or a loan for personal reasons, or credit card or line of credit loan must not be used.*

c. To determine the monthly [OHA](#) rental equivalency when adding a loan described in par. U10022-C2a, add the loan amount to the original verifiable purchase price, divide the new total by 120 (24 for the Azores), and the new 'rental equivalency' *starts from the loan start date*.

d. The Service concerned must adjudicate loans for purposes not specified above. The request with all documentation should be submitted by the member's command to:

(1) Army. Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRC), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;

(2) Navy. Through appropriate command channels to: Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472;

(3) Marine Corps. Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5143;

(4) Air Force. Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Rd, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604;

(5) Coast Guard. Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;

(6) NOAA Corps. Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333; or

*(7) U.S. Public Health Service. Directly to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.

3. If a member (or the member's dependent) inherits a dwelling or residence or otherwise receives it without purchasing it, the dwelling or residence purchase price is \$0. In this case, the member is authorized to receive the [utility/recurring maintenance allowance](#).

NOTE: If a member obtains a mortgage on the inherited dwelling or residence specifically i.e., for home improvements or takes out a loan to pay inheritance taxes on the residence or dwelling, the mortgage or loan cost may be used as an OHA housing cost.

4. If the dwelling is a member-owned multiplex unit, the allowance claimed is based on the multiplex unit's square footage percentage occupied by the member and dependent, times the same percent of the purchase price divided by 120. If the member and dependent live in 1,200 square feet (40%) of a 3,000 total square feet multiplex unit, and the total purchase price of the multiplex unit is \$300,000, divide the multiplex unit actual

purchase price by 120 to derive the monthly 'rent' for the multiplex unit which is \$2,500. \$1,000 (40% of \$2,500) may be claimed for [OHA](#). Renters of other units within the multiplex unit are not 'sharers'.

5. If the member-owned dwelling place is a mobile home or boat, the monthly lot rental or berthing fee paid is added to this amount.

D. Maximum Rental Allowance. Use the [Overseas Housing Allowance Query](#) to obtain the maximum amount of monthly rent considered in computing the amount of OHA payable.

U10024 OHA UTILITY/RECURRING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A. Monthly Allowance

1. The utility/recurring maintenance allowance for each OHA locality is found in the [OHA locality tables](#) and is based on member (with-dependent) reported expenses of members who pay all or a majority of their utilities,
2. Covers the utility costs for 80 percent of the members assigned to an area,
3. Is paid to sharers (par. U10000-A) on a pro rated amount of the net allowance,
4. Is paid to a member 'without dependent' (who *is not* a sharer) at 75 percent of the 'with-dependent' rate, and
5. Is eliminated or paid on a percentage basis if all, or part, of the utilities are included in rent.

B. Rent Includes All, No, or Some Utilities

1. When rent does not include utilities or the member is a homeowner, the member is authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above.
2. When rent includes all utilities, a member is not authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance. However, the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above is added to the member's rental allowance when computing the OHA.
3. When rent includes some utilities, a member is not authorized all of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A. The locality *climate code* and the *utility point score* determine the utility/recurring maintenance allowance amount percentage the member is authorized. However, the amount to which the member is not authorized is to be added to the appropriate rental allowance ceiling when computing OHA.

a. Climate Codes. Locality climate codes are indicated on each [OHA locality table](#). The three climate codes include:

- (1) Code 1 (Cold) - long-term mean temperature of 45 degrees F or colder,
- (2) Code 2 (Moderate) - neither Code 1 nor Code 3, and
- (3) Code 3 (Hot) - long-term average of 69 degrees F or warmer, except when long-term average for one or more months of the year drops to 45 degrees F or colder. In such instances, a climate code of 2 is assigned.

b. Climate Code Utility Points. Use the table below to determine the correct climate code and then credit the member with appropriate points for each utility/service that is not included in the rent. The final number is the member's total utility point score.

Climate Code Utility Points APP K OHA Locality Tables			
	3	2	1
	Hot	Moderate	Cold
Electricity	3	3	3
Heating	1	2	3
Air Conditioning	3	2	1
Water	1	1	1
Trash Disposal	1	1	1

c. Utility Point Percentage. After determining the total *utility point score* use the table below to determine the correct percentage of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance to be paid.

Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance Payment Percentage	
0	0
1-2	25
3-4	65
5-9	100

U10026 MOVE-IN HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MIHA)

A. General. MIHA exists to defray the move-in costs associated with occupying private sector leased/owned housing covered under the OHA program. **MIHA is not payable to a member occupying GOV'T or GOV'T-leased housing. MIHA does not cover move-out costs.** In most cases, a member authorized OHA is authorized MIHA. DD Form 2556 (MIHA Claim (May 1999)) must accompany MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security-related expenses. Instructions for completing this form are found in APP N. Various surveys are sent to members in private sector leased housing to document utility and move-in expenses. They are discussed in APP N.

B. Rules and Information

1. To be authorized a MIHA, a member must be eligible for OHA.
2. An eligible member is authorized MIHA for one dwelling during a tour at a PDS unless a GOV'T-funded local move occurs and the member occupies another dwelling covered by OHA.
3. There is no MIHA when a:
 - a. local move would otherwise initiate a second or subsequent MIHA payment request unless that move is GOV'T funded;
 - b. member complies with a PCS order but remains in the same dwelling place (includes an RC member called/ordered to active duty who is authorized OHA based on the primary residence at the time called/ordered to active duty); or
 - c. member moves from GOV'T QTRS to private sector housing under par. U5355-A5 (Separation) or par. U5355-A6 (Retirement).
4. The three MIHA payment types are:

- a. MIHA/Miscellaneous. MIHA/Miscellaneous reflects average expenditures made and reported by members to make their dwellings habitable. See APP K3 to determine reportable/non-reportable MIHA Miscellaneous expenses and the Overseas Housing Allowance Query to determine the amount payable. **Only one payment is authorized at a PDS unless par. U10026-B2 applies.**
- b. MIHA/Rent. **Homeowners are ineligible.** MIHA/Rent totally covers reasonable rent-related expenses. These are fixed, one-time, nonrefundable charges levied on behalf of the landlord, or a foreign GOV'T that the member must pay before/upon occupying a dwelling. **Expenses deferred until lease termination are not MIHA/Rent.** Examples are real estate agents' fees, redecoration fees if paid up-front, and/or one-time lease tax. Advance rental payments, refundable deposits, and/or recurring costs are not covered. All unreasonable expenditures, as determined by the authorizing/approving official, must be disallowed (APP N, par. C).
- c. MIHA/Security. MIHA/Security covers reasonable security-related expenses for a member assigned to an area in which dwellings must be modified to minimize terrorist and/or criminal threat. See APP N, par. D for qualifying areas and additional rules.

5. Each member authorized OHA receives MIHA/Miscellaneous. To receive MIHA/Miscellaneous, the member must have the Service-designated official complete Block 11 of DD Form 2367. Additionally, a member with qualifying rent, or security related expenses, must complete and submit DD Form 2556. Each member classified as a sharer and authorized MIHA is authorized the full MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance. However, for MIHA/Rent and MIHA/Security, only one sharer may claim the individual expense. See APP N, pars. C and D.

6. Acceptable claims for MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security must include proper documentation and all receipts for expenditures of \$75 or more.

U10028 OHA ADVANCE PAYMENT

See APP K2 for detailed information on areas with rental advance protection under OHA.

A. Authority

1. Advance Rent – General. Rental payments should be made on a month-to-month basis whenever possible. This avoids the need for rental advances.
2. Advance Rent of Less than 4 Months, Security Deposits, and/or Initial Expenses. The Senior Officer in-country or the Senior Officer's designated representative, may authorize an advance OHA payment to pay advance rent (par. U10028-A3), security deposits, and/or MIHA-related expenses incident to occupying private sector housing. **Personal preference is not grounds for authorizing advance rent payment.** Advance OHA is not authorized for lease arrangements in which the member lives rent free after making a one-time payment to the landlord with the anticipation that the rental amount is to be either completely or substantially refunded at lease termination. The advance may be made at any time during the member's tour. It also may be authorized when a member has located housing incident to a PCS order.
3. Advance Rent of 4 or More Months. Rental advances of 4 or more months (but not for period longer than a year) may be made only for the locations authorized by PDTATAC APP K4. Requests for a rental advance of 4 or more months are considered for approval if the requirement for the advance rent exists due to:
 - a. Law,
 - b. Local custom for everyone, including local nationals, or
 - c. Economic (i.e., market) conditions preclude availability of secure housing, as confirmed by the U.S. Embassy.

Requests to add authorized locations at which rental advances of 4 or more months may be paid must be submitted to PDTATAC. Requests must be forwarded through the Country Senior Officer/Command in APP M and the Combatant Commander to the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee by:

- a. Mail: Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
ATTN: SPP/Allowances Branch
4800 Mark Center Drive
Suite 04J25-01
Alexandria, VA 22350-9000, or
- b. FAX: (571) 372-1301.

NOTE: Once a location is authorized by PDTATAC and listed in APP K4 as a country currently designated as authorized for rental advances, the Senior Officer in country or designee may authorize individual requests.

B. Amount. The amount to be advanced must be determined on the basis of housing expenses, including advance rent and a security deposit, and the authorized OHA. Housing expenses must be documented. The member's ability to repay the advance must be considered in determining the advance amount. While the amount to be advanced should not exceed the estimated OHA total for 1 year, a larger amount may be authorized if needed to cover anticipated housing expenses. In no case may the advance payment exceed the:

1. Anticipated housing expenses, or
2. OHA accruable for the member's tour at that PDS,

whichever is less. ***Expenses identified by a member for purchase of real estate or living accommodations must not be considered.***

C. Liquidation

1. Repayment within 12 Months. Liquidating monthly installments should be at a rate of one-twelfth of the amount advanced for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after payment of the advance.
2. Postpone Collection Start. When justified by the member and authorized by an official designated by the Service concerned, the collection start may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE the member's tour at the PDS.
3. Advance Rent Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of advance rent until the member vacates the housing for which the advance rent was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.
4. Security Deposit Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of the entire amount of a security deposit of \$500 or more until the member vacates the housing for which the security deposit was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.
5. Recouping Lump Sum Returned by Landlord. Action to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par, U10028 that has been returned to the member by the landlord must be taken immediately upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the member's existing loan repayment schedule.

6. Currency Fluctuation Effects. The Service concerned absorbs any loss due to currency fluctuations when liquidating advance security deposits. The member must pay to the Service any gains due to currency fluctuations. These currency protection procedures for security deposits apply without regard to the provisions for protection of rent advances in par. U10028-D.

7. Pay System Reporting of Monthly Rent. In countries in which rate protection for advance rent has not been implemented, per par. U10028-D, the monthly rent entered in the respective pay system should be entered in dollars when a member has taken an advance for rent.

D. Advance Rent Currency Rate Protection. Rate protection may be provided for certain countries that have undergone a significant currency fluctuation. Protection is accomplished by comparing the OHA rate with the exchange rate in effect at the time the member received the advance with the greater of:

1. The rental allowance in effect at the time of the advance, or
2. Any higher rental allowance implemented during the repayment period of the advance.

Currency rate protection for additional advances is calculated using the exchange rate in effect at the time the new advance is paid. In countries in which rate protection for advance rent has been implemented, monthly rents for an advance rent are processed in dollars. Service regulations for currency fluctuation loss/gain procedures.

U10030 OHA COMPUTATION DATA

OCONUS commanders, or their designated representatives, must periodically furnish data required for authorizing, changing and terminating OHA for each OCONUS locality within their jurisdictions as required by APP M, or PDTATAC.

U10032 A MEMBER OCCUPYING A GOV'T TRAILER OR RENTAL GUARANTEE HOUSING AND OHA

Unless provided in APP K, no housing allowance is payable to a member occupying housing constructed under the Rental Guarantee Housing Program as authorized in Sec. 302 of the Act of 14 July 1952 (66 Stat. 622) or GOV'T owned trailers purchased under Sec. 408 of the Act of 1 September 1954 (68 Stat. 1126), or any other statute.

PART B: DEPENDENCY

U10100 DETERMINATIONS AND FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

A. Determinations. In determining relationship or dependency for housing allowance eligibility, the appropriate officials must apply the rules in Table U10B-1 or U10B-2. All determinations of dependency and relationships are made by:

1. Service Secretary or designee for primary dependents (the designee may re-delegate) or
 - a. Army and Air Force determinations are made by the offices in Table U10B-1.
 - b. Navy and Marine Corps determinations are made by the offices in Table U10B-2.
2. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents for Army, Navy and Air Force, or
 - a. CMC-MRP-1 for Marines,
 - b. According to Service regulations for non DoD Services.

B. Dependency Approval. Dependency must be determined before a housing allowance is authorized. After initial approval, the Services must maintain adequate levels of internal audit to assure the legality, propriety, and correctness of all housing allowance payments. See individual Service regulations for procedures.

C. Dependents' Status Certification. Upon arrival at a new PDS, each member who is authorized a housing allowance for dependents must recertify to the Secretary Concerned indicating the status of each dependent to support a housing allowance on the dependents' behalf. If a member fails to provide the certification in a timely manner, the housing allowance on dependents' behalf is stopped at the end of the month in which the certification is due. A housing allowance at the appropriate partial or without dependent rate is paid unless the member is not authorized to that allowance for some other reason. A housing allowance at the with-dependent rate is authorized effective the date the member provides proper certification. The higher rate is not retroactive unless the member's commander certifies that the failure to recertify timely was for reasons beyond the member's control.

D. RC Member. After initial certification, an RC member must recertify dependency status at least every third year from the previous certification or upon a dependency status change.

E. Dependency Re-determinations. Annual re-determination of dependency is required for a member who claims a housing allowance for:

1. Parents, parents in law, stepparents, parents by adoption, or in loco parentis,
2. Students 21 and 22 years of age,
3. Incapacitated children over age 21, or
4. Ward of a court.

F. Fraudulent Claims. Any member who submits a claim for housing allowance which contains false statements is subject to court-martial or criminal prosecution. In addition, fraudulent acceptance of benefits may cause a civilian recipient to be subject to criminal prosecution. The law provides for severe penalties of imprisonment and a fine. For military personnel, it may include a punitive separation, total forfeitures, and confinement.

U10102 DEPENDENTS

- A. Lawful Spouse and Legitimate, Unmarried, Minor Children. A member's lawful spouse and legitimate, unmarried, minor children are always dependents for housing allowance purposes except under the situations in par. U10102-B below and in pars. U10106 and U10202.
- B. No Authority on Dependent's Behalf. A member is not authorized a housing allowance for:
1. A minor child who is entitled to basic pay as a member on active duty in a Uniformed Service. This includes a minor child attending one of the Military Service academies at which QTRS are furnished by the U.S.
 2. A spouse who is on active duty in a U.S. Uniformed Service and entitled to basic pay and allowances. See Ch 10, Part C, and Table U10C-1 for a guide to housing allowances when both spouses are in the Military Service and entitled to basic pay and allowances.
 3. A dependent for whom the member has been absolved of the requirement to provide support; for example, desertion without cause.
 4. A dependent whose whereabouts is unknown and whose absence or whereabouts remains unexplained.
 5. A former spouse to whom the member is paying alimony.
 6. A dependent who occupies GOV'T QTRS as a permanent residence without payment of a rental charge. See par. U10126 for exception.
 7. A child/children for whom the member pays child support, if the child/children is/are in another active duty member's custody (including a former spouse) who is assigned to GOV'T owned/leased family QTRS (does not include privatized housing) or is in receipt of a with dependent housing allowance on behalf of the child/children. See pars. U10120, U10122, U10124, U10126 and U10206.
- C. Dependent Spouse in Foreign Service. A member is authorized a housing allowance for a spouse in military service of a government other than the U.S. This applies even though the spouse is furnished a residence or paid a monetary allowance in lieu of a residence by that government.

U10104 MEMBER'S MARRIAGE STATUS DETERMINATION

- A. Determination. Any case in which the validity of a member's marriage is questioned is a case of doubtful relationship.
- B. Remarriage within Prohibited Period Following Divorce. Under the laws of some states, a marriage is not dissolved until a specified period has elapsed after a divorce decree is granted. Remarriage is prohibited within the specified period. In all states that grant an interlocutory decree before granting a final divorce decree, remarriage may not occur before the final decree is granted.
- C. Marriage by Proxy. Proxy marriages are valid if performed in a jurisdiction which recognizes common law marriages and has no statute or judicial determination prohibiting proxy marriages.
- D. Marriage by Telephone. A marriage by telephone is recognized only if a statute or court decision authorizes or recognizes telephone marriages in the jurisdiction in which the marriage was performed.
- E. Common Law Marriages. Under laws of certain states, a common law marriage may be entered into by persons who do not obtain a license to marry or go through certain other formalities. Common law marriages entered into in those states are valid if they are contracted IAW state law.
- F. Foreign Nation Divorce. A foreign nation divorce may or may not be recognized as valid in the U.S. depending on several factors. These factors include place(s) of residence of the parties involved, whether they appeared in

person to obtain the divorce, and applicable state laws. Any claim involving remarriage of a member following a foreign nation divorce and any claim by or on behalf of the spouse from whom the member has obtained a foreign nation divorce are cases of doubtful relationship. A claim based on a member's marriage to a person who has obtained a foreign nation divorce is also a doubtful case.

G. Purported Marriage

1. Void Marriage. If a member's marriage is void (because of a pre existing marriage of the spouse, for example) the member has no lawful spouse and is not authorized a housing allowance at the with dependent rate as a result of the purported marriage. When marriage invalidity is discovered, no further housing allowance payments at the with dependent rate may be made for any period. See Table U10A-2, rule 4. The member may retain payments already received if they are validated under [DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 50, Section 5006](#) for DoD Services or Service written material for non DoD Services. When validity of a marriage is questionable, submit the case to the office shown in par. U10104-G3 for a determination on the marriage validity and, if necessary, validation of payments already made.

2. Annulled Marriage. If a member's marriage is annulled by court decree, no further housing allowance payments may be made for any period. See Table U10A-2, rule 3. The member may retain payments received before the effective date of the decree. Since validation under [DoDFMR, Volume 7a, Section 5005](#) for DoD Services or Service written material for non DoD Services is required for retention of such payments in some annulment cases (based on legal factors), submit all annulment cases to the office shown in par. U10014-G3 for review and, if necessary, validation of payments made.

3. Determination and Validations. Submit requests for determination on validity of a marriage (doubtful cases) or for validation of payments to the appropriate address shown below:

a. Army:

DFAS-IN/JMTCB
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-0855

b. Navy:

DFAS-IN
Office of General Counsel, Mil & Civ Pay
8899 E.56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-0160

c. Air Force:

DFAS-IN/JFLTBA
8899 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

d. Marine Corps:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MFP-1)
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5143

e. Coast Guard:

Commanding Officer (LGL)
Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center
Federal Building
444 S.E. Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

f. NOAA Corps
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333

g. U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps
Office of Commissioned Corps Support Services
Attention: Compensation Branch
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

H. Child of Legally Invalid Marriage. An unmarried minor child of an invalid marriage, or a marriage annulled as void or voidable, is a dependent for housing allowance purposes.

U10106 DEPENDENT SUPPORT

A. Proof of Support. The statutory purpose of a housing allowance on behalf of a dependent is to at least partially reimburse a member for the expense of providing a private sector residence for the dependents when GOV'T QTRS are not furnished, and not to pay a housing allowance for a dependent as a bonus merely for the technical status of being married or a parent. Proof of support of a lawful spouse or unmarried, minor, legitimate child of a member is generally not required. However, when evidence (e.g., special investigation reports; record reviews; fraud, waste and abuse complaints; sworn testimony of individuals; statement by member) or complaints from dependents of nonsupport or inadequate support are received, proof of adequate support as stated in par. U10106-E is required.

B. Nonsupport. A member who fails to support a dependent on whose behalf a housing allowance is received is not authorized a housing allowance on that dependent's behalf. Recoup for nonsupport or inadequate support periods. Unless a nonsupport or inadequate support period was caused by Service mission requirements (e.g., remote assignment, deployed, limited access to administrative support and/or financial networks, etc.), or outside agencies' actions (such as financial institutions, postal service, etc.) over which the member has no control, as determined by Service regulations, the subsequent arrears support payment does not authorize a member a housing allowance for the dependent for the nonsupport or inadequate support period. If a member is not authorized a housing allowance for dependents under pars. U10106-C through U10106-I, consider without dependents or BAH-Partial IAW par. U10400, U10428 or U10010. ***NOTE: A member does not avoid the legal responsibility to comply with a court order for support by forfeiting a housing allowance.***

C. Legal Separation Agreement or Court Decree, Judgment or Order Silent on Support, Not Stating Support Amount, or Absolving Member of Support Responsibility. A legal separation agreement, court decree, judgment, or order that is silent on dependent support, does not state the dependent support amount, or absolves the member of dependent support responsibility does not of itself affect a member's housing allowance. This is true regardless of the jurisdiction in which the decree, agreement or order was issued or of the dependent's domicile. The member is authorized a housing allowance on behalf of a dependent if the member contributes to the dependent's support in an amount that is not less than the applicable BAH-DIFF rate.

D. Legal Separation Agreement or Court Order Stating Support Amount. If there is a court order or legal separation agreement stating the support amount, a member must contribute to the dependent's support the amount specified therein, but in no case may the support payments be less than the applicable BAH-DIFF rate.

1. When a member is divorced from a nonmember, and they share joint legal custody of a child, and the ex-spouse is awarded primary physical custody, then the member is a non-custodial parent for housing allowance purposes. If the member's court-ordered child support is less than the applicable BAH-DIFF rate, and the member is not residing in, or assigned to, GOV'T QTRS, the member is only authorized a housing allowance at the without-dependents rate. However, a member who pays additional support to the ex-spouse having primary custody of the child(ren) so that the total child support provided is equal to or more than the BAH-DIFF rate, and who is not assigned to GOV'T QTRS, is authorized a housing allowance at the with-dependents rate.

2. When a member has temporary custody of a child and they reside in a private sector residence, the cost of maintaining the residence is not a factor in determining authority for the with-dependents housing allowance rate and may not be used instead of, or in addition to, child support to qualify for increased allowances. The dependent child must reside with the member on a non-temporary basis (e.g., for a period of more than 90 consecutive days) for the member to qualify for the with-dependents housing allowance rate for the temporary period. The cost of maintaining a home may not be added to the child support amount to qualify for the increased allowances.

E. Adequate Support. If the support requirements are not established by court order or legal separation agreement, a member must provide a support amount that is not less than the BAH-DIFF rate applicable to the member's grade. The support amount required to retain or receive a housing allowance for a dependent does not necessarily mean that such amount is adequate to meet the Service Concerned policy as to what constitutes adequate support in the absence of a legal separation agreement or court order.

F. Increase in Support Required by Increase in BAH-DIFF Rates. Whenever there is an increase in BAH-DIFF rates, the minimum required support for housing allowance purposes increases to the new rate. A member receiving a housing allowance on behalf of a dependent must increase the amount of support, when applicable, within 60 days of the increase to continue receiving the housing allowance on the dependent's behalf.

G. Settlement Agreement

1. Property settlements made under a court order or written agreement are not support for housing allowance purposes.
2. Payments made under a settlement in place of support are support for the period expressly provided in the written agreement or court order.
3. A lump-sum settlement in place of support made under written agreement or court order is support for the period the lump sum would reasonably cover the dependent's support.

H. Interlocutory Decree of Divorce. If an interlocutory decree of divorce does not provide for support to the spouse, the member is not authorized a housing allowance for the spouse after the date of the decree unless proof of support is furnished.

I. Doubtful Cases. Submit any doubtful cases involving support for determination to the offices listed in par. U10104-G3.

U10108 SECONDARY DEPENDENTS

An incapacitated child over age 21, a ward of the court, or an unmarried child over age 21 and under age 23 (full time in college), requires an in fact dependency IAW Service regulations. The child must be dependent upon the member for over one-half of the child's support. This means:

1. The child's income, not counting the member's contributions, must be less than one-half of the child's living expenses, and
2. The member's contribution must be more than one-half of the child's monthly living expenses.

U10110 DEPENDENT CHILD ADOPTED BY A THIRD PARTY

A member is not authorized a housing allowance for a child after the child is adopted by a third party and final adoption order or decree has been entered. Authority for a housing allowance continues after an interlocutory decree has been entered if the decree does not change the legal relationship between the child and the member, and the member supports the child.

U10112 DEPENDENT CONFINED IN PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

A. Housing Allowance Payable. Confinement of a member's spouse or unmarried minor child in a penal or correctional institution does not affect member's authority for a housing allowance on the dependent's behalf, unless:

1. The member refuses to support the dependent.
2. The member has been absolved from supporting the dependent.
3. The period of confinement may extend beyond 5 years.
4. The case is otherwise doubtful.

B. Doubtful Cases. Submit cases involving a sentence extending beyond 5 years, and doubtful cases to the addresses shown in par. U10104-G3. Do not pay a housing allowance on behalf of the dependent pending decision.

U10114 DEPENDENT PARENT

A. Determination Basis. A parent's dependency is determined based on an affidavit submitted by the parent, and any other evidence required under applicable regulations. The applicable authority in par. U10104-G3 makes the dependency determination. A legal guardian may complete the form for a mentally incompetent parent.

B. Dependency Requirement. A member is authorized a housing allowance on behalf of a parent if the parent is dependent upon the member for over one-half of their support. This means:

1. The parents' income, not counting the member's contribution, must be less than one-half of their monthly living expenses, and
2. The member's contribution must be more than one-half of the parent's monthly living expenses.

C. Change in Dependent Status. A member is authorized a housing allowance for any active duty period during which the parent dependency is shown to exist, whether the dependency arose before or after the member entered service. If dependency arises due to changed circumstances, and the facts show the member has started to contribute over one-half of the parents' support, a housing allowance is authorized from the date the contribution began.

D. Stepparent. A stepparent/stepchild relationship ends upon divorce from the blood parent, but not necessarily upon the blood parent's death. A housing allowance for a stepparent may be established after the blood parent's death.

U10116 DEPENDENCY DETERMINATION FACTORS FOR PARENTS

A. Family Unit Rule. In determining a parent's dependency, the total income and expenses of the family unit of which the parent is a member must be considered. Ordinarily, the member's contribution to the expenses of the unit must exceed one-half of the unit's total expenses before any one person in the unit can be considered dependent on the member. For example, a mother cannot be considered dependent if she is a member of a family unit in which her husband is supporting himself but is not providing sufficiently for the mother's individual needs.

B. Equity and Good Conscience. When application of the family unit rule results in manifest injustice, any other available evidence of dependency is considered, and determination made according to principles of equity and good conscience.

C. Charity. Contributions made to parents by charitable organizations are counted as part of the parent's income.

D. Charitable Institution. A parent's residence in a charitable institution, public or private, is not a bar to authority if the member claims a housing allowance for the parent and other required conditions are met.

E. Social Security, Unemployment Compensation, and Pensions. Payments made to the parent from the Social Security Administration, unemployment compensation, and financial assistance from governmental agencies, are counted as part of the parent's income. Pensions received by the parent are also considered income.

F. Capital Assets. Unliquidated capital assets are not income, and parents are not required to deplete their capital assets to establish dependency on a member for housing allowance purposes. However, proceeds derived from the liquidation of capital assets are income. Amounts placed in reserve for depreciation of property held for income ordinarily are available for a parent's current living expenses, and are therefore, income.

G. Rate of Return Rule. In determining dependency of parents who possess uninvested capital, compute the income return on the basis of 5.25 percent per annum.

U10118 ADOPTED, ILLEGITIMATE AND STEPCHILD(REN)

*A. General. Adopted children, illegitimate children, and stepchild(ren) are primary dependents. As a result, a dependency determination is no longer required for these dependents.

B. Proof of Parentage. A member who claims a housing allowance for an adopted child, stepchild, or a child born out of wedlock (parents are not married to each other at the time of the child's birth) must provide proof of parentage as follows:

1. For an adopted child, document showing the member is the child's legal parent.
2. For a stepchild, a marriage license showing the member is married to the child's legal parent and documentation showing that the member's spouse is the child's parent.
3. For a child born out of wedlock, a birth certificate with the member's name cited is required. If the member's name is not stated on the birth certificate, or a court-order, obtain a signed statement of parentage from the member. If the illegitimate child(ren) is (are) not in the custody of the member parent, the case is treated IAW the rules for BAH-DIFF. The same rules apply when applicable to a member-mother not having custody. See par. U10008.

C. Support Requirements. The member-parent may claim a dependent child(ren), adopted child(ren), illegitimate child(ren), and stepchild(ren) for housing allowance purposes. Proof of dependent support is ordinarily not required. The provisions of U10106-A are applied. The member is authorized a housing allowance if the member contributes to the dependent(s)' support and that support is not less than the applicable BAH-DIFF. This includes a member authorized BAH-DIFF and a member assigned to single type GOV'T QTRS when the child(ren) is/are in the physical custody of another person.

U10120 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER SPOUSE REMARRIED TO ANOTHER SERVICE MEMBER

A. Child in GOV'T QTRS. When a member's child resides in GOV'T QTRS not assigned to the divorced member parent, that member is not authorized a housing allowance for the child.

B. Child Not in GOV'T QTRS. A housing allowance may not be paid for a child to both the stepparent and the natural parent at the same time. The natural parent has priority to a housing allowance for that child if providing adequate support.

NOTE: Pars. U10206, U10120, U10122 and U10124 when former or estranged spouse is also a member.

U10122 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER SPOUSE – MEMBER REMARRIES

See par. U10402-A2 does not apply in the case of a member who is required to support a child in the custody of a former spouse when the member remarries and is assigned to or occupies family GOV'T QTRS. The member is not

authorized a housing allowance for the child living with the former spouse. See par. U10208 when upon remarriage, the member marries a member.

U10124 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER SPOUSE OR ESTRANGED SPOUSE WHO IS A MEMBER ASSIGNED FAMILY GOV'T QTRS

When the member parent having custody of the child(ren) is assigned to, or occupies, adequate family-type GOV'T QTRS with the child(ren) while receiving child support, the member parent paying child support is not authorized a housing allowance for the child(ren).

U10126 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER OR ESTRANGED SPOUSE IN FAMILY GOV'T QTRS VISITS MEMBER

When a child(ren) who normally reside(s) in family GOV'T QTRS with a member's former or estranged spouse (custodial parent) visits the member in a private sector residence for more than 90 days, the visit is considered non-temporary and the member is authorized a housing allowance for the child(ren) from the first day of the visit. If the visit is 90 days or less, a housing allowance for the child(ren) is not payable for any part of the visit.

WHO DETERMINES HOUSING ALLOWANCE DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE MEMBERS														
Table U10B-1														
R U L E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J				
	If the dependent claimed is	And marriage is	and is under age 21	and is	And certified court adoption papers are	and the child has income from source other than member	and is incapable of self support	then						
								determination is made by		a claim must be submitted through channels for determination, or submission to DOHA for decision				
							Army disbursing officer or designee	USAF FSO or designee						
1	spouse	lawful						X /7	X					
2		legally questionable /1											X /8	X
3	unmarried child		yes	legitimate, or legitimated by marriage of blood parents				X /3, 7	X /3					
4				Adopted/2							Available /3	no		
5											yes			
6				not available /4								X /3, 8	X /6	
7				Stepchild /3,7								no	X /3, 8	X /3
8												yes	X /3, 8	X /5
9			yes	illegitimate child of member or legitimated by affidavit or court order				X /8	X					
10			no				yes/2							
11			no	under age 23 and full-time student				X/9	X					
12	married child	Terminated by divorce, annulment, or death of spouse	yes						X /8	X				
13	parent, including in loco parentis /2													

NOTES:

1. Includes common law spouse; those married by proxy or telephone or within a prohibited period following divorce, or a divorce granted by a foreign country; and purported marriages.
2. Must be in fact dependent on Service member for substantial portion of support.
3. Applies also if the child is in custody of someone other than Service member (divorced spouse, parent, etc.).

4. If this is interlocutory decree of adoption, case must be submitted to DFAS-IN for determination.
5. In case of an Army member, the claim must be sent to DFAS-IN only when determination cannot be made by disbursing officer under [AR 37-104-3, Chapter 2, Part 3](#) or is not covered by note 8.
6. This includes an illegitimate child of the spouse, when the member is not the blood parent. See par. U10118.
7. In the case of an Army RC member, the initial determination for dependents listed in rules 1, 3, 4, and 7 can be made by the RC unit commander or servicing Military Personnel Officer.
8. Claim is sent to DFAS-IN/JFLTBA.
9. Student determinations are made by the Personnel Officer.

WHO DETERMINES DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEMBERS														
Table U10B-2														
R U L E	A	B	C				D	E	F					
	If the dependent claimed is	and	and member is a				and	and	then determination is made by					
			USN officer	USMC Officer	USN enlisted member	USMC enlisted mbrs			DFAS Cleveland	USMC Commandant	Commanding Officer of a battalion squadron/separate detached command	Disbursing Officer	Claim must be submitted through channels for determination or submission to DOHA for decision/2.	
1	any person who can qualify as a dependent		X		X							X		
2	a spouse	marriage is unquestionably legal	X		X							X		
3				X		X	neither member has been previously married	marriage contracted with various states/territories by legal/civil / religious ceremony			X/1			
4						X				X				
5		marriage is of doubtful legality (par. U10104)		X	X	X				X				X
6		child is under age 21		X		X							X/2	
7	unmarried legitimate child			X	X							X/4		
8			X		X		dep child is of present or former spouse/3				X/4	X		
9		a combination of any of the deps in rules 2 - 8	child is under age 21	X	X	X	X					X/4	X	
10	an unmarried child	child is age 21 or older/5	X		X				X				X	
11					X		X				X			
12	an unmarried stepchild or adopted child	child's dependency relationship is not doubtful	X		X							X		
13					X							X		
14						X		X				X		
15					X		X					X		
16	an unmarried illegitimate child		X		X							X		
17						X					X		X	
18						X						X		
19	a parent (incl in loco parentis)		X		X				X					
21					X		X				X			

NOTES:

1. This same rule applies when either member or spouse has been previously married, if the previous marriage was dissolved by death, final decree of divorce, or by annulment (not prohibiting remarriage).
2. Submit doubtful cases through channels to the DOHA.
3. The child's birth date must be after the date of the marriage concerned.
4. Submit questionable cases to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.
5. Student determinations are made at the local Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) or by the Personnel Officer for Navy and Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC (MFP-1) for the Marine Corps.