



Basic Allowance for Housing Flexibility Fact Sheet

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NAVADMIN 192/24 authorizes Sailors to collect basic allowance for housing (BAH) based on their dependents' location, when they execute permanent change of station orders and choose to leave their dependents at the previous duty station in the Continental United States (CONUS), Alaska, and Hawaii.

Who needs to know?

- All Sailors
- Navy families
- Triads, Chiefs Mess

What you need to know – key points

- This NAVADMIN is effective October 1, 2024.
- In order to qualify for BAH at a dependent's location, the dependents must be in the CONUS, Alaska, or Hawaii, and located in the vicinity of the previous permanent duty station (PDS) or previously approved dependent location.
- There is no change to the overseas process for dependent BAH or designated place for those on usually arduous sea duty orders.
- Entitlement to BAH based upon dependents' location will cease if the dependents move from the vicinity of the approved location. Any overpayments will be recouped.
- All requests made under this NAVADMIN will be submitted to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-451).
- NAVADMIN 192/24 differs from previous policy by providing the BAH rate at the previous duty station rather than the Sailor's assigned location.

Sample POD/POW Notes

- **LIVING SEPARATELY FROM YOUR DEPENDENTS?** NAVADMIN 192/24 allows Sailors to receive BAH based on their dependents' location within the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii if the dependents remain at the previous duty station. For more information, read NAVADMIN 192/24 or talk to your command leadership.

FAQ

Q. Will I receive BAH for my dependent's location and mine?

A. No. Members are only authorized to receive a single housing allowance. If receiving a housing allowance for their dependent's location, the member will not receive a housing allowance for their PDS.

Q. What is required in the BAH flexibility request?

A. Requests must contain approval from the member's current commanding officer and a statement that the member understands the potential financial implications of electing to receive BAH based on dependent location. All requests made under this NAVADMIN will be submitted to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-451) and should include the current commanding officer's endorsement, PCS orders, NAVPERS 1070/062, and a copy of any previous BAH requests that have been approved under a different authority.

Q. My BAH flexibility was not approved. Can I appeal?

A. Yes, Sailors can appeal. OPNAV N130 will serve as the ultimate authority for appeals.



Q. I live separate from my dependents. Is it mandatory that I live government quarters?

A. No. Unaccompanied government quarters are available on a space available basis. Sailors should determine if they can financially sustain alternate housing arrangements at their PDS, if government quarters are unavailable.

Q. I live separate from my dependents. Can I retroactively receive BAH?

A. Approval under this authority can be no earlier than October 1, 2024. .