



Basic Needs Allowance Fact Sheet

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BLUF The Navy announced its policy for a Basic Needs Allowance Dec. 22, 2022, in a naval message. This allowance provides a supplemental taxable allowance for eligible Sailors who are the most financially challenged. It will promote economic security for those members and their families.

Who needs to know?

- Active duty Sailors with dependents (particularly Junior Sailors)
- Division Officers and Department Heads
- Triads, Chiefs Mess

What you need to know – key points

- The Navy announced its policy for a Basic Needs Allowance Dec. 22, 2022, in a naval message.
- The Basic Needs Allowance is a monthly allowance for active-duty service members with dependents whose gross household income falls below 130% of federal poverty guidelines. By law, payment of the allowance begins in January 2023.
- Initial screening indicates at least 45 Sailors will be eligible for the Basic Needs Allowance, and the Navy will screen additional Sailors for eligibility quarterly. MNCC will notify the chain of command of eligible Sailors, and the chain of command will notify the Sailor via a page 13 (NAVPERS 1070-613 Screening Notification Template) and provide an Application Cover Sheet.
- An average monthly payment for a Sailor who qualifies for the basic needs allowance will vary depending on their location and size of their household, but is expected to be in the hundreds.

Sample POD/POW Notes

- BASIC NEEDS ALLOWANCE – The Navy established a basic needs allowance for active-duty service members with dependents whose gross household income falls below 130% of federal poverty guidelines. By law, payment of the allowance begins in January 2023. Check NAVADMIN 289/22 for eligibility details.
- BASIC NEEDS ALLOWANCE POLICY – Sailors who qualify for the basic needs allowance will be notified by their chain of command. Check NAVADMIN 289/22 for eligibility details.

FAQ

Q. What is the basic needs allowance policy?

A. Basic Needs Allowance is a monthly allowance for active-duty service members with dependents whose gross household income falls below 130% of federal poverty guidelines. By law, payment of the allowance begins in January 2023.

Q. What does it do?

A. A Basic Needs Allowance provides a supplemental taxable allowance for eligible Sailors who are the most financially challenged. It will promote economic security for those members and their families.

Q. Who does this benefit?

A. Active-duty Sailors with dependents, who have completed initial entry training and whose gross household income falls below 130% of federal poverty guidelines for their location and the size of their household, are eligible.



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The military services will proactively screen service members for eligibility (based on service member pay) and notify them of their potential eligibility.

Q. How many Navy Sailors do you expect to be eligible?

A. The Navy has screened approximately 45 Sailors as potentially eligible. MyNavy Career Center, Application and Access Control (MNCC-422) will conduct quarterly screenings and notify any additional Sailors who become eligible.

Q. How much money will Sailors who get this allowance receive?

A. An average monthly payment for a Sailor who qualifies for the basic needs allowance will vary depending on their location and size of their household, but is expected to be in the hundreds.

Q. How will the service screen Sailors for eligibility?

A. MyNavy Career Center, Application and Access Control (MNCC-422) will conduct screenings quarterly. MNCC will notify the chain of command of eligible Sailors, and the chain of command will notify the Sailor via a page 13 (NAVPERS 1070-613 Screening Notification Template) and provide an Application Cover Sheet. Once notified, Sailors have 180 days to submit an application or they have 180 days to apply or they are deemed ineligible until rescreened.

Q. When will this benefit be paid?

A. Once the application is certified, the first payment will be made within 30 days of certification.

Q. What happens if a Sailor becomes ineligible?

A. If a Sailor who is receiving the Basic Needs Allowance becomes ineligible due to their gross household income exceeding 130 percent of the previous year's federal poverty guideline, the Sailors allowance will be terminated 60 days after the Sailor becomes ineligible. An example of this is if a Sailor receives a promotion and becomes ineligible for the basic needs allowance after the Sailor's pay increases.

Q. How will the Navy notify Sailors?

A. MyNavy Career Center, Application and Access Control (MNCC-422) will conduct screenings quarterly. MNCC will notify the chain of command of eligible Sailors, and the chain of command will notify the Sailor via a page 13 (NAVPERS 1070-613 Screening Notification Template) and provide an Application Cover Sheet. Once notified, Sailors have 180 days to submit an application or they have 180 days to apply or they are deemed ineligible until rescreened.

Q. Is there a deadline to apply?

A. Once notified, Sailors have 180 days to submit an application or they are deemed ineligible until rescreened. For new accession Sailors, they have 180 days to apply after arrival at their first PDS or they are deemed ineligible until rescreened.