

MILPERSMAN 1746-010

PROCEDURES WHEN GOVERNMENT MESSING IS NOT AVAILABLE

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References	(a) DoD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), Volume 7A (b) DFAS-DJMS Procedures Training Guide (DFAS PTG) (c) SECNAV M-5210.1
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1. **Determining Non-Availability of Government Messing.** The installation commander will determine if Government messing is not available for enlisted members performing duty at that installation, including Service members assigned to tenant commands and naval vessels homeported at the installation. If a finding of non-availability is made, the following actions may apply:

IF...	THEN...
determination of non-availability has been made,	approval authority for basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) may be delegated to tenant commanders.
at any time the conditions to entitlement change (e.g., a Government mess becomes available),	the installation commander must take appropriate action to ensure that all BAS authorizations based on non-availability of Government messing are suspended.

2. **Duties Not in Proximity of Military Installation.** For Service members whose duties are not performed within reasonable proximity to a military installation (e.g., recruiters, Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps staff, etc.) the Service member's commanding officer (CO) will make the determination of non-availability of Government messing. Reference (a) provides specific criteria for determinations of impracticability, which entitle BAS at the rations in kind not available (RIKNA) rate.

3. **If Using Government Mess Impacts Mission.** If use of a Government mess would adversely affect the Service member's mission (e.g., explosive ordnance disposal or Naval Criminal Investigative Service), the Service member may submit request for BAS at the RIKNA rate via Service member's CO to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Military Pay and Compensation Policy Branch (N130).

4. **Processing Approved Requests.** Approved requests will be submitted to the appropriate personnel support detachment (PSD) or personnel office.

a. The pay document is prepared and submitted per reference (b).

b. The original approved request and the file copy of the pay documents must be retained by the PSD or disbursing office per reference (c).

5. **BAS II.** When there is no available Government messing facility, and the Government cannot otherwise make meals available, enlisted Service members assigned to unaccompanied Government quarters may qualify for BAS II. Refer to [MILPERSMAN 7220-182](#) for appropriate criteria.