

MILPERSMAN 7220-182

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) II

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References	(a) DoD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR) (b) DoD Directive 1418.05 of 6 October 2003 (c) OPNAVINST 4700.7M
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1. **Policy.** Basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) II is designed to provide a special rate of subsistence for enlisted Service members permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters without adequate facilities for food storage or food preparation, where a government mess is not available, and where the Government cannot otherwise make meals available per references (a) through (c) and MILPERSMAN 7220-160.

2. **Definitions**

a. **Adequate Food Storage and Preparation Facilities.** Strictly stated for the purpose of clarifying the need for BAS II based on the absence of food storage and preparation facilities, the following terms are further defined:

(1) Adequate food storage is storage provided that accommodates personal food in a shared common area that must be separate from the bathroom. This can include a shared kitchen area that is detached from individual rooms.

(2) An adequate preparation facility is comprised of a refrigerator with a freezer, conventional oven or microwave, sink separate from the bathroom, and a dry food pantry or storage

cabinets. This includes adequate preparation facilities in a shared kitchen area that is detached from individual rooms.

b. Government Mess. A dining facility supported with appropriated funds that provides meals or rations to Service members subsisted in kind or sold at food cost. The term "government mess" includes general mess, wardroom mess, officers' mess, chief petty officers' mess, field mess, dining hall, dining activity, dining facility, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded completely by appropriated funds. The term does not include activities operated with non-appropriated funds such as the officers club, enlisted club, squadron mess, organized mess, or similar terms, except when those activities provide meals or rations under contract or agreement with the applicable operating and food costs borne by appropriated funds.

3. Eligibility

a. Each of the following criteria must be met for BAS II eligibility:

(1) Enlisted Service members must be entitled to BAS, per reference (a), chapter 25;

(2) Permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters without adequate food storage or preparation facilities;

(3) There is no government messing facility serving those quarters capable of making meals available to the occupants of those quarters; and

(4) The Government cannot otherwise make meals available.

b. BAS II may be paid to enlisted Service members assigned to vessels in a pre-commissioning status and enlisted Service members who have been approved for BAS II due to unique or unusual circumstances.

c. BAS II is to be used as a **last resort**. Requests must demonstrate that all other means to secure adequate messing and

berthing have been attempted. Retroactive requests for BAS II **will not** be considered when preventative measures could have been taken to provide Service members timely payment and support.

4. **Requests**. Requests for BAS II must be forwarded to Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Military Compensation Policy Branch (N130) for determination.

a. At a minimum, requests must include:

(1) Number of Service members impacted;

(2) Characteristics of quarters - available food storage and preparation facility (for shore facilities, photographs are encouraged) to include any common kitchen areas;

(3) Statement that a government messing facility is not available to serve the quarters in which these Service members reside (the installation commander will determine availability of government messing facility for enlisted Service members performing duty at that installation). Government messing includes facilities ashore and those located on a vessel; and

(4) Estimated duration of the requirement for BAS II.

b. Commander, Navy Installations Command is the designated authority responsible for determining whether the unaccompanied housing facilities are sufficient to allow for sanitary food storage and preparation of nutritious meals.

c. For other forms of government quarters, aside from unaccompanied housing (UH), the authority responsible for determining whether food storage and preparation is adequate is OPNAV N130. This includes government provided leased housing.

5. **Rate**. The rate for BAS II is fixed at twice the rate of standard enlisted BAS.

6. **Restrictions**. The following restrictions apply to BAS II entitlement:

a. BAS II is not authorized for Service members permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters with adequate food storage and preparation facilities.

b. BAS II is not authorized for Service members when the Government is capable of making meals available. Lack of availability of government meals in a shipyard is not reason alone to justify payment of BAS II.

c. BAS II is not authorized when a government mess is temporarily closed for less than 14 days.

d. Members assigned to ships will have messing provided by the ship, per references (a) through (c) and MILPERSMAN 7220-160. BAS II will only be considered in unique situations and only as a **last resort**.

e. Enlisted Service members in receipt of BAS II at their permanent station who are hospitalized or performing regular permissive temporary additional duty (including field duty, sea duty, essential unit messing, or group travel) under orders away from the permanent station will revert to standard enlisted BAS for the period of absence from the permanent station.

f. Payment of BAS II must be applied uniformly for all enlisted Service members permanently assigned to single government quarters under **similar circumstances** at the same installation. Approval of BAS II for certain UH buildings on an installation does not automatically authorize BAS II for all UH buildings on the same installation.