

MILPERSMAN 7220-220

DISLOCATION ALLOWANCE (DLA) ENTITLEMENT POLICY

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References	(a) NAVSO-P 6034, Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), Volume 1, Uniformed Service Members
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1. **Dislocation Allowance Policy for Military Couples**

a. Dislocation allowance entitlement for a servicemember married to another servicemember is described in reference (a), Chapter 5, Part G.

(1) Additionally, children of that marriage may travel under either, but not both, parent's permanent change of station (PCS) orders.

(2) The **parent claiming dependent travel** of the children would be entitled to DLA at the **with-dependent rate** regardless of which parent claims the children for basic allowance for housing (BAH).

(3) The **other parent's** DLA entitlement would be per reference (a), Chapter 5, Part G.

b. See MILPERSMAN:

(1)	7220-240	Overseas Station Allowances Policy
(2)	1300-090 - 1300-140	Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Entitlement Policy
(3)	1300-150 - 1300-200	Command Sponsorship of Dependents at Overseas Duty Stations

2. **Dislocation Allowance Policy when Dependents do not Relocate.** A servicemember who has dependents, but does not relocate them incident to a PCS, is entitled to DLA at the **without-dependent rate** if government quarters are not occupied at the new permanent duty station (PDS).

3. **Fiscal Year (FY) DLA Limitation and Exceptions.** Only one DLA entitlement is authorized during a FY.

a. **Secretary of the Navy Finds (SECNAVFIND) Exception:** SECNAVFIND that more than one PCS requiring a DLA payment is required during the current FY.

b. **Course of Instruction Exception:** This limitation on second DLAs does not apply to servicemembers ordered to, from, or between courses of instruction conducted, controlled, or managed by one or more of the uniformed services.

4. **Dislocation Allowance Policy for Proximity Moves.** Entitlement to DLA payment in the case of proximity moves, per reference (a), para. U5355, occurs only when the new commanding officer (CO) certifies that the relocation of the servicemember's household is in the best interest of the Government. This authority will not be delegated. See MILPERSMAN 1300-090 through 1300-140.

5. **Dislocation Allowance Policy if Dependent Travel is Denied.** Servicemembers who are denied concurrent travel with dependents, or dependent travel for 20 weeks or more, and elect a continental United States (CONUS) designated place move; and subsequently relocate their dependents to their overseas PDS, may receive only one DLA entitlement to cover both moves.

6. **Advance Payment of DLA.** Dislocation allowance may be paid in advance.