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MEMORANDUM

17 Sep 24

From: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training, N1
To: Branch Head, Military Pay and Compensation Branch (OPNAV N130)

Subj: BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FLEXIBILITY FOR MEMBERS

Ref: (a) Financial Management Regulations
(b) DASN (MMP) memo dated 18 Jun 24
(c) DASN (MMP) memo dated 5 Aug 21
(d) DASN (MMP) memo dated 6 Apr 20
(e) DCNO (N1) memo dated 8 Oct 21
(f) DCNO (N1) memo dated 13 Apr 20

1. In line with references (a) and (b), due to the family disruption caused by a Permanent Change of Station, Service Members who choose to reside separately from their dependents are authorized to receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for the dependent's location. In order to qualify for BAH at dependent location, the dependent(s) must be in the Continental United States (CONUS), Alaska or Hawaii, and located in the vicinity of the previous duty station or previously approved dependent location and the dependents must not have moved from that location. There are no exceptions to these requirements.
2. BAH will be paid based on dependent location only when the dependents are residing in the vicinity of the previous duty station or previously approved dependent location. A housing allowance based on dependent location will not be paid under this authority for any location outside of CONUS, Alaska or Hawaii. Entitlement to BAH based on dependent location will cease if the dependents move from the vicinity of the approved location. Any overpayments will be recouped.
3. Service Members with orders detaching from an accompanied tour in a foreign location or non-foreign United States territory are not authorized to receive BAH for dependent location under this authority.
4. Service Members are only authorized to receive a single housing allowance under this authority. If receiving a housing allowance for their dependent's location, the member will not receive a housing allowance for their Permanent Duty Station (PDS). Additionally, members approved under this authority are only authorized to occupy unaccompanied government quarters on a space available basis.
5. The member must be aware of the financial implications of maintaining a residence at their PDS and at their dependent's location. Members are encouraged to discuss their situation with their command financial specialist prior to electing to become a geographical bachelor.
6. Family Separation Allowance may be authorized if requirements in reference (a) are met.

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7. All requests made under this memo will be submitted to Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-451). 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. Branch Head, Military Pay and Compensation Branch (OPNAV N130) will serve as the ultimate authority for appeals.

8. This program is effective 1 October 2024. Members whose dependents currently reside separately from the Service Member and meet the criteria of this memo may request to receive BAH based on dependent location, however the start date for any BAH at dependent location will not be earlier than 1 October 2024.

9. Reference (b) expands and replaces the authority in and cancels references (c) and (d). Thereby, references (e) and (f) are cancelled.



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