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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR  
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY MILITARY  
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR  
FORCE MANGEMENT INTEGRATION

SUBJECT: Clarification of Entitlement to Basic Allowance for Housing for Reserve  
Component (RC) Members

This memorandum memorializes clarification of existing policy regarding when an RC member is entitled to a Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) at the BAH-RC rate, or at the full locality rate based upon the location of the member's primary residence during an order or call to active duty under Section 403(g) of title 37, United States Code.

BAH-RC begins on the first day of an order to active duty for a period of 30 days or fewer. An order modified or amended to extend the period of active duty to a cumulative period of 31 days or more terminates BAH-RC and entitles the member to BAH based upon the member's primary residence location, commencing on the effective date of the amendment or modification. Similarly, active duty orders in succession may meet the cumulative 31-day requirement, provided there is no break in service between the orders. Once BAH based upon the member's primary residence location begins, it remains in effect throughout continuous service unless there is a break in service or a permanent change of station order is issued that authorizes the movement of household goods.

This was previously coordinated as Allowances Branch Item 014-20 and the attachment will be submitted for inclusion in the next change to the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation.

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Attachment:  
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**Approved DoD FMR Changes**

261005. Reserve Component (RC) Member

A DoD retired Service member ordered to active duty ([10 U.S.C. §101\(d\)\(1\)](#)) is authorized the same housing allowances as an RC member. A lease agreement or verifiable purchase price is required before OHA payment.

A. Order Duration. An RC member called or ordered to active duty for 30 or fewer days is authorized the [BAH RC rate \(BAH-RC\)](#), except for contingency operations or for an AGR member. A Service member called or ordered to active duty for 31 or more days, except a Service member without a dependent during initial entry training, is authorized BAH or OHA. An RC member initially on a tour of 30 or fewer days who receives an order modification, ~~or~~ assignment extension or additional consecutive orders with a prospective, new active-duty period of 31 or more days receives BAH or OHA on the modification date. ~~If the new period is 31 or more days,~~ BAH-RC stops the day before the amendment or modification and BAH or OHA based on the primary residence starts on the modification date. This rate is payable as of the date of the amendment, modification or new issuance and continues for the tour duration except as otherwise specified in this chapter. If there is a break in service (37 U.S.C. §403(g)(6)(C)(iii)), Pperiods of active duty previously served may not be added together to meet the requirement for BAH or OHA that active duty exceeds 30 days. See Table 26-xx for examples. See paragraph 261010 for the rate payable ~~to~~for a Service member in a travel status while in the accession pipeline travel.

Table 26-xx. Examples of BAH-RC or BAH/OHA changes for a RC member.

	<u>If...</u>	<u>and...</u>	<u>then...</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>a member is an AGR or is on orders for a contingency operation,</u>		<u>BAH or OHA would begin on day 1 through the end of the orders.</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>a member is on orders for 15 days,</u>	<u>the orders are not extended or amended,</u>	<u>BAH-RC would begin on day 1 through the end of the orders.</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>a member is on orders for 15 days,</u>	<u>on day 9 the orders are extended or amended to add an additional 16 days,</u>	<u>BAH-RC would end on day 8 and BAH or OHA would begin on day 9 then continue through day 31.</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>a member is on orders for 15 days,</u>	<u>on day 11 a new set of 16-day orders are received commencing immediately following the first with no break,</u>	<u>BAH-RC would end on day 10 and BAH or OHA would begin on day 11 then continue through day 31.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>a member is on orders for 15 days,</u>	<u>on day 7 a new set of 16-day orders are received to commence 2 days after the first orders end (2-day break),</u>	<u>BAH-RC continues through day 15 of initial orders; BAH-RC commences on day 1 of the new orders through day 16.</u>