

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide you with information concerning your military pay and travel entitlements in the event you are actually deployed. Be sure you **read your LES** to ensure your receiving the proper pay entitlements. **Always carry the most current copy of your LES with you.** The information is in alphabetical order so you can easily find an item of interest.

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH)

If you are currently drawing this allowance, there will be no change. Single personnel not assigned government quarters at their permanent duty station continue to receive BAH even if assigned government quarters at the deployed location.

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS)

Your entitlement to BAS will depend on the messing conditions at the deployed location:

FIELD CONDITIONS: When you are TDY under field conditions, meals and quarters should be provided at no cost. Your BAS will stop effective the day after the day of arrival at the deployed location and will resume the day you depart from the deployed location. If entitled to BAS at your home station, enlisted personnel's pay will decrease \$7.43 per day and all officer's pay will decrease \$5.19 per day while under field conditions.

ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING (EUM): Normally, when TDY under EUM, only meals are provided at no cost. All personnel are entitled to Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS). Variations apply while under specific contingencies as published in official orders.

MEALS PROVIDED AT NO COST: Occasionally meals are provided at no cost without an official declaration of EUM. Your TDY orders will indicate this and your BAS will be stopped as described for field conditions.

REQUIRED TO PAY FOR MEALS: When you are deployed and must pay for meals, there will be no adjustment to your BAS. If you are not drawing BAS at your permanent duty station, you will be entitled to this allowance for the duration of the TDY. This allowance is normally included in your military pay upon completion of the TDY, after you have filed a travel voucher.

COMBAT ZONE TAX EXCLUSION

If Congress declares the deployed location a combat zone, enlisted member's military pay will not be subject to federal or state tax. For officers, only the first \$500 of your pay is exempt from federal or state tax. Upon receiving orders from Military Personnel (MPF) of your deployment this entitlement will be processed according to assigned location. Member must personally request not to start entitlement until they return from TDY. This entitlement only effects those areas recognized by the Department of Defense, Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A.

DEPENDENT SUPPORT

While deployed, your direct deposit will go to the bank you have designated. Please be sure your spouse or dependent has access to your military pay. We also advise you leave your spouse/dependent a power of attorney that specifically authorizes the person to make inquiries, repeat inquires only about your pay. We cannot release any information concerning your pay to your dependents without a specific power of attorney.

EMERGENCY LEAVE

If emergency leave is necessary, notify your family members to contact the nearest Red Cross Office. Once the commander/First Sergeant at the deployed location has received the Red Cross notification and determine it is an emergency, they will assist in obtaining special travel arrangements for you.

FOREIGN DUTY PAY (FDP)

Enlisted personnel are entitled to FDP when TDY to a foreign duty pay area for eight days or more. There are too many FDP areas to list in this pamphlet; therefore, you will be notified prior to deploying if the location is a FDP area. This entitlement is included in your military pay. Be sure to read your Leave and Earning Statement (LES) to ensure you are receiving the proper pay.

Following are the applicable FDP monthly rates by grade:

Grade	Rate	Grade	Rate	Grade	Rate
E-9	\$22.50	E-6	\$20.00	E-3	\$9.00
E-8	\$22.50	E-5	\$16.00	E-2	\$8.00
E-7	\$22.50	E-4	\$13.00	E-1	\$8.00

FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE (FSA-II, TYPE T)

If you are deployed for more than 30 days and have dependents, you may qualify for FSA-II. The entitlement is \$3.33 per day. This entitlement may be started prior to deployment, but if the TDY is for 60 days or less, we will report the entitlement in your military pay after you file your travel voucher. Your voucher MUST be filed within 5 days upon return to your duty station.

IMMINENT DANGER PAY (IDP)/HOSTILE FIRE PAY (HFP).

Some locations are subject to imminent danger (buildup of hostile forces, terrorism, etc.). Other locations may be declared combat zones because of ongoing enemy activities. Like FDP this entitlement is payable only for certain locations. The entitlement is \$150 per month and there is no minimum amount of time you are required to be in the area. We will normally start this entitlement from your orders prior to being deployed and it will be included in your regular military pay.

LEAVE AND EARNING STATEMENTS (LES)/NET PAY ADVICE'S (NPA).

For extended deployments, you may elect to have your LES mailed to the deployed location. You can go to the finance office at your deployed station and request a copy of your LES. If no election is made, your LES will be delivered to your unit or PSC box. Your spouse/dependent can get a copy of your LES if they have a specific power of attorney.

ORDINARY LEAVE EN ROUTE

Because special government transportation has been arranged for this deployment, approval of ordinary leave may or may not be authorized. If the supervisor or commander, and Personnel Readiness Unit has authorized a member to take ordinary leave prior to returning to Vandenberg AFB, members must realize they could be responsible for some or all of their return travel, depending on the mode of government transportation arranged, and must have sufficient funds to cover these personal costs.

PAYDAY/PAY SERVICE.

You will continue to be paid while deployed. We advise you bring a sufficient number of personal checks for the length of the TDY. For extended deployments, we will send along a paying agent who

will be able to cash checks and answer routine pay inquiries.

During mobility processing, we will provide a military pay technician who will be able to complete any documentation for changes to your military pay. Such things as allotments, taxes, or direct deposit changes may be done on the line. However, we recommend you have your financial affairs in order once you are notified that you are subject to being deployed. Make sure you have a current copy of your LES with you. This will help attain vital information when you are deployed.

SAVINGS DEPOSIT PROGRAM (SDP).

If you are deployed to certain areas outside the United States as designated by the Secretary of Defense, you may contribute any portion of your unallotted current pay and allowances (net pay) to the SDP. The maximum amount you may contribute is \$10,000 and your deposit will accrue 10 percent interest per annum. You must withdrawal your deposit within 90 days of your return from the IDP/HFP area. Paying agents will be deployed to accept contributions to SDP.

SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY.

If you delegate another individual, including your dependents, authority to act on your behalf for Finance matters, they must have a special power of attorney. A general power of attorney will not be accepted at Finance for any reason. There are only two Finance actions a person with a special power of attorney can perform: pick up checks and inquire about pay amounts. Contact the Legal office to obtain a special power of attorney.

TRAVEL ENTITLEMENTS.

Your travel entitlements will depend on the location and the messing/lodging arrangements at the deployed site. Use the following information as a guide to your per diem entitlements:

FIELD DUTY: No per diem is payable for periods of field duty. Normally you will receive a percentage of the applicable TDY point's per diem rate for your travel days to/from the deployed location.

ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING: Reduced per diem is payable when EUM is declared. You will be entitled to

the incidental expense portion of per diem. In CONUS this is \$2.00 and for overseas installations this rate is \$3.50. For locations other than overseas installations, the rate varies and you will be notified of the rate prior to deploying. Per diem for travel days will be paid as described above.

MEALS PROVIDED AT NO COST: The same rules apply as those for EUM. Again per diem for travel days will be paid as described above.

REQUIRED TO PAY FOR MEALS: Normal per diem rules apply. One of the following options will appear on your orders:

A = All government meals directed

B = Some government meals directed

C = No government meals directed

Note: Add \$2 incidental expense to rate directed for CONUS or \$3.50 for Overseas

For Enlisted & Officers: You will receive the rate applicable to the deployed location. The rate for which it applies are too varied to include here, but you will be notified of the applicable rate prior to being deployed.

LODGING: For deployments, lodging is normally provided at no cost. However, if you are required to pay for lodging, you will be reimbursed not to exceed the maximum per diem rate, when you settle your travel voucher. Receipts will be required when commercial facilities are used.

TRAVEL ADVANCES: You must use your government charge card for any advances. Your per diem advance will be based on the known conditions of the deployed location. Normally, if field conditions, EUM, or meals provided at no cost applies, you will not be issued a travel advance. Only on special instances will an advance be authorized for a deployment, you will be paid during the mobility processing. If you are not deploying along with a group through the mobility line, you must use your government charge card. If for some reason you do not have a government charge card stop by the travel section to receive any advance.

NOTE:

- Members MUST file a settlement voucher within 5 days of your return to duty station.

- No Treasury checks will be forwarded to the TDY location.
- Have Direct Deposit for you pay and dependent support allotments.
- Members Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) is discontinued when under field conditions unless it is for a contingency.

(The information in this handout is subject to changes without notice).

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TRAVEL PAY***

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