# PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION



# **Basic Entitlements & Allowances**

### Per Diem Allowance:

Food and lodging costs are reimbursed when making a PCS move. This allowance is paid at a daily rate for you and your family members. For transoceanic

travel, see your transferring PSD for rates. Auto travel at a rate of 350 miles per day (not to exceed the official authorized distance) is used to determine how many days Per Diem will be paid. The service member receives the Standard CONUS Per Diem rate per day plus per-diem at reduced rates for spouse and other dependents based on their

age. Refer to http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiem.cfm for current Per Diem rates and changes. When a spouse travels separately, the spouse receives full Per Diem per day. If the spouse travels separately departing on a different day than the service member, he/she receives full Per Diem per day. The Per Diem for other family members traveling separately is either 75% or 50% of full Per Diem depending on their age. Per Diem may be drawn up to 10 days in advance of the move or upon arrival.

# Mileage in Lieu of Transportation (MALT):

Service members receive MALT when they drive to a new assignment. This allowance is computed using federal tables of the mileage between the old and new duty stations. This official distance determines the allowance payable, though actual mileage driven may be longer or shorter. MALT is also paid to those going overseas if they drive from their stateside location to the port of embarkation for transcontinental plane/ship or from the port of debarkation to the new duty station.

Service members and/or authorized family members traveling alone or together will receive a flat rate for mileage; the current rates are listed at: http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/faqmileage.cfm.

This rate also applies to travel in a second car when its use is authorized. Specific approval for the use of three Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs) is required in advance. MALT may be paid up to 10 days in advance.

# **Dislocation Allowance (DLA):**

Active duty personnel with or without dependents are entitled to a Dislocation Allowance to offset some of the hidden costs of closing one home and setting up another. These costs can include rent deposits, utility hookups, etc. This allowance is based on pay grade and can be drawn up to 10 days in advance of the transfer date or upon arrival at the new duty

station. Single or unaccompanied service members may draw DLA at the "without dependent" rate if they are moving into non-government quarters. DLA does not require repayment.

Currently DLA is not available to service members ordered from home of record to their first

duty station, single or unaccompanied service members who are assigned to unaccompanied government quarters at a new duty station, or those transferred to a duty station within the same geographical location. DLA is not payable on separation or retirement orders. Please consult your local PSD for current restrictions.

# **Temporary Lodging Expense Allowance (TLE):**

This allowance is for PCS transfers in the United States, TLE provides service members up to \$290 a day, depending on location, for 10 days to offset temporary costs (food and lodging) incurred locally before departing an old duty station or after reporting to a new duty station. Personnel going overseas are entitled to TLE for five days prior to departure to the overseas duty station. The actual TLE allowance is calculated using a complex formula and differs in each area. To claim TLE, service members must turn in receipts for TLE expenditures with completed travel claim. Service members must receive a nonavailability statement from the BEQ/BOQ to be eligible for TLE. Partial TLE can be paid if staying with friends or family. TLE cannot be drawn in advance. Active duty members coming from home of record or to their first duty station are not eligible.

# **Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA):**

New arrivals at overseas bases are eligible for this allowance to help offset the cost of temporary housing and meals. You are entitled to TLA even if you move into temporary government quarters. The amount of TLA payable depends on several factors, including family size, local Per Diem rate, actual cost of quarters, whether the quarters have cooking and dining facilities, and other allowances you may be receiving. A single member or one family member receiving TLA gets 65% of the local Per Diem if actual expenses are at least that amount. A member with one or two family members receives 100% of the Per Diem if expenses warrant. For each additional family member, the maximum TLA is increased by 25% for children under 12 years old and 35% for children over 12 years old. TLA is paid in 10- to 15-day increments and usually has a 60-day limit for those arriving, and a 10- to 15-day limit for those departing overseas.

# **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):**

BAH is paid to offset actual housing costs. You must be eligible for BAQ to receive BAH and not occupy military family housing. BAH will be based on civilian rental costs by pay grade, depending on status and location.

# Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA):

OHA is paid in addition to BAQ to service members who live in private housing at their overseas duty station. OHA replaces BAH in overseas locations and, like BAH, is designed to make up the difference between BAQ received and actual housing costs. Receipt of OHA is not automatic. Once you have secured a rental, you must apply for OHA. Not all overseas areas receive OHA. To determine your eligibility and application procedures, check with your Disbursing Officer or sponsor.

# **Cost of Living Allowance (COLA):**

COLA is paid to service members stationed in high-cost areas overseas and in United States (CONUS) locations. COLA is designed to help maintain the purchasing power of the dollar so service members can maintain the same standard of living overseas and throughout the U.S. The amount of COLA received varies depending on location, number of family members accompanying you, and pay grade. COLA overseas

may be adjusted as often as every payday due to the variance in exchange rate. Families living in base housing are eligible to draw COLA, as well as those who live off base. Not all overseas areas are authorized to draw COLA, and only select CONUS areas are authorized COLA. Check with your Disbursing Officer or sponsor to verify whether your area is eligible for COLA, as well as the estimated amount allotted for your area.

# **Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA):**

Service members assigned to many overseas locations can receive a lump-sum allowance to help meet expenses for major appliances, other improvements, or to pay non-refundable, rent-related taxes or fees. Landlords usually provide such items as kitchen cabinets in the U.S., but apartments overseas often come without these basic amenities. To be eligible for MIHA, service members must also be eligible for OHA. MIHA rates are dependent on the OHA rate for the area and does not require repayment.

# **Advance Pay and Allowances:**

Advance Basic Pay can be drawn up to 60 days prior to your move. Up to three months worth of advance pay can be drawn with PCS orders and must be approved by the Commanding Officer (CO). Repayment is made in equal installments over 12 months or extended to 24 months with CO approval.

Advance Basic Housing Allowance (Advance BAH) may be issued to cover the expenses of renting a new home or apartment. A copy of the rental agreement and receipts or bills for one month's rent, security deposit, etc. are required for

payment. The advance must be requested for actual expenses, not to exceed an amount equal to three months BAH. Repayment of Advance Basic Housing Allowance is normally made in equal installments over 12 months, though it may be spread over a longer period if circumstances warrant. Repayment generally begins the month after the advance is drawn.

# **Additional Benefits:**

House hunting leave — permissive travel for house hunting can be authorized by your CO. This time off is executed by no cost Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) orders and cannot exceed 10 days, only five of which can be work days. House hunting leave can be

authorized before you transfer or after you report to a new command.

Proceed time — administrative absence not charged as leave (normally four days). It can be granted to personnel ordered to or from ships, mobile units having a sea/shore rotation code of 2 or 4, from an "all others tour," and to or from overseas accompanied tours.

# NOTE:

Remember to maintain records and keep receipts during your move in order to file a claim at Personnel Support Detachment (PSD).

Entitlement to any pay or allowance is based on meeting specific requirements. Check with your servicing Personnel or Disbursing Officer for more details on pay entitlements in conjunction with your PCS move.

# **Financial Tips for PCS Moves**

Whenever you move, you are going to be faced with some unusual and new expenses. This list gives some of them, but you may find others. It's important to PLAN AHEAD!



# Where the Money Might Go:

- New clothes for different climates.
- Travel costs: gasoline, food and lodging, tolls, car tune-up, new tires before trip, emergency repairs, ● Temporary Lodging Allowance - for new arrivals weatherproofing the car for new climate, new driver's license and registration fees.
- Deposits: security deposit if renting an apartment, Refunds on rent, damage, and utility deposits utilities, telephone, and pet damage deposit for those with pets.
- Closing costs if buying a new home.
- Restocking the refrigerator.
- Household incidentals: light bulbs, toilet paper, soaps, cleaning supplies.
- New curtains and rugs.

# **Other Financial Concerns:**

- Do you depend on the money your spouse gets from his or her job? How long will it be before he or she can get a new job? Will it pay as well?
- A higher cost-of-living includes not only higher housing and food costs, but also things like having to drive farther to work, child care costs, school costs, car insurance, and renter's or homeowner's insurance.
- BAH may be lower.
- Should you buy or rent?

# Where the Money Might Come From:

- Dislocation Allowance (DLA): equals 2.5 month's BAO.
- Mileage Allowance if driving to a new assignment and Per Diem for food and lodging.
- Advance Pav: DON'T TAKE ADVANCE PAY UNLESS IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL! You will pay it back with monthly deductions from your pay.
- Garage sale before you move.

- Temporary Lodging Expense Allowance provides up to \$290 per day for 10 days for temporary housing costs incurred before signing out of an old duty station or after signing into a new one.
- at overseas bases, depends on family size and Per Diem cost of quarters.
- from your old home or apartment plus interest.
- Lower cost of living or increased BAH.
- Do-it-Yourself/Personally Procured Transportation move.

### **Before You Go:**

- Start saving now. Any PCS move is going to cost
- Make an appointment at PSD. They can figure out how much travel pay you will receive and talk to vou about dislocation allowances, etc.
- Send out change of address notices to credit card companies, loan companies, banks, and anyone who owes you money or a deposit refund.
- Call or email the Fleet and Family Support Center at your new base and ask for a Welcome Aboard
- Take an inventory or make a video of all your household goods for possible claims when they reach your new destination.
- Call the Fleet and Family Support Center or Housing Referral Office at your new location for cost of living information, job availability, and home or apartment availabilities.
- Get a sponsor at your new command. He or she will be able to answer questions about housing, child care costs, temporary lodging, weather, laws, taxes, etc.

# **Travel Cost Worksheet**

### **Estimated Costs:**

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Planning a budget for your PCS move shows the likely costs that you will have to pay. Much of the incurred cost during travel to your new duty station is reimbursed by the government. Most people do not have much experience with long distance travel and the costs involved. Completing the following plan should help you with your travel budget.

- Your personal style, family size, route plans, and method of travel will make a difference in the costs you must pay.
- Be sure that you remember the "extra little things" that you will do they make a real difference in your costs.

Driving Costs:	roou & Miscellaneous Costs:		
Mileage (\$14.20 per 100 miles for fuel and oil)	Food (\$25 per person per day)		
Total miles	Number of people		
Expected cost (multiply by \$14.20 for every 100 miles)	Number of days  Expected food costs  (Multiply # of people X days X \$25)		
Toll charges: Expected cost	(Manaphy in or people in adjoint \$20)		
Total: \$(Add mileage and toll costs)	Miscellaneous purchases and charges Expected costs		
	Total: \$		
Overnight Accommodations:  Estimated cost of room for each day during travel	(Add food & miscellaneous costs)		

Single occupancy	\$104
Double occupancy	\$125+
Each added person in room	\$10 each
Expected daily room cost	
Total miles you plan to travel (may also include side trips)	
Travel days (divided by 350)	
<b>Total:</b> (Multiply daily room cost X numbers	\$ber of travel days)

# Total Estimated Costs While Traveling Driving Cost Overnight Accommodations Cost

Food & Miscellaneous Costs

Total: \$

# **Estimated Reimbursements**

You cannot control the payment regulations, however you can plan for the amount of costs. Save receipts from everything!

- The reimbursement rules are established in regulations used by the Disbursing Officer at your new duty station when you submit your travel voucher.
- Only that Disbursing Officer can decide if the regulations permit reimbursement of an item(s) that you claim and how much is paid.

# **Financial Planning Worksheet**

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Possible Sources of Income Es	stimated Date Payable	Amount
1. Member's Travel Allowance (prepayment)		
2. Member's Per Diem (prepayment)		
Member's Advance Basic Pay (prepayment)		
4. Member's Advance Housing Allowances (reimbursed)		
5. Dependent Per Diem (prepayment)		
6. Dislocation Allowance (prepayment 2½ months BAQ)		
7. Temporary Lodging Expense — CONUS (reimbursed)		
8. Temporary Lodging Allowance — Overseas (reimbursed)		
9. Refund security deposit (present quarters)		
10. Refund of utility deposits (present quarters)		
11. Accumulated pay while in transit (reimbursed)		
12. Profits from selling articles you do not plan to transfer  Total sources of income (A)		
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Possible Expenses		
Liquidation of Advance Pay     Liquidation of Advance Travel (peccible excess payment)		
Liquidation of Advance Travel (possible excess payment)     Disconnect major appliances including cost of any necessary services		
(electrical, plumbing, carpentry). Reinstallation costs		
4. Disconnect and remove window air conditioners		
Cost to clean vacated quarters and final lawn maintenance		
6. Shipping pets (crate, transportation, board, and pickup at destination)		
7. Dismantling outdoor play equipment. Reassembly costs	•	
8. Shipping a boat or outdoor motor		
Shipping a boat of outdoor motor     Shipping, towing, or carrying a vehicle or motorcycle		
10. Shipping any other items not authorized at government expense		
11. Supplemental insurance for shipping or storing your personal property		
12. Excess weight over authorized weight allowance		
13. Preparation of car for trip		
14. Reserve for vehicle breakdown en route		
15. Other transportation to new duty station		
16. When shipping a car overseas, the costs of preparing for shipment are:		
a. Cost to move to port of shipment and return fare		
b. Get the engine, wipers, brakes, horn, etc. in good order		
c. Glass		
d. Exhaust system e. Antifreeze in radiator		
f. Extra set of keys		
17. Lodging costs after the pickup and prior to departure		
18. Food costs after the pickup and prior to departure		
19. Hotel/motel costs en route		
20. Temporary lodging (old duty station)		
21. Temporary lodging (new duty station)		
22. Two months rent (plus security deposits) on new quarters		
23. Restaurant/food costs en route		
24. Phone deposit (new quarters)		
25. Electric deposit (new quarters)		
26. Water/sewage deposit (new quarters)		
27. Cleaning supplies for new quarters		
28. Laundromat costs until washer arrives		
29. Restock with food staples and first grocery order		
30. Local transportation costs until car arrives		
31. Extra long distance calls to family or friends		
32. Replacement of damaged personal property		
Total possible expenses (B)		
Total balance (A-B)		
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# **Monthly Budget Worksheet**

Monthly Income	Current Projected		Remarks
Base Pay (O/E - Yrs) <sup>1</sup>			
Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)			<sup>1</sup> Pay entitlements are taxable.
Basic Allowance Subsistence (BAS)			Allowance entitlements are non-taxable.
Sea Pay <sup>1</sup>			are non-taxable.
Other (FSA, Special Pays, etc.) <sup>1</sup>			
Other <sup>1</sup>			
TOTAL PAY (A)			
Federal Income Tax (FITW) (M/S)			
Social Security (FICA)			
Medicare (FICA)			
State Income Tax (if applicable)			
AFRH			
TOTAL TAXES WITHHELD			
Other Take-Home Pay (i.e., Part-time work)			
Spouse's Net Pay <sup>1</sup>			
Dependent Allotment or Child Support <sup>2</sup>			
TOTAL NET MONTHLY INCOME BOX #1			
Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (family)			
Tricare Dental			1
Advance Pay (APA/Ends)			1
Overpayments (Ends)			
MGI Bill (Ends)			1
Thrift Savings Plan			1
Allotments (Ends )			1
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(Ends )			<sup>2</sup> <b>Only include</b> this dollar
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS (B)			figure <b>if</b> this money is
SERVICE MEMBER'S TAKE-HOME PAY (A–B)			paid to your household

Monthly Living Exper	ises						
Category	Current	Projected	Category			Current	Projected
Savings and Investments			Child Care/Bal	pysitting			
Rent/Mortgage			Amusement (m	ovies, videos, hob	bies)		
Electricity/Gas			Personal Hygiene (haircuts/perms)				
Water/Sewage/Garbage			Eating Out (lunches, dinners, fast food)				
Insurance (homeowner's/renter's/life	)		Cable/Internet				
Food (groceries, commissary)			Pet Care (vet, grooming)				
ATM Fees			Medical/Dental (prescriptions, bills)				
Car Insurance			Postage, Mone	y Orders			
Car Maintenance/Repairs			Alcohol/Cigare	ettes			
Gasoline			Gifts/Cards				
Phone (local/long distance/cell)			Contributions (churches/charities)				
Clothing			Other:				
Laundry/Dry Cleaning			Other:				
Job Gedunk (soda, coffee, candy, etc.)			Other:				
School (tuition, lunch, books, supplies)			Total Monthly Living Expenses				
			B0X #2				
Indebtedness Creditors (charge cards/loans)	Monthly Payment	Projected Payment	Balance	Interest Rate		Remarks/S (current/pa	
Car Payment #1							
<b>Total Indebtedness</b> BOX #3							
	Current	Projected					
TOTAL NET INCOME (Box #1)			]	FLEET & Little Creek/Fort Story Newport News			
MINUS Living Expenses (Box #2)						(757) 688-6289	
MINUS Monthly Debt Payments (Box #3)				FAMI	LY	lorfolk lorthwest Dceana/Dam Neck	(757) 444-2102 (757) 421-8770 (757) 433-2912
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# Financial Planning for Relocation

	<b>Estimated Date Payable</b>	Amount
CURRENT HOME COSTS		
Home Deposits:		
Security		
Cleaning		
Residential Community		
Gas		
Electric		
Water		
Refuse		
Ending the Lease:		
Military Clause or Early Separation Penalty		
Clubs: Transfer Contract or Penalty for Early Separation		
Phone Forwarding (The New Number is)		
Full Set of Keys/New Locks		
Other Items ()		
THE MOVE		
DITY Moves (Do It Yourself)/Personally		
Procured Transportation (PPT): Rental Vans/Trailers		
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Base Rate		
Per Mileage Rate		
Dollies		
Insurance		
Boxes, Tape, Miscellaneous Supplies		
Contractor Vans:		
Boxing/Crating		
Unpacking Charges		
Excess Weight Charges (Est. Excess Weight)		
Insurance		
Boat Moving		
Motor Home Moving		
Motorcycle Moving		
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Travel Expenses: Gas		
Toll Roads		
Car Maintenance (Tires, Brakes)		
Housing/Motels/Hotels		
Phone Charges (Phone Card)		

	Estimated Date Payable	Amount
Pets:		
Special Vet Examinations		
Carrying Case		
Special Medications		
Transportation (Train or Plane)		
International:		
Visas		
Permits		
Passports		
Baggage Charges		
Taxis/Trains		
Airport Fees		
Driver's Licenses		
Other Items ()		
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NEW HOME COSTS		
Home Deposits:		
Security		
Residential Community		
Gas		
Electric		
Water/Sewage		
Cable TV		
Telephone		
Appliances:		
Stove		
Oven		
Freezer		
Washer/Dryer		
Other Items ()		
Taxes:		
City		
State		
Property		
Expenses:		
Uniforms		
Deposits/Tuition		
School Books/Materials		
Vaccinations		
Registration		
Club Transfer Costs/Dues		
Other Items ()		
TOTAL		

