

Office of Military Personnel

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CLOTHING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Authority: Title 37 U.S. Code Section 418 authorized the President to prescribe the quantity and kind of clothing, or cash allowance in lieu thereof, to be furnished to enlisted members.

The following are types of clothing allowances authorized within the Coast Guard:

Clothing-in-Kind Issue to Enlisted Members: An initial or partial initial clothing-in-kind issue will be made to all enlisted members upon reporting for extended active duty.

Types of Cash Clothing Allowance: The types of clothing monetary allowances authorized for Coast Guard enlisted members are listed below:

- **Civilian Clothing Monetary Allowance:** This allowance is authorized for officers and enlisted members when they are assigned to duty which REQUIRES the wearing of civilian clothing. An officer's PDS must be located outside the U.S. to qualify. Members who are merely permitted, rather than required, to wear civilian clothing are not entitled to this allowance.
See Figure 1 - [Civilian Clothing Monetary Allowance](#) (Effective 1 Oct 2007)

[Civilian Clothing Allowance Worksheet](#) - scroll down to CG PSC -5150

- **Supplementary Clothing Monetary Allowance:** This allowance is authorized to enlisted members who are assigned to duty where they are required to have special items or quantities of individual uniform clothing not normally required for the majority of enlisted members. This allowance is in addition to any other clothing monetary allowance.
See Figure 2 - [Enlisted Supplementary Clothing Allowances](#) (SUPP CMA) (Effective 1 Oct 2007)
- **Clothing Maintenance Allowance (BMA or SMA):** This allowance provides active duty and reserve enlisted members a payment for items of personal clothing which would require replacement during the member's tour of duty.
See Figure 3 - [Enlisted Clothing Maintenance Allowances](#), Active Duty (per month) and Reserve (per paid drill) (Effective 1 Oct 2007)

BMA commences on the day following the date of completion of 6 months active duty.

SMA commences on the day following the date of completion of 36 months active duty.

Enlisted Clothing Maintenance Allowances
Active Duty (per month) and Reserve (per paid drill)
(Effective 1 Oct 2007)

R U L E	A	B	C
	When an enlisted member (E-1 to E-9) is entitled to:	and is	the rate payable is
1	Basic Maintenance Allowance (BMA)	Male	\$27.89 per month
2		Female	\$28.87 per month
3	Standard Maintenance Allowance (SMA)	Male	\$39.85 per month
4		Female	\$41.24 per month
5	Reserve Basic Maintenance Allowance (RBMA) (NOTE 1)	Male	\$3.35 per paid drill
6		Female	\$3.45 per paid drill
7	Reserve Standard Maintenance Allowance (RSMA) (NOTE 1)	Male	\$4.79 per paid drill
8		Female	\$4.93 per paid drill

NOTE:

1. RBMA and RSMA only is payable to selected reservists in training pay category A or B. The maximum number of drills for which a reservist may be paid RBMA and RSMA is 48 drills per year.

Figure 3

Entitlement to Enlisted Supplementary Clothing Allowances (SUPP CMA)
(All amounts, except Rule 8, are effective 1 Oct 2007. Rule 8 amount is effective 1 Jul 2008)

R U L E	A	B	
	When an enlisted member is assigned to:	Then a SUPP CMA is authorized	
		to	in the amount of: (NOTE 1)
1	the Coast Guard Academy Band.	All members	\$80.00
2	the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard at CG TISCOM Alexandria, VA.	Female	\$702.98
		Male	\$709.90
3	duty as a Coast Guard Recruiter or duty at a U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM).	Female	\$325.03
		Male	\$277.42
4	a Ship Training Detachment, Area Training Team, Section or District Training Team, Subsistence Advisory Team, Regional Inspector.	Female	\$325.03
		Male	\$277.42
5	duty as a Recruit Company Commander, Assistant Company Commander or Recruit Drill Instructor, and meets the eligibility requirements (NOTES 2 and 3).	Female	\$918.85
		Male	\$887.10
6	the Coast Guard Sector New York Police Department or Coast Guard Support Center Elizabeth City Police Department.	Female	\$148.05
		Male	\$147.91
7	duty aboard a Coast Guard Buoy Tender (NOTES 4 and 5).	All members	\$124.06
8	active duty or the selected reserve and required to wear the maternity uniform (NOTE 6).	Female	\$262.82
9	duty as a Commandant or MCPOCG Designated Command Master Chief (CMC) (NOTE 7).	Female	\$403.92
		Male	\$360.89
10	duty as LANTAREA CMC, PACAREA CMC, or Reserve Force CMC.	Female	\$865.09
		Male	\$842.62
11	duty as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (NOTE 8).	Female	\$949.03
		Male	\$903.64

Notes:

1. The allowance is payable only once during an assignment to such duty. The allowance is not payable upon reassignment to the same type of duty during a period of continuous active duty, unless three or more years have elapsed between such assignments.
2. The one time supplementary uniform allowance shall be authorized upon completion of recruit company commander qualification training.
3. Additional payment is not authorized because of change in designation of company commander, assistant company commander or drill instructor.
4. This is authorized only when the commanding officer or officer in charge determines specific members of the crew require two pair of safety shoes because their duties involve additional exposure to the elements. This allowance is not payable when safety shoes can be ordered through normal supply system channels using unit's operating funds.
5. Coast Guard buoy tenders for this purpose are defined as: WLB, WLM, WLI, WLIC, WLR, and the WTGB with the 120' ATON barge.
6. A subsequent payment will not be authorized for more than one pregnancy within 3 years of the date of approval of earlier payments. ALCOAST 230/99, dated 23 Dec 99, revised guidance to COMDTNOTE 1900.9 regarding pregnant Selected Reserve Members (SELRES).
7. Refer to Commandant Instruction 1306.1 (series), Subj: Command Senior Enlisted Leader Program.
8. For rule 11, a Coast Guard Area CMC selected as MCPO-CG is only authorized \$219.70 to cover the cost of changing out rank insignia/rating badges.

Figure 2

Civilian Clothing Allowance Authorizations
(Effective 1 Oct 2007)

R U L E	A	B	D	E
	When a member (Note 1)	and the	the member is authorized a	in the amount of
1	is ordered to a permanent duty station(PDS) that requires the wearing of civilian clothing on duty (Officers see Note 2)	length of tour assignment is over 30 months	Initial Civilian Clothing Allowance (ICCA)	\$1,504.20 (Note 3)
2		length of tour assignment is 18 to 30 months		\$1,203.36
3		length of tour assignment is less than 18 months		\$902.52
4	is ordered to a consecutive tour at the current PDS that requires the continued wearing of civilian clothing on duty		Partial Civilian Clothing Allowance (PCCA)	\$752.10
5	is at tour's end and is extended for 12 months or more		Continuing Civilian Clothing Allowance (CCCA)	\$300.84
6	is ordered TDY and required to wear civilian clothing on duty (Note 4)	period is at least 15 days, but less than 30 consecutive days	Temporary Duty Civilian Clothing Allowance (TDYCCA)	\$300.84
7		period is at least 30 or more consecutive days		\$601.68

Notes:

1. Members will submit the Civilian Clothing Allowance Worksheet (CG PSC 5150) to Commandant (CG-1222). Commandant (CG-1222) will issue the member a memo with a copy to their SPO.
2. Officers are only eligible if their permanent duty station (PDS) is located outside of the United States. If the officer is ordered TDY, the TDY order must be outside the United States and the officer is required to wear civilian clothing at least 50% of the time in the performance of their official duties.
3. The ICCA is not payable upon reassignment during a period of continuous active duty unless three or more years have elapsed between such assignments. The ICCA is not payable if the member has been out of a qualifying assignment for less than 12 months, and subsequently assigned to a qualifying assignment.
4. A member who was not authorized the maximum TDYCCA amount due to the length of the first TDY, who later performs additional qualifying TDY, is authorized the lower amount. The total TDYCCA amounts authorized over a three-year period will not exceed the amount in rule 7.

Figure 1