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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE POLICY,
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(COMPTROLLER)
DIRECTOR, FINANCE MISSION AREA, STANDARDS AND
COMPLIANCE DIRECTORATE, DEFENSE FINANCE AND
ACCOUNTING SERVICE

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation,
("DODFMR"), Volume 7A, Regarding the Payment of Basic Allowance for
Subsistence (BAS) II (DFAS Item #P-7)

Attached is Interim Change 38-06 to Volume 7A, Chapter 25 of the "DoDFMR." This
change advises that the Navy is the only Service that is making BAS II payments. This change is
effective as of February 10, 2006.

Assignment of the interim change number is authority for the Director for Finance
Mission Area to initiate a procedural modification to implement this change. This office
requests that the Director for Accounting and Finance Policy post a copy of this interim change
to the "DoDFMR" web site.

for Patricia T. Redhead
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Attachment:
As stated

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BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE II

1. **Revise last sentence of paragraph 250102.b.2 to read:**

Effective February 10, 2006, the Navy authorized the payment of BAS II.

2. **Revise bibliography as follows:**

Paragraph**Citation**

250102.B.2

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Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) II

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References	(a) 37 U.S.C. 402 (b) DODD 1418.5 of 10 Jun 2003 (c) DOD 7000.14-R, Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Military Pay Policy and Procedures Active Duty and Reserve Pay
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1. **Purpose**. Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) II is designed to provide a special rate of subsistence for enlisted members permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters without adequate facilities for food storage or food preparation, and where a government mess is not available and the government cannot otherwise make meals available per references (a) through (c).

2. **Definitions**

a. **Adequate Food Storage and Preparation Facilities:** Generally, suggested guidelines for adequate food storage and preparation facilities are those facilities

(1) that are near, but separate from the bedroom and bathroom; and

(2) comprised of a refrigerator with freezer, a conventional oven or microwave, a kitchen sink, and a dry food pantry or storage cabinets.

b. **Government Mess:** A dining facility supported with appropriated funds that provides meals or rations to military members subsisted in kind or sold at food cost. The term includes the following activities: general mess, wardroom mess, officer's mess, chief petty officer's mess, field mess, dining hall, dining activity, dining facility, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded totally by appropriated funds. It does not include activities operated with non-appropriated funds such

as officers' club, enlisted club, squadron mess, organized mess, or similar terms, except when those activities provide meals or rations under contract or agreement with the applicable operating and food costs borne by appropriated funds.

3. **General Eligibility Criteria**. BAS II may be paid to enlisted members assigned to vessels in a pre-commissioning status, and enlisted members approved due to unique or unusual circumstances. To be eligible for BAS II, a servicemember must meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Enlisted servicemember entitled to BAS.
- b. Permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) government quarters without adequate food storage or preparation facilities.
- c. There is no available government messing facility.
- d. Government cannot otherwise make meals available.

4. **Requests**. Requests for BAS II shall be forwarded to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Military Compensation Policy Branch (CNO (N130)) for approval/disapproval. Requests should include at a minimum:

- a. Number of Sailors impacted.
- b. Characteristics of quarters - available food storage or preparation facility.
- c. Statement that a government messing facility is not available. (The installation commander will determine availability of government messing facility for enlisted members performing duty at that installation.) Government messing includes facilities ashore and those located on a vessel.
- d. Estimated duration of the requirement for BAS II.

NOTE: Commander, Navy Installations (CNI) Command is the designated authority responsible for determining whether the facilities are sufficient to allow for sanitary food storage and preparation of nutritious meals.

5. **Rate**. The rate for BAS II is fixed at twice the rate of standard enlisted BAS.

6. **Restrictions**. The following restrictions apply to BAS II entitlement:

a. Enlisted BAS II is not authorized when a government mess is temporarily closed for less than 14 days.

b. Enlisted members receiving BAS II at their permanent station who are hospitalized or performing regular permissive temporary additional duty (TAD) (including field duty, sea duty, essential unit messing, or group travel) under orders away from the permanent station will revert to standard enlisted BAS for the period of absence from the permanent station.

c. Payment of BAS II shall be applied uniformly for all enlisted members permanently assigned to single government quarters under similar circumstances at the same installation.



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MR)


SUBJECT: Directive-type Memorandum for Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) for
High-Cost Duty Locations and Other Unusual Circumstances

Section 402(f) of title 37, United States Code, states that the Secretary of Defense may authorize meals at no cost to a member, regardless of entitlement to BAS; may pay BAS at the standard rate, regardless of the entitlement to receive select or all meals; or may authorize the payment of a supplemental subsistence allowance at a rate higher than the BAS rates in effect under section 604 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Members provided meals or paid this allowance are those who incur additional food costs due to assignment in a high-cost duty location or other unique or unusual circumstances, and who are not entitled to the meals portion of per diem in connection with the assignment.

If your Military Department intends to use the new authority, please request approval prior to implementation. Supply the rationale for providing meals at no cost to the member regardless of BAS payment, or for paying a supplemental subsistence allowance at a higher rate, and indicate the level of monthly payment contemplated, including the period for which those payments would be made.

The Military Departments must coordinate any implementation of the above options with the office of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. It is anticipated that requests of this nature will only be approved in unique or unusual circumstances.

The Secretary of the Military Department concerned may initiate their request prospectively upon receipt of the specific approval. My point of contact for this action is CDR Claudia McKnight, who may be reached at (703) 695-9363.


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Principal Deputy

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