

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES TO
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“PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR RESERVE
OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)”**

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CHAPTER 59

**PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR RESERVE
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A. Scholarship Cadets or Midshipmen. Except while performing field training or at-sea training, and for the period(s) between academic school years, a scholarship cadet or midshipman ([*Title 10, United States Code \(U.S.C.\), section 2107*](#)) is entitled to subsistence allowance as provided in paragraph 590103. Entitlement begins on the day the cadet or midshipman starts the first term of college work and continues through completion of the second year, except for the periods of any field/at-sea training and periods between academic school years, for a maximum of 20 months. The 20-month limitation is based upon a 10-month academic school year. Individual cadet or midshipman entitlement will be based upon his or her actual academic school year, not to exceed 10 months per academic year.

B. Nonscholarship Cadets or Midshipmen. Non-scholarship cadets and midshipmen are not entitled to subsistence allowance.

590102. Advance Training. Except while performing field training or at-sea training, a cadet or midshipman who has been selected for advance training is entitled to subsistence allowance as provided in paragraph 590103. Entitlement begins on the date the cadet or midshipman starts the advance training and continues uninterrupted except for the periods of any field/at-sea training until completion of instruction, but not for more than 30 months.

590103. Amount. Below are monthly subsistence allowance amounts from freshman (Level I) through senior (Level IV).

EFFECTIVE DATE	FRESHMAN (LEVEL I)	SOPHOMORE (LEVEL II)	JUNIOR (LEVEL III)	SENIOR (LEVEL IV)
December 1, 2000	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00
October 1, 2002	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$400.00
October 1, 2005 (note)	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$500.00

NOTE: These are alternative rates, effective October 1, 2005. The alternative rates are payable if approved by the Secretary concerned.

590104. Accelerated Completion of Military Instruction. A cadet or midshipman participating in advanced training at an institution which is withdrawn from the program may complete the third and fourth year (or the fourth and fifth year of a 5-year program) of military training in the third year (or the fourth year of a 5-year program) and be paid subsistence allowance during the fourth academic year (or the fifth year of a 5-year program), as though enrolled for training in the fourth year (or the fifth year of a 5-year program).

590105. Limitations

A. Deduction for Field Training and At-Sea Training. A cadet or midshipman is not entitled to the subsistence allowance while performing field training or at-sea training. During the period of field training or at-sea training, the cadet or midshipman is entitled to pay as specified in paragraph 590801.

B. Vacation Periods

1. A cadet or midshipman enrolled in the first 2 years of the program is not entitled to subsistence allowance for any period(s) between academic school years; for example, summer vacations between academic school years. Holiday breaks do not interrupt the entitlement.

2. A cadet or midshipman enrolled in the advanced course is entitled to subsistence allowance uninterrupted by any periods between academic school years (subject only to the overall 20 months -- 30 months in an approved 5-year program -- entitlement limitation and subject to deduction for any periods of field training or at-sea training).

C. Government Meals Furnished Without Charge. ROTC members will have deducted from their subsistence allowance on a per-meal basis the charge for government meals furnished without charge. The total deduction for any day will not exceed one-thirtieth of the subsistence allowance. This recoupment provision does not apply when meals are furnished during training events conducted during the academic year.

590106. Payment Procedures. Detailed instructions governing the payment of subsistence allowance to the respective ROTC members are contained in:

- A. Army: [AR 145-1](#).
- B. Navy: [Naval ROTC, CNSTC Instruction 1533.12 Series](#).
- C. Air Force: [AFOATSI 65-101](#) and [AFOATSI 65-102](#).

5902 SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE FOR MARINE CORPS PLATOON LEADERS CLASS

Except while serving on active duty, members of the Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class program are entitled to subsistence allowance at the rates provided in paragraph 590103. Only members in the sophomore, junior, and senior class (Levels II, III, and IV) are entitled to the subsistence allowance. Members of the freshman class are not entitled to the subsistence allowance at Level I. Detailed instructions governing the payment of the subsistence allowance are in Marine Corps Total Force System Personnel Reporting Instruction Users Manual, located at <https://www.missa.manpower.usmc.mil/elibrary/prium/>.

5903 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES

Joint Federal Travel Regulations, paragraph [U7150-E](#), governs the travel and transportation allowances of ROTC cadets and midshipman.

5904 COMMUTATION IN LIEU OF UNIFORMS

590401. Army: See [AR 710-2](#).

590402. Navy: [Naval ROTC, CNSTC Instruction 1533.12 Series](#).

590403. Air Force: [AFOATSI 65-101](#) and [AFOATSI 65-102](#).

5905 TEXTBOOK ALLOWANCES, SCHOLARSHIP CADETS, AND MIDSHIPMEN

590501. Army: There are no specific monetary entitlements. Required texts are issued by respective universities, which in turn are reimbursed with appropriated funds.

590502. Navy: [Naval ROTC, CNSTC Instruction 1533.12 Series](#).

590503. Air Force: [AFOATSI 65-101](#) and [AFOATSI 65-102](#).

5906 ALLOTMENTS

A member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program is not authorized to register allotments.

5907 NONENTITLEMENT TO RESERVE DRILL PAY (NAVY)

Drill payments to Navy ROTC members are authorized only for students selected for advanced training in their freshman and sophomore years and who specifically request continuation in a drill status.

5908 FIELD TRAINING OR AT-SEA TRAINING

590801. Basic Pay. A member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program

is entitled to pay at the monthly rate prescribed in [Table 1-7](#). Pay status begins on the day of arrival at the training site or on the effective date of orders, whichever is later, and ends on the day the member or applicant is relieved from such training. The member is not entitled to basic pay while performing authorized travel to or from the training site.

NOTE: A member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program is not entitled to longevity increases.

590802. Special and Incentive Pay. A member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program is not entitled to special or incentive pay.

590803. Allowances. A member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program is not entitled to allowances while performing field training or at-sea training except as authorized in section 5903.

590804. Deductions. The basic pay of a member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program is income subject to withholding for Federal income tax and Federal Insurance Contributions Act taxes. See [Treasury Circular E](#) and paragraph [450306](#) for rates of deduction.

590805. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Public Law 89-214, September 29, 1965, as amended by Public Law 91-291, effective June 25, 1970, and Public Law 93-289, effective May 24, 1974, provide for SGLI coverage to ROTC members.

A. [Chapter 47](#) applies to members, cadets, or midshipmen of ROTC performing full-time duty while attending field training or practice cruises under calls or orders not limited to 30 days or less.

B. [Chapter 58, section 5807](#) applies to members, cadets, or midshipmen of ROTC performing full-time duty while attending field training or practice cruises under calls or orders limited to 30 days or less.

C. A member, cadet, or midshipman is provided SGLI coverage while proceeding directly to or returning directly from the place where such duty is performed.

590806. Advance Pay. See [Chapter 32, paragraph 320109](#).

5909 DISABILITY BENEFITS

590901. Entitlements for Cadets and Midshipmen Disabled While Enroute To or From Field or At-Sea Training. A cadet or midshipman who is disabled enroute to or from field or at-sea training and is otherwise entitled to the subsistence allowance described in section 5901 is entitled to the subsistence allowance for the day of incurrence of the disability and continuing

thereafter subject to the provisions of section 5901. The cadet or midshipman may also be entitled to the compensation and other benefits of [38, U.S.C. chapter 11](#).

590902. Entitlement for Cadets and Midshipmen Disabled While Attending Field or At-Sea Training. A cadet or midshipman who is disabled while attending field or at-sea training is entitled to the monthly cadet rate of pay prescribed in [Table 1-7](#) through the last day of the ordered training period. If the disability continues beyond the ordered tour, the cadet or midshipman, if otherwise entitled, is entitled to the subsistence allowance described in section 5901. As in paragraph 590901, above, the cadet or midshipman may be entitled to the compensation and other benefits of [38 U.S.C. Chapter 11](#).

5910 PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Beneficiaries of any member or applicant for membership in the ROTC program who dies under the conditions specified in paragraph 590902 are entitled to:

591001. death gratuity under the provisions of [Chapter 36, section 3601](#).

591002. unpaid pay and allowances under the provisions of [Chapter 36, section 3602](#).

5911 ROTC GRADUATES ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY

591101. Officers Ordered to Extended Active Duty. The provisions of [Chapters 1 through 55](#) apply to these officers.

591102. Officers Performing Initial Periods of Active Duty Training Under 50, U.S.C. App 454(d) or 456(d). The provisions of [Chapter 57](#) apply to these officers.

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