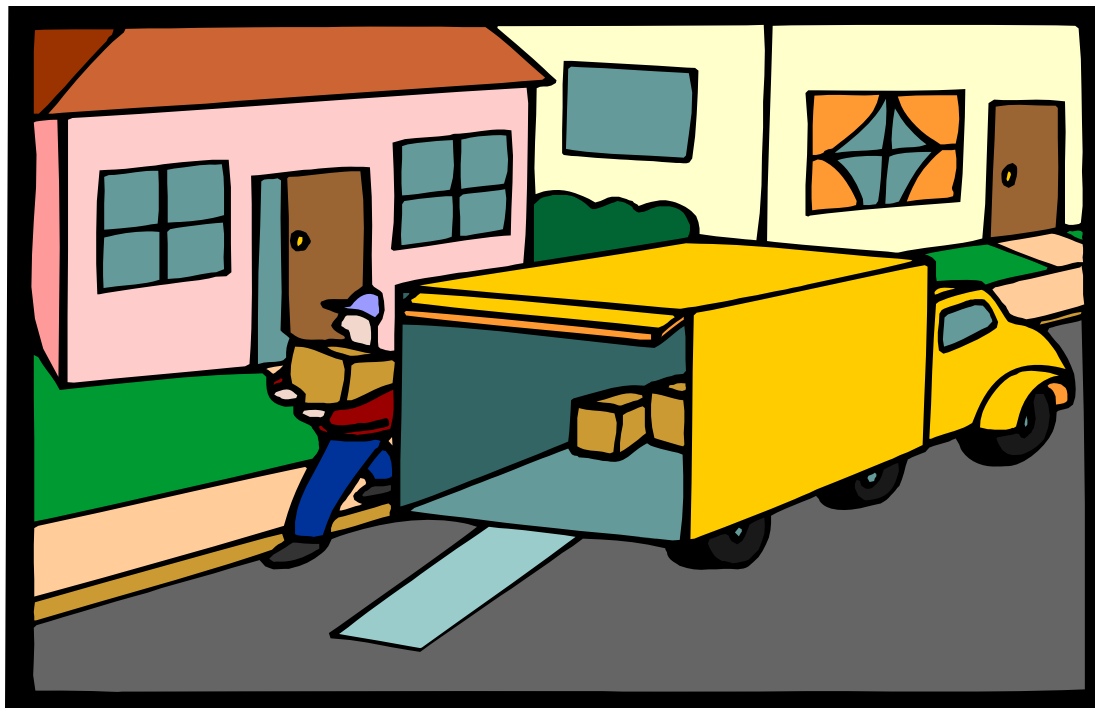




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Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA)





Move In Housing Allowance

- Allowance to defray the move-in costs associated with occupying privately leased quarters covered under the OHA program
- Does not cover move-out costs
- To be eligible for MIHA, must be eligible for OHA
- For expenses which are not covered or reimbursed, try to get the landlord to roll it into the rent



Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) -- Three Components

- **Miscellaneous - Upfront, Lump Sum**
 - Average Move-In Costs
 - Everyone Receiving OHA Collects
- **Rent (DD 2556)**
 - Rental Agent Fee
 - \$ for \$ Reimbursement
- **Security - Crime/Terrorist Threats (DD 2556)**
 - Physical Dwelling Modifications
 - \$ for \$ Reimbursement
 - Designated by State Dept; Listed in App N





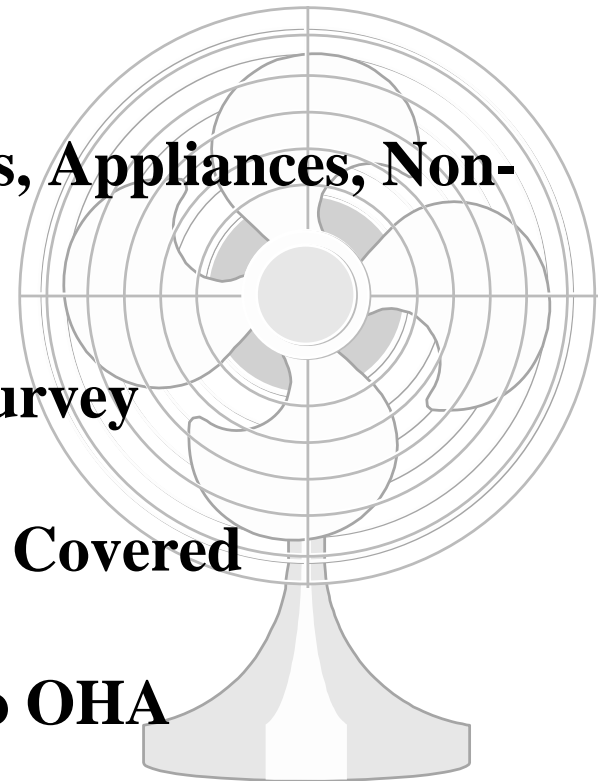
MIHA Eligibility

- To be eligible for MIHA, Service members must be receiving OHA.
- Eligible service members may receive MIHA for one dwelling per tour at a PDS unless a government funded local move occurs and the new dwelling is covered under MIHA.



MIHA Miscellaneous

- **Average Move-In Costs**
 - **Example: Transformers, Heaters, Appliances, Non-Refundable Deposits**
 - **How Determined: Tri-Annual Survey**
 - **Up Front -- Move Out Costs *Not* Covered**
 - **Payment: When First Entitled to OHA**





MIHA Miscellaneous- Expenses covered

- Major appliances - Refrigerator, stove, washer, air conditioner, etc
- Hookup charges - Electric, plumbing, phone and heat
- Security and safety items - Smoke detector, fire extinguisher (also window bars, locks, alarms when not reimbursed for MIHA Security)
- Other - Curtain rods, cabinets, trash barrels (where required), screens, transformers, etc
- Covered expenses can be found in Appendix K Part III, Table I



MIHA Miscellaneous- Expenses not covered

- Rental agent fees (in some cases covered by MIHA Rent)
- Cleaning/repair costs (covered by dislocation allowance)
- Small or personal appliances (covered by COLA)
- Refundable deposits
- Move-out costs
- Lawn care items
- Expenses not covered can be found in Appendix K Part III, Table II



MIHA Miscellaneous

No MIHA Entitlement When

- Local Move, Unless Gov't Funded
- Member Executes PCS But Remains In Same Dwelling
- Separation or Retirement



MIHA Rental Component

- - **Example: Rental Agent Fee (No Housing Office Available)**
- - **How Determined: Receipts**
- - **Requirements: Local Custom or Law**
 - **>Commander's Approval, DD2556 (Part B)**
 - **-- When In Doubt – Senior Service Officer In Country Decides**
- - **Payment: \$ for \$ Reimbursement**
- **Homeowners Ineligible**



MIHA Rent Example

- Landlord charged member 2 month up-front rental fee
 - 1 month rental fee customary
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- The authorizing/approving official should authorize reimbursement for only 1 month's rental fee



MIHA Security Component

- Security: Physical Dwelling Modification
 - Examples: Security Bars, Alarm System
 - How Determined: Receipts
 - Requirements: Crime/Terrorist Threats
 - Determined by State Dept – Appendix N
 - Commander's Approval, DD2556 (Part C)
 - Payment: \$ for \$ Reimbursement
 - Designated MIHA Security Location – App N Part II, Table I



MIHA Security Eligibility -1

- Service members receiving OHA in locations identified in Appendix N Part II of the JFTR as MIHA Security Locations are eligible for MIHA/Security
- Service members reimbursed for personally incurred expenses- only one sharer can be reimbursed for a housing security expense



MIHA Security Locations

- MIHA Security for a location established or removed annually based on State Department messages
- The list of MIHA Security locations found in the JFTR, Appendix N Part II
- Country POC notified when the country is removed from the MIHA Security list - Country POC should notify the locality POCs
- Security upgrades borne by the landlord whenever possible



Summary

- Three types of MIHA
 - MIHA Miscellaneous
 - MIHA Rent
 - MIHA Security
- To be eligible for MIHA, must be eligible for OHA
- Does not cover move out costs
- Service members should check with landlord about rolling expenses into the rent



For Further Information

- The JFTR is the main reference for MIHA U10026
 - a-General
 - b-Rules and Information
- Appendix K Part III:MIHA Misc Expenses
 - Table 1-Reportable MIHA miscellaneous expenses
 - Table 2-Non-Reportable MIHA miscellaneous expenses
- Appendix N
 - Part I Move In Housing Allowance
 - Part II MIHA Security Allowance



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