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SUBJ/ALARACT 082/2024 – BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE

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1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) 37 USC 402, BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (AVAILABLE AT <HTTPS://USCODE.HOUSE.GOV/>)

1.B. (U) DODD 1418.05, BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) POLICY (AVAILABLE AT <HTTPS://WWW.ESD.WHS.MIL/>)

1.C. (U) DOD 7000.14-R, VOLUME 7A, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REGULATION: MILITARY PAY POLICY-ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE PAY, CHAPTER 25 (AVAILABLE AT <HTTPS://COMPTROLLER.DEFENSE.GOV>)

1.D. (U) AR 637-1, ARMY COMPENSATION AND ENTITLEMENTS POLICY

2. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CLARIFY THE POLICY FOR BAS.

3. (U) UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REFERENCE 1.A. EACH MEMBER OF A UNIFORMED SERVICE WHO IS ENTITLED TO BASIC PAY IS ENTITLED TO FULL BAS, EXCEPT FOR ENLISTED MEMBERS DURING BASIC TRAINING.

4. (U) MEMBERS ATTENDING BASIC TRAINING ARE NOT ENTITLED TO BAS; THEREFORE, THEY WILL RECEIVE SUBSISTENCE IN KIND AT NO CHARGE.

5. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES 1.B., 1.C., AND 1.D., ALL MEMBERS WILL PAY FOR ANY MEALS THE GOVERNMENT FURNISHES WHILE THEY ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO BAS.

6. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES 1.B. AND 1.C., ENLISTED MEMBERS ATTENDING ACCESSION PIPELINE MILITARY TRAINING ARE ENTITLED TO BAS.

7. (U) UPON COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING, ARMY MILITARY PAY OFFICES (AMPOS) AT THE SOLDIERS BASIC TRAINING LOCATION WILL START THE SOLDIER'S BAS. THIS INCLUDES SOLDIER ATTENDING ONE STATION UNIT

TRAINING (OSUT) AFTER THE SOLDIER HAS COMPLETED THE 10TH WEEK OF TRAINING.

8. (U) WHEN A SOLDIER STARTS ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING (AIT), THE SOLDIER CONTINUES TO BE ENTITLED TO FULL BAS.

8.A. (U) IF THE SOLDIERS ARE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THE AIT/OSUT LOCATION, THE SOLDIER MAY BE ASSIGNED TO ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING (EUM). WHILE IN AN EUM STATUS, SOLDIERS ARE REQUIRED TO EAT GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED MEALS. WHILE IN A EUM STATUS, CHARGES (AT THE DISCOUNT MEAL RATE) WILL BE DIRECTLY DEDUCTED FROM THE SOLDIER'S PAY ACCOUNT. EUM WILL APPLY ONLY TO ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS AND TO OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS AND DETACHMENTS, NOT TO INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS.

8.B. (U) IF THE SOLDIERS ARE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE AIT/OSUT LOCATION, THE SOLDIER MAY BE ASSIGNED TO ESSENTIAL STATION MESSING (ESM). WHILE IN AN ESM STATUS, SOLDIERS ARE REQUIRED TO EAT GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED MEALS. UNDER ESM CHARGES (AT THE DISCOUNT MEAL RATE) WILL BE DIRECTLY DEDUCTED FROM THE SOLDIER'S PAY ACCOUNT. ESM WILL BE APPLIED UNIFORMLY FOR ALL ENLISTED SOLDIERS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO SINGLE GOVERNMENT QUARTERS AT THE SAME INSTALLATION. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE ONLY WHEN ASSIGNED DUTIES CAUSE AN INDIVIDUAL TO MISS MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF THEIR MEALS THE GOVERNMENT FURNISHES ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

8.C. (U) WHEN A SOLDIER ARRIVES AT THEIR AIT LOCATION, THE ASSIGNED UNIT WILL SUBMIT A PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST TO THE SERVICING AMPO TO INITIATE THE INPUT TO START THE SOLDIER'S MANDATORY COLLECTION FOR MEALS AT THE DISCOUNT MEAL RATE. THIS INCLUDES SOLDIERS ATTENDING OSUT. THE SERVICING AMPO WILL START THE COLLECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME THE AMPO STARTS THE SOLDIER'S BAS.

9. (U) AMPO DIRECTORS MUST COORDINATE IN- AND OUT-PROCESSING PROCEDURES WITH THE UNITS SERVICED TO ENSURE ALL SOLDIERS ARE ARRIVED TO AND DEPARTED FROM THE TRAINING LOCATIONS. INCREASING NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED AT THEIR FIRST PERMANENT DUTY STATION REMAIN ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THEIR INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING LOCATIONS. THIS OVERSIGHT HAS LED TO A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SOLDIERS NOT RECEIVING THEIR FULL BAS ENTITLEMENTS.

10. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2025.