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SUBJ/ALARACT 088/2024 – OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PAY

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1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) TITLE 37 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 352, ASSIGNMENT PAY OR SPECIAL DUTY PAY (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://USCODE.HOUSE.GOV/](https://uscode.house.gov/))

1.B. (U) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION 1340.26 (ASSIGNMENT AND SPECIAL DUTY PAYS) (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.ESD.WHS.MIL/PORTALS/54/DOCUMENTS/DD/ISSUANCES/DODI/134026P.PDF](https://www.esd.whs.mil/portals/54/documents/dd/issuances/dodi/134026p.pdf))

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

1.D. (U) AR 600-8-6, PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING AND STRENGTH REPORTING

1.E. (U) HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS), MEMORANDUM (OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PAY (ODP)), 10 NOVEMBER 2023 (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://ARMYPUBS.ARMY.MIL/EPUBS/DR_PUBS/DR_C/NOCASE-POG_218503-000-WEB-1.PDF](https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/dr_pubs/dr_c/nocase-pog_218503-000-web-1.pdf))

1.F. (U) HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS), MEMORANDUM (OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PAY (ODP)), 10 OCTOBER 2024 (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://ARMYPUBS.ARMY.MIL/EPUBS/DR_PUBS/DR_C/NOCASE-POG_219263-000-WEB-1.PDF](https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/dr_pubs/dr_c/nocase-pog_219263-000-web-1.pdf))

2. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE IMPENDING GUIDANCE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ODP.

3. (U) THE PURPOSE OF ODP IS TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL PAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER THAN NORMAL RIGORS OF OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS.

4. (U) ALL SOLDIERS IN PAY GRADES E-1 THROUGH O-6 WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BASIC PAY AND WHO MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 5 ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE PAID ODP FOR THE PERIOD THE SOLDIER IS DEPLOYED AWAY FROM THEIR PERMANENT DUTY STATION (PDS)/HOME STATION ON AN APPROVED DEPLOYMENT LASTING OVER 60 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS.

THE LIST OF APPROVED OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS WILL BE RELEASED IN A SEPARATE MEMORANDUM APPROVED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1. THE MEMORANDUM WILL BE POSTED TO THE ARMY PUBLISHING DIRECTORATE'S WEBSITE UNDER PUBLICATIONS: PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS' GUIDANCE. SELECT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1 FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU. (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://ARMYPUBS.ARMY.MIL/PRODUCTMAPS/PUBFORM/POGPROPONENT.ASPX](https://armypubs.army.mil/productmaps/pubform/pogproponent.aspx))

5. (U) ELIGIBILITY:

5.A. (U) THE SOLDIER MUST BE IN THE PAY GRADES OF E-1 THROUGH O-6 AND DEPLOYED IN A TEMPORARY DUTY STATUS AWAY FROM THE PDS/HOME STATION ON AN APPROVED DEPLOYMENT LASTING OVER 60 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS.

5.B. (U) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ODP, A SOLDIER IS CONSIDERED DEPLOYED AWAY FROM THEIR PDS/HOME STATION WHEN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

5.B.1. (U) THE SOLDIER IS NOT AT THEIR HOME STATION OR PDS.

5.B.2. (U) THE SOLDIER IS NOT PREPARING TO DEPLOY OR ATTENDING TRAINING PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN THE THEATER OF OPERATION.

5.B.3. (U) THE SOLDIER HAS ARRIVED IN THE THEATER OF OPERATION AND IS PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE DEPLOYED THEATER ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE 1.D.

5.C. (U) SOLDIER MUST NOT BE ENTITLED TO THE MEALS PORTION OF PER DIEM.

5.D. (U) SOLDIER MUST NOT BE ENTITLED TO CAREER SEA PAY.

6. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE 1.B., THE PAYMENT OF ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY-OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT WILL STOP EFFECTIVE 01 OCTOBER 2024, FOR THE REASON THAT A MEMBER CANNOT BE PAID MULTIPLE ASSIGNMENT AND SPECIAL DUTY PAYS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REFERENCE 1.A. FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.

7. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE 1.F. COMMANDERS OF DEPLOYING AND DEPLOYED UNITS WILL ENSURE ALL NEW DEPLOYMENT ORDERS INCLUDE, AND ALL EXISTING DEPLOYMENT ORDERS ARE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT PAY (ODP) IS AUTHORIZED FOR THE PERIOD OF THIS DEPLOYMENT. ODP IS PAID ON A DAILY PRORATED BASIS, NOT TO EXCEED \$240 PER MONTH. ODP PAYMENTS WILL STOP ON THE 31ST DAY OF AN

ABSENCE WHEN YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO TEMPORARY DUTY, ON LEAVE, HOSPITALIZED, OR OTHERWISE TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM THE OPERATIONAL AREA FOR MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS.”

8. (U) AMOUNT PAYABLE: MONTHLY PAYMENT RATE OF ODP IS PAYABLE ON A PRORATED DAILY BASIS NOT TO EXCEED A MONTHLY RATE OF \$240. IT IS PAYABLE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER PAYS OR ALLOWANCES, EXCEPT WHEN THE SOLDIER IS ALSO ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CAREER SEA PAY FOR THE SAME PERIOD AS ODP.

9. (U) ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:

9.A. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE 1.B., A SOLDIER WHO IS ON TEMPORARY DUTY, ON LEAVE, HOSPITALIZED, OR OTHERWISE TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM THE APPROVED OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT THEATER FOR MORE THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS WILL STOP RECEIVING ODP ON THE 31ST DAY OF ABSENCE.

9.B. (U) WHEN A SOLDIER ENTITLED TO ODP IS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE (AWOL), PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY WILL STOP ON THE FIRST DAY OF AWOL THROUGH THE DAY BEFORE THE DATE THE SOLDIER IS RESTORED TO FULL DUTY, PROVIDED THE SOLDIER REMAINS DEPLOYED AND IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR ODP.

9.C. (U) CONFINEMENT:

9.C.1. (U) WHEN A SOLDIER ENTITLED TO ODP IS CONFINED BY MILITARY OR CIVIL AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING A PERIOD OF PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT, THE SOLDIER IS NOT CONSIDERED OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED DURING THE CONFINEMENT AND THE ODP PAYMENT WILL STOP EFFECTIVE THE FIRST DAY OF CONFINEMENT.

9.C.2. (U) WHEN A SOLDIER IS CONFINED BY MILITARY OR CIVIL AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING A PERIOD OF PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT, IS ACQUITTED, OR HAS CHARGES DISMISSED, HE OR SHE WILL BE ENTITLED TO ODP PAYMENTS. PAYMENTS WILL BE RETROACTIVE TO THE FIRST DAY OF CONFINEMENT, PROVIDED THE SOLDIER REMAINED OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR ODP PAYMENTS. RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS WILL NOT INCLUDE ANY PERIOD BEYOND THE DATE THE OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT ENDED.

9.D. (U) CAPTURED OR MISSING STATUS: A SOLDIER ENTERING A STATUS OF MISSING, MISSING-IN-ACTION, INTERNED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, OR CAPTURED BY A HOSTILE FORCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CREDITED WITH ODP FOR EACH DAY WHILE IN SUCH A STATUS.

10. (U) INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMY MILITARY PAY OFFICES (AMPO):

10.A. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE 1.C., AMPO DIRECTORS MUST ENSURE ALL TRANSACTIONS TO START AND STOP ODP ARE PROCESSED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

10.B. (U) ALL TRANSACTIONS WILL BE PROCESSED IN THE DEFENSE JOINT MILITARY PAY SYSTEM AT THE SERVICING INSTALLATION. THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE WILL RELEASE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING THE ODP TRANSACTIONS IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

11. (U) FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT USARMY.PENTAGON.HQDA-DCS-G-1.MBX.DAPE-PRC-SPECIAL-PAY@ARMY.MIL.

12. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 15 OCTOBER 2025.