

Inactive Duty for Training (IDT) Subsistence Allowance

Introduction Per ALCOAST 070/15, the following is the policy regarding IDT subsistence allowance, formally IDT COMRATS, for enlisted reservists performing paid IDT drills.

References

- (a) U.S. Code, Title 37, Section 402(e)
- (b) Reserve Policy Manual, COMDTINST M1001.28 (series)
- (c) Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)

Background Errors in assignment of IDT meal eligibility for enlisted SELRES members have previously caused overpayments and underpayments for reservists performing paid IDT drills.

- In accordance with reference (a), an enlisted member of the Reserve Component (RC) may receive rations-in-kind (RIK), part thereof, or a cash allowance in lieu of a government provided meal when the members paid IDT drill totals at least 8 hours in a calendar day.

Reserve members, regardless of their duty status, with or without pay, must pay for all government provided meals they consume.

Policy: Member in travel status Reserve members are not authorized an IDT subsistence allowance for periods of travel to and from their drill site or whenever entitled to a meal per diem allowance in an IDT travel status.

Policy: Officers Officers are not authorized an IDT subsistence allowance.

Policy: Single IDT Drills Reserve members who perform a single IDT drill are not authorized a government provided meal or a subsistence allowance.

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Policy: Multiple IDT Drills Meal eligibility for a Reserve member who performs a paid multiple IDT drill is as follows:

If	And	Then
Reserve member not authorized lodging	Reserve member arriving same day, not staying overnight	Authorized Lunch
	Reserve member works past 1800	Authorized Lunch and Dinner
Reserve member authorized lodging	Reserve member arriving night before for 1 paid multiple IDT drill the next day	Authorized Breakfast and Lunch
	Reserve member arriving on day of 1st drill for paid multiple IDT drills and staying overnight between drills	1st Day Authorized Lunch and Dinner, and 2nd Day Authorized Breakfast and Lunch
	Reserve member arriving night before for 2 paid multiple IDT drills	1st Day Authorized All meals, and 2nd Day Authorized Breakfast and Lunch

Directives affected This updated policy will be incorporated in future revisions of references (b) and (c).

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