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### Subj: BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING TRANSIT RATE

- Ref: (a) [Joint Federal Travel Regulations \(JFTR\)](#), Chap 10  
(b) [Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29\(series\)](#), Chap 3.C.12  
(c) [Direct-Access BAH Entitlements Users Guide](#)  
(d) E-Mail ALSPO D/06; BAH During PCS  
(e) E-Mail ALSPO S/05; BAH and OHA Entitlement Policy Changes  
(f) [JUMPS Analysis Manual, PSCINST M5230.3\(series\)](#), Chap 2-D
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**Introduction** This E-Mail ALSPO message announces the implementation of Basic Allowance for Housing Transit Rate (BAH-TR) in Direct-Access and JUMPS.

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**Discussion** BAH-TR, effective 1 January 2006, is a Transit housing allowance rate paid while a member is in a travel or leave status from their initial accession (recruit training/CG Academy) location to their first permanent duty station (PDS), or between PDSs, provided the member is not assigned to Government quarters. The Transit rate continues during proceed time and authorized delays en route, including TDY en route.

- For rates see <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html>.
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**Entitlement** BAH-TR is paid under conditions described in Para. U10416 of reference (a). Generally, this includes:

- Members en route PCS from an OUTCONUS PDS (OHA payable area).

**Note:** Do not start the BAH-TR rate prior to a member's effective PCS departure date from a duty station, or after their PCS reporting date to a duty station located in a non-BAH payable area. Guidance in reference (b), Para. 3.C.12.g., pertaining to payment of BAH-II for a member in OHA payable areas, who have not entered into a private sector housing arrangement (lease or mortgage) for which OHA is authorized, does not apply to BAH-TR, and only applied to BAH-II transactions before 1 January 2006.

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**Entitlement**  
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- New Accessions, **without dependents**, en route PCS from the accession point to their first PDS or between training locations. Examples:
  1. Academy Graduate, with no prior service, pay BAH-TR the date the officer departs to the day prior to day the officer reports to their first PDS.
  2. OCS Graduate, with no prior service, pay BAH-TR the date the officer departs to the day prior to the day the officer reports to their first PDS.
  3. Recruit Training Graduate, with no prior service, start BAH-TR effective the date the member departs the training location to the date prior to the day the member reports to the first PDS or Training Center (TRACEN). For a member without dependents reporting to a TRACEN before reporting to their first PDS, because Government quarters are available at the TRACEN, effective their reporting date to the TRACEN, the member is only authorized BAH-Partial, or if paying child support, BAH-DIFF. The member is again authorized BAH-TR upon their school completion/PCS departure date to the day before the member reports to the first PDS.
- For members **with dependents** reporting to a TRACEN before reporting to their first PDS, if their dependents location is:
  - a. In the U.S. - continue BAH for the dependents location.
  - b. Outside the U.S. - continue BAH for the initial training location.

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**Direct Access / JUMPS Codes** The following codes must be used on transactions to start/stop BAH-TR with effective dates of 1 May 2007 or later. Use BAH-II codes (DA Earnings Code "BA2") on transactions effective dated 30 April 2007 and earlier.

Entitlement	Direct-Access Codes			Object Codes		
	Earnings Code	Earnings Type	Description	Officer	Enlisted	LES Remark
<b>BAH Transit Rate Without Dependents</b>	BA4	BAH-G	BAH-Transit Rate - Without dependents and member not assigned government quarters	1140U	1145U	BAH TR W/O
<b>BAH Transit Rate Spouse-in-Service</b>	BA4	BAH-H	BAH-Transit Rate - Spouse in service; no other dependents; members not assigned government quarters	1140T	1145T	BAH TR SP SRVC
<b>BAH Transit Rate With Dependents</b>	BA4	BAH-L	BAH-Transit Rate - With dependents; member & dependents not assigned government quarters	1140S	1145S	BAH TR WITH
<b>BAH Transit Rate Child</b>	BA4	BAH-T	BAH-Transit Rate - With dependents; based on payment of child support; member not assigned government quarters	1140V	1145V	BAH TR CHILD

**SPO Procedures** The SPO for the unit the member is departing from must start BAH-TR for members, with dependents, departing an OUTCONUS PDS (OHA payable area). The SPO for the unit the member is reporting to is responsible for starting/stopping BAH-TR for members without dependents.

Transactions to start BAH-TR must input by the SPO for the member's first PDS for members reporting from accession points. In the case of a member reporting directly to a TRACEN from an accession point, the SPO for the TRACEN will start BAH-TR for the PCS from the accession point and the SPO for the member's first PDS will start BAH-TR for the PCS from the TRACEN to the new PDS.

Use the Direct-Access Employee Entitlements page to start or stop BAH-TR. Detailed procedures can be found in reference (c).

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**Directives  
Effectuated**

The BAH Transit policy will be incorporated into the next change to reference (b). References (d) and (e) are cancelled. Their contents have been incorporated into the applicable sections of reference (c).

Reference (f) has been updated to reflect the new Object Codes for BAH-TR.

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**Questions**

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