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Subj: HOUSING ALLOWANCE ENTITLEMENT CHANGES FOR RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS ON INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING

- Ref: (a) [COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC R 141506Z APR 08/ALCOAST 178, CG-12, COMDTNOTE 7220](#)
(b) [Coast Guard Reserve Policy Manual, COMDTINST M1001.28 \(series\)](#)
(c) [Direct-Access Basic Allowance for Housing \(BAH\) Pay Entitlement Guide](#)
(d) [Joint Federal Travel Regulations \(JFTR\), Vol I](#)
(e) [Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 \(series\)](#)
(f) [Direct-Access Accessions Guide, Chapter 4](#)
(g) [Direct-Access Reserve Orders Guide](#)

Purpose The purpose of this E-Mail ALSPO message is to provide procedures for housing allowance entitlement changes, authorized in reference (a), for reserve component members without dependents during accession training and subsequent technical skills training.

Definitions The following definitions are applicable to the terms used in this E-Mail ALSPO message:

Term	Definition
Reserve component (RC) members without dependents	RC members who are: (1) Not married and have no dependents for which BAH or OHA at the with-dependent rate can be claimed. (2) Not married, who do not have continuous physical custody of a minor dependent(s), and pay child support. (3) Married to another member of a uniformed service and their spouse claims their dependents (if any) for housing allowance entitlement purposes.
Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT)	As defined in reference (b), IADT includes basic military training (i.e. recruit training) and technical skill training (i.e. class "A" school).
Permanent residence	The permanent residence occupied and maintained by the RC member at the time ordered to active duty, for which the member continues to pay rent or owns.

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Discussion As authorized by reference (a), RC members without dependents performing IADT are entitled to BAH if they are maintaining a permanent residence. RC members without dependents who do not maintain a permanent residence while performing IADT are entitled to BAH-Partial, or if paying child support, BAH Differential (BAH Diff).

BAH Entitlement Policy The table below provides the BAH entitlement policy for RC members without dependents ordered to IADT who have an effective order date of 1 February 2008 and after. It does not apply to orders issued under a contingency operation.

IADT Status/Phase	Entitlement
RC member without dependents serving back-to-back IADT periods	Authorized BAH without dependents based on their permanent residence location at the time ordered to active duty if the RC member maintains a residence and continues to be responsible for rent or owns the residence.
RC member without dependents paying child support serving back-to-back IADT periods	Authorized BAH with dependents based on payment of child support. The BAH rate will be based on their permanent residence location at the time ordered to active duty if the RC member maintains a residence and continues to be responsible for rent or owns the residence.
Authorized delay between recruit training and class "A" school	<p>Upon completion of recruit training, RC members with an authorized delay to class "A" school are authorized BAH (BAH without dependents, or BAH with dependents based on payment of child support) for the transit period if the member was entitled at recruit training, otherwise BAH transit rate rules apply. See reference (c) for more information on BAH transit rate.</p> <p>Effective upon their reporting date to the subsequent IADT location, BAH without dependents, or BAH with dependents based on payment of child support, is authorized based on their permanent residence location.</p>

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BAH Entitlement Policy (**continued**)

IADT Status/Phase	Entitlement
Back-to-back IADT periods with no authorized delay	RC members without dependents with back-to-back IADT order with no authorized delay between recruit training and class "A" school, will upon reporting to class "A" school, be authorized BAH without dependents or BAH with dependents based on payment of child support based on their permanent residence location.
Split-phase IADT periods	RC members without dependents ordered to split-phase IADT periods with no authorized delay between periods, will have their BAH entitlement authorized separately for each IADT period.

Directives affected The policy announced in this E-Mail ALSPO message will be incorporated into forthcoming changes to references (d) and (e). The procedures in references (c), (f) and (g), for preparing and endorsing IADT orders, reflect the new policy.

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