

AMM 2011 – FG 2B: Eliminate PCS to the longer required PME Army courses.

When a soldier is placed on permanent change of station orders (PCS'ed) from an area (his HOR) and will be returning to that same HOR at the completion of the PME they are PCS'ed for all courses over 139 days in length.

This creates a tremendous financial hardship on these soldiers as their families are still at the HOR and the mortgage is still the same. This then requires the soldier to come out of pocket to pay for not only the family and mortgage back home but then to open a second home at the training duty location.

This problem has been eliminated by colonels attending the Army War College. (See attached DA ALARACT). This needs to be applied across all cohort and all compos as a standard practice.

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THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PENTAGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER ON BEHALF OF DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-MSO//  
SUBJECT: EXCEPTION TO POLICY GUIDANCE FOR BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) WAIVERS CONTENT DESCRIPTION EXCEPTION TO POLICY GUIDANCE FOR BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) WAIVERS  
MESSAGE BODY  
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1. REFERENCES:  
A. JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS (JFTR), VOLUME 1, CHAPTER 10.  
B. MEMORANDUM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS), 12 DECEMBER 2007, SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) SECRETARIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.  
C. MEMORANDUM, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, 28 JANUARY 2008, SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) SECRETARIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.

D. ALARACT 101-2003, 25 JULY 2003, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION (PME) BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) WAIVER POLICY.

E. ALARACT, 06 APRIL 2002, BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH) WAIVER POLICY.

2. PURPOSE. IN SUPPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY INITIATIVE #2 PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, THIS MESSAGE IS BEING RELEASED TO CLARIFY POLICY GUIDANCE FOR SECRETARIAL WAIVERS TO RECEIVE BAH AT OTHER THAN THE SOLDIER'S DUTY STATION LOCATION.

3. APPLICABILITY. THESE POLICIES APPLY TO ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS (TITLE 10 AND TITLE 32 U.S. CODE) AUTHORIZED BAH.

4. THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES QUALIFY FOR BAH SECRETARIAL WAIVER CONSIDERATION:

A. LOW/NO COST PCS WAIVER EXAMPLE: A MEMBER IS ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON, DC AND REASSIGNED TO QUANTICO, VA UNDER A LOW COST OR NO COST PCS. THE MEMBER MADE A HOUSING DECISION BASED ON THE BAH IN EFFECT AT THE MEMBER'S PERMANENT DUTY STATION (PDS) [WASHINGTON, DC]. THE MEMBER MAY CONTINUE RECEIVING THE HIGHER WASHINGTON, DC RATE WHEN THE MEMBER'S ASSIGNMENT ORDERS STATE, "THIS IS A NO/LOW COST MOVE AND SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND MOVEMENT OF DEPENDENTS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED", THE MOVEMENT DESIGNATOR CODE IN THE ORDER IDENTIFIES A LOW/NO COST MOVE, AND THE MEMBER ESTABLISHED HIS/HER HOUSEHOLD WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE OLD PDS.

B. PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING (PME). SOLDIER'S DEPARTING PCS FOR 12 MONTHS OR LESS FOR PME MAY RECEIVE THE BAH RATE AT THE DEPENDENT'S LOCATION OR THE PREVIOUS DUTY STATION LOCATION (IF THAT IS WHERE THE DEPENDENTS ARE LOCATED). THE WAIVER ONLY APPLIES TO SOLDIERS WITH DEPENDENTS. SOLDIERS MUST AGREE TO LIMITED PCS ENTITLEMENTS TO INCLUDE: SHIPMENT OF AUTHORIZED UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE WEIGHT ALLOWANCE (OFFICERS: 01-03 = 600LBS, 04-06 = 800LBS, 07-010 = 1,000LBS, ENLISTED = 500LBS) TO INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT, LIMITED DISLOCATION ALLOWANCE (DLA) AT THE WITHOUT DEPENDENT RATE, TEMPORARY LODGING EXPENSE (TLE), AND PER DIEM, AND SHIPMENT OF POV (HAWAII & ALASKA ONLY). C. WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE DEPENDENTS TO RESIDE SEPARATELY FROM THE MEMBER. THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS APPROVED FOUR DISTINCT CATEGORIES FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS AUTHORITY:

(1.) SOLDIERS WHO RECEIVE PCS ORDERS TO UNITS DEPLOYING WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ARRIVAL. [A COPY OF THE ORDER MUST ACCOMPANY THE REQUEST.]

(2.) SOLDIERS WHO HAVE DEPENDENTS IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THEY DO NOT WISH TO DISRUPT. [A LETTER FROM THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MUST ACCOMPANY THE REQUEST.]

(3.) SOLDIERS WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR SPOUSES CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT AT THE OLD DUTY STATION. [A LETTER SUBSTANTIATING EMPLOYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE REQUEST.]

(4.) SOLDIERS WHO HAVE DEPENDENTS WITH MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT WARRANT LEAVING THEM AT THE OLD DUTY STATION LOCATION. [EFMP CONSIDERATIONS MUST INCLUDE A LETTER FROM THE GAINING STATION'S EFMP COORDINATOR. OTHER MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS MUST INCLUDE A LETTER FROM COMPETENT MILITARY MEDICAL AUTHORITY SUBSTANTIATING THE REQUIREMENT TO LEAVE THE DEPENDENTS AT THE OLD STATION.]

5. SOLDIERS MAY SUBMIT REQUESTS ELECTRONICALLY TO HQDADCSG1DAPE-PRC@HQDA.ARMY.MIL, OR FAX TO (703) 692-6819 [DSN 222]. ADDRESS REQUESTS TO HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, ATTN: DAPE-PRC, 300 ARMY PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, DC 20310-0300. THE REQUEST MUST INCLUDE A MEMO STATING THE REASON FOR THE REQUEST AND WHEN THE MEMBER'S HOUSEHOLD WAS ESTABLISHED, ORDERS ASSIGNING THE MEMBER TO THE NEW PDS, ORDERS ASSIGNING THE MEMBER TO THE OLD PDS [REQUEST FOR ORDERS (RFO) IS NOT ACCEPTABLE], AND CURRENT LES. IF THE MEMBER IS BELOW THE GRADE OF E-7 OR AN OFFICER IS BELOW THE GRADE OF O-4, THE REQUEST MUST BE ENDORSED BY THE FIRST FIELD GRADE OFFICER IN THE MEMBER'S CHAIN OF COMMAND.

6. POINTS OF CONTACT (POC): LTC DWAYNE HARRIS (703) 692-6819.  
EXPIRATION DATE CAN NOT BE DETERMINED