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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SERVICES

SUBJECT: Approved – Allowances Division File # 002-22(I) – Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Entitlement when the Purchase Price is Zero

1. Synopsis: This change removes contradictory language in Table 26-1, Item #6 that indicates that there is no entitlement to OHA if a residence is inherited or the purchase price of the residence is 'zero'. This language contradicts the intent to pay the recurring utility and maintenance allowance portion of OHA in this case as stated in paragraph 260602.C3.
2. This change affects Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), Volume 7A, Table 26-1. This revision is for clarification purposes only and does not make a change to established policy.
3. This approved change will be recorded on the DTMO website pending publication of the next DoD FMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 26 under 'Approved DoD FMR Changes Pending Publication'.

*//Approved//*  
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Attachment:  
DoDFMR, Volume 7A Revisions

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Table 26-1:

Allowance		Description
1	BAH	Paid for housing in the United States. The BAH rate is based on median housing costs and is paid independently of a Service member's actual housing costs.
2	BAH Differential (BAH-Diff)	Paid to a Service member assigned to single-type Government quarters and who qualifies for a BAH solely due to paying sufficient child support.
3	Partial Housing Allowance (BAH-Partial)	Paid to offset the raise that was reallocated from basic pay to housing between 1980 and 1981. It is paid when a Service member without a dependent is assigned to single-type quarters, or is on either field or sea duty, and not authorized to receive a BAH or an OHA. BAH-Partial is not authorized during proceed time, leave en route, and travel time on a permanent change of station (PCS) move unless the member is assigned to single type Government quarters and not authorized BAH or OHA. The rate is fixed from those years and does not change.
4	Transit Housing Allowance (BAH-Transit)	Paid while a Service member is in travel or leave status between PDS, provided the Service member is not assigned Government quarters. The BAH-Transit rate is paid during proceed time and authorized delays en route, including a temporary duty (TDY) en route.
5	BAH for Reserve Component (RC) Member (BAH-RC)	Paid when authorized for an RC member called or ordered to AD for 30 or fewer days, except when called to AD for a contingency. When an RC member is called to AD for a contingency, even for tours of 30 or fewer days, he or she is authorized the BAH or OHA rate. The Secretary of Defense establishes BAH-RC rates.
6	*OHA	Paid monthly to help offset housing expenses for a Service member or dependent authorized to live in private-sector leased or owned housing at an assigned overseas location outside the United States. OHA is based on cost reimbursement. The amount of OHA paid considers factors, such as whether the housing is shared, the appropriate utilities (see Section 2606), and whether the Service member owns or rents the housing.
7	FSH	Paid to a Service member with a dependent for added housing expenses resulting from one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Separation from the dependent when a Service member is assigned to a PDS OCONUS.</li> <li>b. An assignment in the Continental United States (CONUS) when dependent travel is delayed or restricted.</li> </ul>