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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SERVICES

SUBJECT: Approved – Allowances Division File # 004-22 – Clarify Housing Allowances for Members Without Dependents - Election not to Reside in Government Quarters.

1. Synopsis: This is a companion change to AD 001-22, which clarifies that members in pay grade E-6 or above must make their election not to reside in Government quarters aboard ship while the ship is in homeport or under overhaul. This item adds specific language to address a delay in the ships arrival at the new homeport.
2. Memo 1 for Allowances Division File # 004-22 – “Clarify Housing Allowances for Members Without Dependents - Election not to Reside in Government Quarters - Clarification” dated 3 August 2022, requested positions and comments from Service representatives by a comment due date of 16 August 2022.
3. Allowances Branch received the following concurrence and comments:

MAP	Vote	Comment	Date
USA	NR		
USN	Concur	None	16 August 2022
USAF	Concur	None	8 August 2022
USMC	Concur	None	16 August 2022
USSF	NR		
USCG	Concur	None	16 August 2022
USPHS	Concur	None	15 August 2022
NOAA	Concur	None	15 August 2022

4. This change affects Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 26, paragraph 10.1.7.1. This revision is for clarification purposes only and does not make change to established policy.
5. 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’.
6. This item was approved by the Service’s concurrence (6-0) on 16 August 2022.

//Approved
Summer R. Britford
Chief, Allowances Division

Attachment:
DoDFMR, Volume 7A Revisions

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10.1.7.1:

10.1.7.1. A Service member without a dependent in grade E-6 or above assigned to permanent sea duty aboard a ship may elect not to occupy assigned shipboard Government quarters and receive BAH or OHA. The election must be made while the ship is at the homeport or under overhaul such that the Service member physically vacates quarters aboard the ship at the time of election. A Service member in pay grade E-6 or above, who reports to a deployed ship or afloat unit via the homeport, and who establishes private sector housing at the homeport prior to reporting to the deployed ship or afloat unit, is authorized to receive BAH or OHA for the new PDS. A Service member in pay grade E-6 or above is authorized to receive BAH or OHA upon reporting directly to a deployed ship or afloat unit away from the homeport provided: the member was authorized BAH or OHA at the previous command and the homeport of the ship is the same as the previous homeport or PDS. Once elected, a Service member may maintain BAH or OHA eligibility while the ship is deployed away from the homeport provided the member maintains a residence at the homeport. In all cases, failure to maintain a residence at the homeport is considered electing to occupy assigned shipboard Government quarters. *If the ship is delayed in reporting to the new homeport and the member elected not to occupy government quarters at the old homeport location, a housing allowance for the new homeport is authorized contingent on the member maintaining a residence at the old homeport until the ship arrives at the new homeport. After arriving at the new homeport, a new election must be made for the new homeport location.*