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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SERVICES

SUBJECT: Approved - Allowances Division File # 003-23 – Clarification of Move-in Housing Allowance (MIHA)/Rent Eligible Expenses

1. Synopsis: This change removes language in Table 26-23, Item #2 that specifies a ‘...real estate agent fee, redecoration fee if paid up-front, or a one-time lease tax’ may not be claimed for MIHA/Rent expenses if deferred until lease termination. This language appears to contradict the intent to include such fees when they are not deferred.
2. This change affects Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR), Volume 7A, Table 26-23. 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 Defense Travel Management Office website pending publication of the next DoD FMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 26 under ‘Approved DoD FMR Changes Pending Publication’.

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Attachment:
DoDFMR, Volume 7A Revisions

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Table 26-23:

R U L E	Payment Type	Description
2	*MIHA/Rent	<p>Homeowners are ineligible. MIHA/Rent covers all reasonable rent-related expenses. These are fixed, one-time, nonrefundable charges levied on behalf of the landlord or a foreign government that the Service member must pay before or upon occupying a dwelling. All unreasonable expenditures, as determined by the AO, must be disallowed. The following are not included in MIHA/Rent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Expenses deferred until lease termination, such as a real estate agent fee, a redecoration fee if paid up front, or a one time lease tax. b. Advance rental payments, refundable deposits, or recurring costs.