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December 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR: MILITARY ADVISORY PANEL

SUBJECT: UTD for MAP 108-23(I), "CY2024 Dislocation Allowance (DLA) Rates"

1. Purpose: This item increases the DLA rates effective January 1, 2024 based on the basic rate of pay increase of 5.2% in the FY2024 President's Budget. The FY2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) does not contain a provision to alter the increase rate.
2. This revision is forwarded for information purposes. No coordination is required.
3. Staff initiated this revision.
4. This revision is effective January 1, 2024.
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Attachments:

Primary and Secondary DLA Rates

Partial DLA Rates

CRS Report on 2024 Basic Pay Increase and ECI Calculation

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U.S. Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center

PRIMARY DLA RATES

Effective January 1, 2024

Grade	Without-Dependent Rate	With-Dependent Rate
O-10	\$4,782.23	\$5,886.90
O-9	\$4,782.23	\$5,886.90
O-8	\$4,782.23	\$5,886.90
O-7	\$4,782.23	\$5,886.90
O-6	\$4,387.31	\$5,300.61
O-5	\$4,225.56	\$5,109.25
O-4	\$3,915.89	\$4,503.90
O-3	\$3,138.27	\$3,726.23
O-2	\$2,489.43	\$3,181.75
O-1	\$2,096.25	\$2,844.29
O-3E	\$3,388.77	\$4,004.57
O-2E	\$2,880.83	\$3,613.20
O-1E	\$2,477.24	\$3,338.32
W-5	\$3,978.49	\$4,347.32
W-4	\$3,533.16	\$3,985.50
W-3	\$2,969.53	\$3,651.46
W-2	\$2,637.29	\$3,359.20
W-1	\$2,207.55	\$2,905.21
E-9	\$2,901.73	\$3,825.45
E-8	\$2,663.36	\$3,526.23
E-7	\$2,275.44	\$3,273.97
E-6	\$2,202.82	\$3,270.94
E-5	\$2,202.82	\$3,270.94
E-4	\$2,202.82	\$3,270.94
E-3	\$2,171.53	\$3,270.94
E-2	\$1,867.10	\$3,270.94
E-1	\$1,724.50	\$3,270.94

SECONDARY DLA RATES

Effective January 1, 2024

These rates are only payable when a second DLA is paid in accordance with JTR, par. 050507

Grade	Without-Dependent Rate	With-Dependent Rate
O-10	\$3,825.78	\$4,709.52
O-9	\$3,825.78	\$4,709.52
O-8	\$3,825.78	\$4,709.52
O-7	\$3,825.78	\$4,709.52
O-6	\$3,509.93	\$4,240.53
O-5	\$3,380.42	\$4,087.41
O-4	\$3,132.73	\$3,603.12

O-3	\$2,510.61	\$2,981.02
O-2	\$1,991.50	\$2,545.42
O-1	\$1,676.98	\$2,275.44
O-3E	\$2,711.05	\$3,203.68
O-2E	\$2,304.64	\$2,890.55
O-1E	\$1,981.81	\$2,670.68
W-5	\$3,182.79	\$3,477.81
W-4	\$2,826.55	\$3,188.39
W-3	\$2,375.64	\$2,921.17
W-2	\$2,109.82	\$2,687.36
W-1	\$1,766.09	\$2,324.14
E-9	\$2,321.36	\$3,060.37
E-8	\$2,130.70	\$2,820.99
E-7	\$1,820.30	\$2,619.22
E-6	\$1,647.78	\$2,420.15
E-5	\$1,519.76	\$2,176.62
E-4	\$1,322.14	\$2,176.62
E-3	\$1,297.05	\$2,176.62
E-2	\$1,053.50	\$2,176.62
E-1	\$939.39	\$2,176.62

**PARTIAL DLA RATES
(2002 – 2024)**

A partial DLA is a one-time payment paid at a flat rate for a qualifying event. See JTR, par. 050508.

Effective Date	Rate
1 January 2024	\$924.40
1 January 2023	\$878.71
1 January 2022	\$840.07
1 January 2021	\$817.98
1 January 2020	\$794.16
1 January 2019	\$770.28
1 January 2018	\$750.76
1 January 2017	\$733.16
1 January 2016	\$718.08
1 January 2015	\$708.86
1 January 2014	\$701.84
1 January 2013	\$694.89
1 January 2012	\$683.27
1 January 2011	\$672.51
1 January 2010	\$663.22
1 January 2009	\$641.41
1 January 2008	\$617.33
1 January 2007	\$596.45
1 January 2006	\$581.51
1 January 2005	\$564.03
1 January 2004	\$544.96
1 January 2003	\$523.50
1 January 2002	\$500.00



Defense Primer: Military Pay Raise

The phrase “military pay raise,” frequently used in discussions of military compensation, almost always refers to the annual increase in *basic pay* for members of the uniformed services. By law, basic pay is automatically increased at the start of each calendar year by an amount linked to the change in the Employment Cost Index (ECI), although the President or Congress may override this statutory adjustment.

Pay Raise for 2024

The adjustment in basic pay for 2024 under the statutory formula is 5.2%, although Congress can enact a law to supersede this adjustment.

What Is Basic Pay?

Basic pay is one component of the military compensation package, which also includes housing, subsistence, health care, and retirement benefits. For most servicemembers, it is the largest element of the compensation they receive in their paycheck and typically accounts for about three-fifths of an individual’s *regular military compensation* (RMC). RMC is “the total of the following elements that a member of the uniformed services accrues or receives, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind every payday: basic pay, basic allowance for housing, basic allowance for subsistence, and Federal tax advantage accruing to the aforementioned allowances because they are not subject to Federal income tax.” (37 U.S.C. §101(25)). (See CRS In Focus IF10532, *Defense Primer: Regular Military Compensation*.)

The rate of basic pay an individual receives varies based on his or her paygrade (rank) and years of military service. For example, in 2023, a newly enlisted recruit (paygrade E-1) with four or more months of service and less than two years of service received \$1,917.60 in basic pay per month, while a more senior enlisted person (paygrade E-6) with between 10 and 12 years of service received \$4,170.90 per month. A newly commissioned officer (paygrade O-1) with less than two years of service received \$3,637.20 in basic pay per month in 2023, while a more senior officer (paygrade O-4) with between 10 and 12 years of service received \$8,254.80 per month.

Pay tables are available at <https://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/Pay-Tables>.

How Is the Annual Increase in Basic Pay Calculated?

Section 1009(c) of Title 37, United States Code provides a permanent formula for an automatic annual increase in basic pay that is indexed to the annual increase in the ECI for “wages and salaries, private industry workers.” The automatic adjustment is equal to the increase in the ECI from the third quarter of the third preceding year to the third quarter of the second preceding year. For example, in the 12-month period between the quarter that ended in September 2020 and the quarter that ended in September 2021, the ECI increased by 4.6%. Hence, the pay raise for calendar year 2023, as calculated by the statutory formula, was 4.6%.

However, under subsection (e) of this statute, the President can specify an alternative pay adjustment that supersedes the automatic adjustment. Additionally, Congress may pass a law to specify the annual pay raise, superseding the automatic adjustment and/or any presidential adjustment.

Statutory Formula for 2024

The adjustment in basic pay for calendar year 2024 under the statutory formula is 5.2% (reflecting the increase in the ECI between the third quarter of 2021 and the third quarter of 2022). The actual increase in basic pay for 2024 can be different, depending on presidential or congressional action.

Congressional and Presidential Action for 2024

The FY2024 President’s Budget requested a 5.2% increase in basic pay, equivalent to the statutory formula. The House and Senate-passed versions of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY2024, (H.R. 2670 and S. 2226) did not contain provisions specifying the increase in basic pay. Absent new law specifying a different rate, the increase specified by the statutory formula will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Table I. Historical Increases in Basic Pay

Pay raise figures do not include targeted increases (“pay table reform,” or PTR), which are discussed in the comments column

Calendar Year in Which Pay Raise Was Effective	Statutory Formula	Increase in ECI	Budget Request	PAA	Provision Enacted into Law (NDAA)	Increase in Basic Pay	Comments
2004	= ECI +0.5%	3.2%	2.0%+PTR	n.a.	3.7%+PTR	3.7%+PTR	PTR: Additional increases for midgrade and senior enlisted, and some warrant officers.
2005	= ECI +0.5%	3.0%	3.5%	n.a.	3.5%	3.5%	
2006	= ECI +0.5%	2.6%	3.1%	n.a.	3.1%	3.1%	
2007	= ECI	2.2%	2.2%	n.a.	2.2%+PTR	2.2%+PTR	PTR: Additional increases for midgrade enlisted and some warrant officers; pay table extended to 40 years of service.
2008	= ECI	3.0%	3.0%	n.a.	3.5%	3.5%	
2009	= ECI	3.4%	3.4%	n.a.	3.9%	3.9%	
2010	= ECI	2.9%	2.9%	n.a.	3.4%	3.4%	
2011	= ECI	1.4%	1.4%	n.a.	NGP	1.4%	
2012	= ECI	1.6%	1.6%	n.a.	NGP	1.6%	
2013	= ECI	1.7%	1.7%	n.a.	1.7%	1.7%	
2014	= ECI	1.8%	1.0%	1.0%	NGP	1.0%	
2015	= ECI	1.8%	1.0%	1.0%	NGP	1.0%	No increase for paygrades O-7 and higher.
2016	= ECI	2.3%	1.3%	1.3%	NGP	1.3%	No increase for paygrades O-7 and higher.
2017	= ECI	2.1%	1.6%	1.6%	2.1%	2.1%	
2018	= ECI	2.4%	2.1%	2.1%	2.4%	2.4%	
2019	= ECI	2.6%	2.6%	n.a.	NGP	2.6%	
2020	= ECI	3.1%	3.1%	n.a.	3.1%	3.1%	
2021	= ECI	3.0%	3.0%	n.a.	3.0%	3.0%	
2022	= ECI	2.7%	2.7%	n.a.	NGP	2.7%	
2023	= ECI	4.6%	4.6%	n.a.	NGP	4.6%	
2024	= ECI	5.2%	5.2%	n.a.	NGP	5.2%	

Sources: Statutory formula from 37 U.S.C. §1009; increase in ECI from Bureau of Labor Statistics; presidential alternative adjustment from presidential notification to Congress; provision enacted into law from relevant NDAA.

Notes: PAA = presidential alternative adjustment; PTR = pay table reform (targeted changes in certain cells of the pay table, thereby giving certain groups higher pay raises than provided by the general increase); NGP = no general statutory provision; n.a. = not applicable.

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