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MEMORANDUM FOR: MILITARY ADVISORY PANEL  
CIVILIAN ADVISORY PANEL

SUBJECT: MAP/CAP 107-23(I), "CY2024 Government Meal Rates Frequently Asked Questions"

1. Purpose: This item revises the Government Meal Rates Frequently Asked Questions on the DTMO website.
2. This website revision is forwarded for information purposes. No coordination is required.
3. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) initiated this revision.
4. This website revision is effective on January 1, 2024.
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## Government Meal Rates FAQs

Updated: December 21, 2023

### 1. What is the current standard Government meal rate?

Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) set the Government meal rate at \$17.40. This rate applies to both Service members and civilian employees, and both in the CONUS and in the OCONUS. See the breakdown in the table below.

MEAL	DISCOUNT MEAL RATE	SURCHARGE AMOUNT	FULL MEAL RATE
BREAKFAST	\$3.20	\$1.15	<u>\$4.35</u>
LUNCH	\$5.35	\$1.65	<u>\$7.00</u>
DINNER	\$4.60	\$1.45	<u>\$6.05</u>
TOTAL:	\$13.15	\$4.25	<u>\$17.40</u>

### 2. How often does the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) change the Government meal rate?

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) reviews and revises the rate, if necessary, every year. The rates in the table are effective from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

### 3. Is the rate changing for 2024?

Yes, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) increased the 2023 standard Government meal rate of \$17.10 to \$17.40 for the 2024 calendar year. See the table above for the breakdown of individual meal rates and surcharges.

### 4. Where can a traveler find this information in the JTR?

See Appendix A for the definition of Government meal rate, and JTR, Table 2-17 for a description of the types of meal rates.

### 5. Where can a traveler find more information on Government meal rates?

For more information on the Government meal rate and previous rates, see the [DoD Financial Management Regulation](#) and the [OUSD Comptroller Website](#).

### 6. What meal rate do midshipmen and cadets use?

Effective 1 October 2008, the meal rate for cadets and midshipmen is equivalent to the Enlisted Basic Allowance for Subsistence rate.