

Taking Care of Service Members and Families

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FACT SHEET

SEPT. 22, 2022

**WE ARE INCREASING SELECT BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING RATES**

FAST FACTS:

- **WHAT IS IT?** We are automatically increasing Basic Allowance for Housing rates for service members who are assigned in military housing areas where the average rental housing costs have increased more than 20% over current BAH rates.
- **WHAT DOES IT DO?** This action will increase BAH for active-duty service members in 28 affected military housing areas*, from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2022.
- **WHO BENEFITS?** Approximately 114,200 active-duty service members who are assigned to the military housing areas that experienced an average increase in rental housing costs of more than 20% over the 2022 BAH rates. Service members in the affected military housing areas will automatically receive the higher BAH payments beginning with their October mid-month paychecks.
- **HOW DO I GET IT?** Service members do not have to take any action. The payment will automatically be processed by the appropriate finance and accounting agencies. All service members in the affected military housing areas will see their first payment in their October mid-month paycheck.
- **MY RENT WENT UP. WHY AM I NOT GETTING AN INCREASE?** By law, increases are limited to military housing areas where average rental housing costs exceed current BAH rates by more than 20%. Even if you are not eligible to receive an increase in your paychecks for the remainder of this year, you may receive an increase in your BAH on Jan. 1, 2023, when the new BAH rates for calendar year 2023 are in effect.
- **HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I GET?** Increases in BAH will vary by military housing area, your pay grade, and whether you have dependents. The increased BAH rates for the affected military housing areas will be posted online, and service members can see the new rates by using the BAH calculator. <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing/BAH-Rate-Lookup/>

* The 28 Military Housing Areas are: Vandenberg Air Force Base, California; Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, California; San Diego, California; Dover Air Force Base/Rehoboth, Delaware; Patrick Air Force Base, Florida; Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Orlando, Florida; West Palm Beach, Florida; Volusia County, Florida; Fort Myers Beach, Florida; Kings Bay/Brunswick, Georgia; Maui County, Hawaii; Chicago, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts; Cape Cod - Plymouth, Massachusetts; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; Brunswick, Maine; Coastal Maine, Maine; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Helena, Montana; Wilmington, North Carolina; Northern New Jersey, New Jersey; Newport, Rhode Island; Providence, Rhode Island; Beaufort/Parris Island, South Carolina; Knoxville, Tennessee; Houston, Texas; Quantico/Woodbridge, Virginia.