

BAH RATE PROTECTION FAQs

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Rate protection keeps a member from having a reduction in BAH as long as the member maintains eligibility.

1. Where is the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Rate Protection policy located?

Answer: The BAH Rate Protection policy is located in the CG Pay Manual COMDTINST M7220.29 (series), Chapter 3, section C. BAH Rate Protection. The CG Pay Manual can be located at https://media.defense.gov/2019/Nov/15/2002211440/-1/-1/0/CIM_7220_29D.PDF.

2. How can a member request BAH Rate Protection?

Answer: The member completes a Housing Allowance Protection Worksheet (CG-2025A) and forwards it to CG PSC-PSD-fs -bps at HQS-SMB-CGPSC-PSDFS-BAH@uscg.mil. The CG2025A form can be found at <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/forms/>.

3. If CG PSC-PSD-fs-bps does not approve my BAH Rate Protection request, can I appeal their decision?

Answer: In accordance with Article 3.C.4.a of the CG Pay Manual, unless there is evidence of a significant error on policy misinterpretation, CG PSC-PSD-fs -bps decision is final and not subject to appeal to higher authority.

4. How long does it take to process my BAH Rate Protection request?

Answer: We are working diligently to answer every request as quickly as possible. Current BAH Rate Protection requests times vary greatly depending on the time of year submitted. During PCS season (MAR-SEP), it may take up to 30 days to process your request. During non-PCS season it may take up to 15 days to process requests. When you submit your request you will receive an email response with the latest estimated processing times. Please be advised that it may take longer if your BAH rate protection request is forwarded to the Military Pay and Compensation Division (COMDT (CG-1332)) for review.

5. BAH rate protection scenarios:

a. Am I eligible to receive BAH rate protection if I execute a PCS order to an unusually arduous sea duty vessel?

A member with dependents who receives a PCS order to an unusually arduous sea duty vessel and the member has no intention of relocating their dependents to the vessel's U.S. home port, may submit a CG 2025A and request BAH for either their previous duty station or designated dependent location. For example, MK3 Castro receives a PCS order from Base Seattle, WA to the USCGC HARRIET LANE, Portsmouth, VA. Member has no intentions of relocating his

dependents and they will remain in the residence they shared in Seattle, WA. BAH rate protection for previous duty station (Base Seattle) can be authorized.

b. Am I eligible to receive BAH rate protection if I execute a PCS order to a Dependent-Restricted OCONUS unit?

A member with dependents who executes a PCS order to a dependent-restricted unit may submit a CG 2025A and request BAH for either their previous duty station or designated dependent location. For example, LT Jackson receives a PCS order from Sector Corpus Christi, TX to MSD Dutch Harbor, AK. Member elects to relocate her dependents at government expense to Nashville, TN. BAH rate protection for designated dependent location (Nashville, TN) can be authorized.