BAH-Transit (BAH-TR) for New Accessions

**Introduction**
This guide provides procedures for a SPO to start Basic Allowance for Housing-Transit (BAH-TR) in Direct Access (DA).

**Reference**
(a) Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)

**BAH-Transit**
A Transit housing allowance is a temporary housing allowance paid while a member is in a travel or leave status between permanent duty stations, provided the member is not assigned Government quarters, including dependents who may be assigned to Government owned or leased family-type quarters. See Section 3.G.3.b of reference (a) when a member without dependents acquires a dependent while in transit. The Transit rate continues during proceed time and authorized delays en route, including TDY en route.

**New Accession**
A member in the accession pipeline includes:
- Members who are undergoing initial entry training, to include Reserve members undergoing Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT);
- Students (including ROTC and OCS) without prior Military Service (see Note on next page).
- Service academy graduates upon graduation, until arrival at the first PDS (see Note on next page).

A member remains in the accession pipeline until:
- The member arrives at a PDS; including a training location of 20 or more weeks; or
- A Reserve member completes Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or arrives at a PDS; whichever occurs first.

(a) A member **without a dependent** in the accession pipeline is authorized BAH-TR when in a travel status, leave en route, or proceed time status while transferring from the initial entry training location, between training locations and to the first PDS.

(b) The BAH rate for a new accession **with a dependent** is based on the dependent’s location if the location is inside the U.S. If dependent is located outside the U.S., BAH is based on the training site location.

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New Accession, continued

Note: An academy or ROTC graduate without a dependent, who remains on Active Duty at the graduation/commissioning location following graduation and commissioning before proceeding to another duty station and is not assigned Government quarters, is authorized a housing allowance at the without-dependent rate for the graduation/commissioning location through the day prior to departure en route to the training location. If the officer acquires a dependent, the officer’s BAH with-dependent rate becomes based on the dependent location effective the date the dependent is acquired.

Entitlement

New Accessions, without dependents, en route PCS from the accession point to their first PDS or between training locations are eligible for BAH-TR. Examples:

1. Academy Graduate, with no prior service: Start BAH-TR the date the officer departs to the day prior to the day the officer reports to their first PDS.
2. OCS Graduate, with no prior service: Start BAH-TR the date the officer departs to the day prior to the day the officer reports to their first PDS.
3. Recruit Training Graduate, with no prior service: Start BAH-TR effective the date the member departs the training location to the date prior to the day the member reports to the first PDS or Training Center (TRACEN).

- For a member without dependents reporting to a TRACEN before reporting to their first PDS, because Government quarters are available at the TRACEN, effective their reporting date to the TRACEN, the member is only authorized BAH-Partial, or if paying child support, BAH-DIFF. The member is again authorized BAH-TR upon their school completion/PCS departure date to the day before the member reports to the first PDS.

- For members with dependents reporting to a TRACEN before reporting to their first PDS, if their dependents location is:
  a. In the U.S. - continue BAH for the dependents location.
  b. Outside the U.S. - continue BAH for the initial training location.

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Procedure

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<td>Select <strong>Housing Allowance</strong> from the Active &amp; Reserve Pay Shortcuts pagelet.</td>
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**Active & Reserve Pay Shortcuts**

- Direct Deposit - Proxy - Submit Absence Request
- Voluntary Deductions - SGLI + FSGLI
- Maintain Tax Data USA - **Housing Allowance**
- Cost of Living Allowance - Dependent Information
- BAH Depndnt/Emrgncy/Depndnt Emplid - MGIB Enrollments
- Sea Time Balances - AvP
- View Payslips (AD/RSV) - Net Distribution
- Pay Calendar Results - View Member Y-2s
- Proxy - Submit Non-Charge Abs

| 2    | Enter the member’s **Empl ID**, check the **Correct History** box and click **Search**. |

**Housing Allowance**

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

**Search Criteria**

- **Empl ID** begins with 1234567
- **Empl Recd**
- **Name** begins with
- **Last Name** begins with
- **Second Last Name** begins with
- **Alternate Character Name** begins with
- **Middle Name** begins with
- **Business Unit** begins with
- **Department Set ID** begins with
- **Department** begins with

[Include History] [Correct History] [Case Sensitive]

[Search] [Clear] [Basic Search] [Save Search Criteria]

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| 4    | • Ensure the **Effective Date** matches the PCS Departure Date (if it does not, see the Basic Allowance for Housing user guide for procedures to correct BAH).  
  • Update the **Status** to reflect Active.  
  • Using the **BAH Change** drop-down, select the appropriate reason for the BAH Change.  
  • Using the **BAH Qtr Status** lookup, select V or U.  
    ▪ **V** – Mbr in Transit – W/O deps or spouse in svc; no other deps and mbr not in govt qtrs.  
    ▪ **U** – Mbr in Transit – With deps or paying child support; mbr & deps not assigned to govt qtrs.  
  • Review the **BAH Zip** to ensure it is correct. |

Click **Save**.

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Upon clicking save, the Approver information will be blank and the Description, BAH Type, BAH Rate, and BAH Entitle will update based on the selections made in Step 4. The BAH request will be routed to the SPO tree for approval. Once the BAH transaction is approved, it is important to review the member’s pay calculation results to ensure BAH started correctly. To do this, select Pay Calculation Results from the Pay Processing Shortcuts pagelet.

**Note:** For guidance on navigating Pay Calculation Results, see the Viewing Pay Processing Shortcuts user guide.

### Pay Calculation Results

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<td>STEVEN UNIVERSE</td>
<td>Employee</td>
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<td>Enter the member’s <strong>Empl ID</strong> and click <strong>Search</strong>. Select the appropriate Calendar ID from the Search Results.</td>
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**Results by Calendar Group**

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

**Find an Existing Value**

- **Search Criteria**
  - **Empl ID** begins with 1234567
  - **Empl Record** =
  - **Calendar Group ID** begins with
  - **Name** begins with

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**Search**

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**Basic Search**

**Save Search Criteria**

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