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Refund Missed Meals (RMM) Overview

Introduction

This guide provides the procedures for a SPO to Refund Missed Meals (RMM) in Direct Access (DA).

Reference

1. Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)

It is important to review the CG Pay Manual to ensure any missed meal is being refunded appropriately. Per Chapter 3.A.4 of reference (a), Missed Meals are authorized **ONLY** when:

- On approved annual leave or other authorized excused absence away from the unit. Liberty periods are not eligible.
- When hospitalized on an in-patient basis.

Do not submit a Missed Meal Action Request for galley closures. SPO's must suspend (stop) <u>CGSMR</u> during a galley closure and restart when the galley reopens.

<u>TDY</u>. SPO's must suspend (stop) <u>CGSMR</u> while the member is TDY and restart upon their return (see <u>reference (a)</u>, Figure 3-2, Notes 1 & 2, and Figure 3-3, Notes 4, 5, & 6) for more information on the BAS entitlement).

Do not submit a Missed Meal Action Request for periods of leave.

Doing so will duplicate reimbursement, resulting in an overpayment to the member. The leave transaction will automatically reimburse missed meals for the leave period.

Important Information

Separate Missed Meal Action Requests must be submitted for each pay calendar. For example, if the member missed meals from 7/14 - 7/21, enter one Missed Meal Action Request for 7/14 - 7/15 and another for 7/16 - 7/21.

Do not future date a start/stop for a Missed Meal Action Request beyond the current open pay calendar. For example, if End-month March calendar is open – do **NOT** enter a start/stop date **beyond** 31 March; if Mid-month April calendar is open – do **NOT** enter a start/stop date **beyond** 15 April; etc.

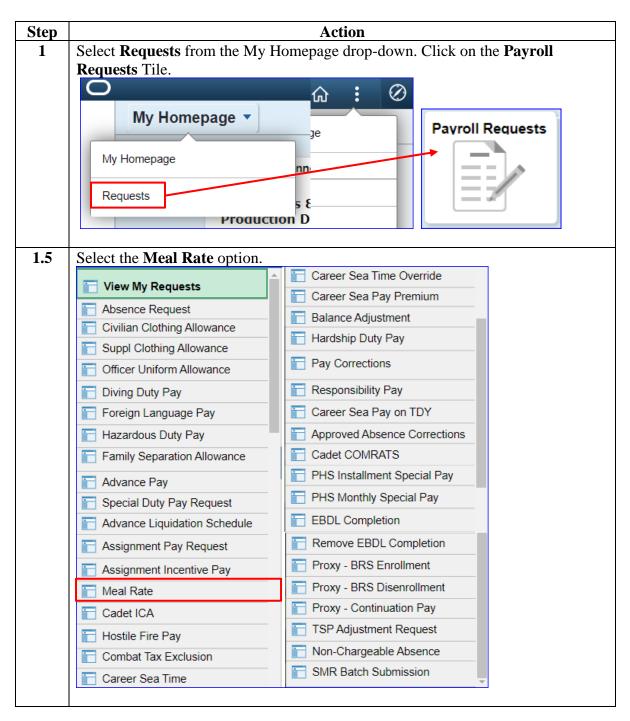
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Entering a Refund for Missed Meals

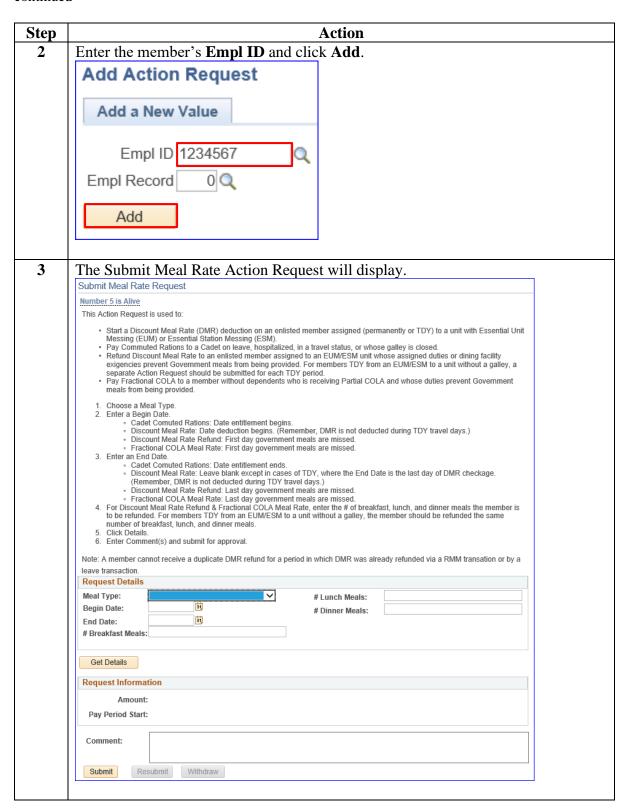
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Procedures See below.



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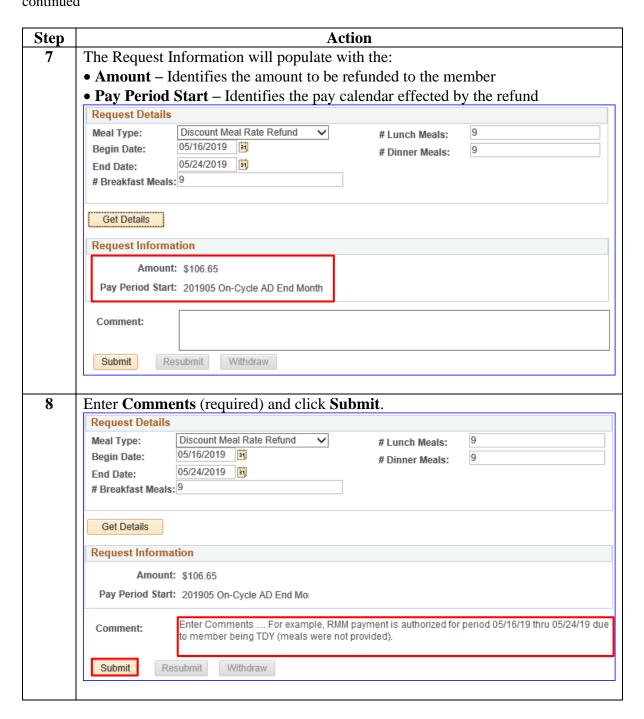
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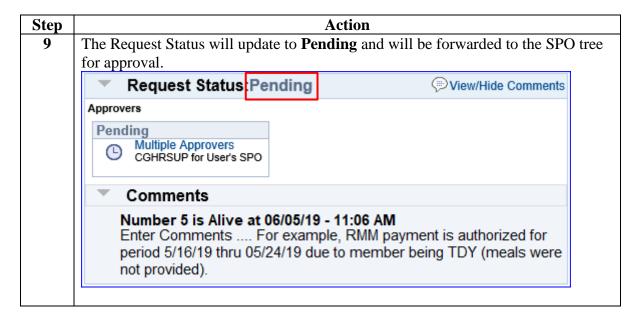
Step	Action	
4	Using the drop-down, select Discount Meal Rate Refund .	
	Request Details	1
	Meal Type: Discount Meal Rate Refund ✓ # Lunch Meals:	
	Begin Date: # Dinner Meals:	
	End Date:	
	# Breakfast Meals:	
	Get Details	
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5	Enter a Begin Date and an End Date .	
	Remember: Separate Action Requests must be submitted for each pay	
	calendar. For example, if the member missed meals from $05/11 - 5/24$, enter one	
	Missed Meal Action Request for $05/11 - 05/15$ and another for $05/16 - 05/24$.	
	Request Details	1
	Meal Type: Discount Meal Rate Refund ✓ # Lunch Meals:	
	Begin Date: 05/16/2019 # Dinner Meals:	
	End Date: 05/24/2019 3	
	# Breakfast Meals:	
	Get Details	
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6	Enter the number of meals missed in the # Breakfast Meals, # Lunch Meals, and	
	# Dinner Meals fields as appropriate.	
	Click Get Details.	
	Request Details	
	Meal Type: Discount Meal Rate Refund ✓ # Lunch Meals: 9	
	Begin Date: 05/16/2019 # Dinner Meals: 9	
	End Date: 05/24/2019 3	
	# Breakfast Meals: 9	
	Get Details	
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Identifying Previously Submitted RMM Requests

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This section provides the procedures for a SPO to identify any previously entered RMM in DA.

Where to Find Previously Submitted RMM Requests

Depending on the time frame of the RMM will determine how to locate and view the RMM:

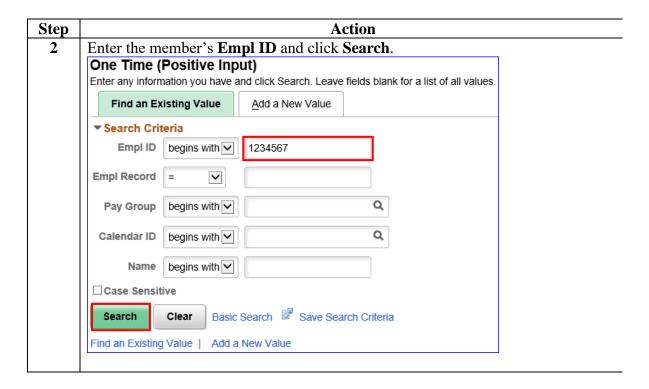
- 31 Dec 2014 and Before: Submit a PPC Customer Care ticket requesting an ADHOC report from the JUMPS Data Repository (JDR).
- 01 Jan 2015 to 31 May 2015: Submit PPC Customer Care ticket requesting an Archive Report from DA.
- **01 Jun 2015** to **30 Jun 2017:** Follow procedures outlined in Steps 1 6 for accessing OTPI.
- **01 Jul 2017** to **Present:** Follow procedures outlined in Steps 7 10 for accessing EABP.

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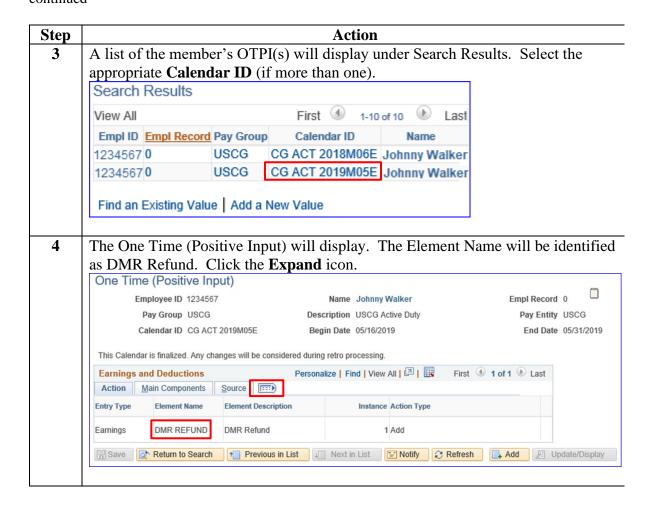
See below.

Step	Action
1	Click on the Pay Processing Shortcuts Tile.
	Pay Processing Shortcuts
1.5	Select the One Time (Positive Input) option.
	Pay Calculation Results
	Element Assignment By Payee
	One Time (Positive Input)

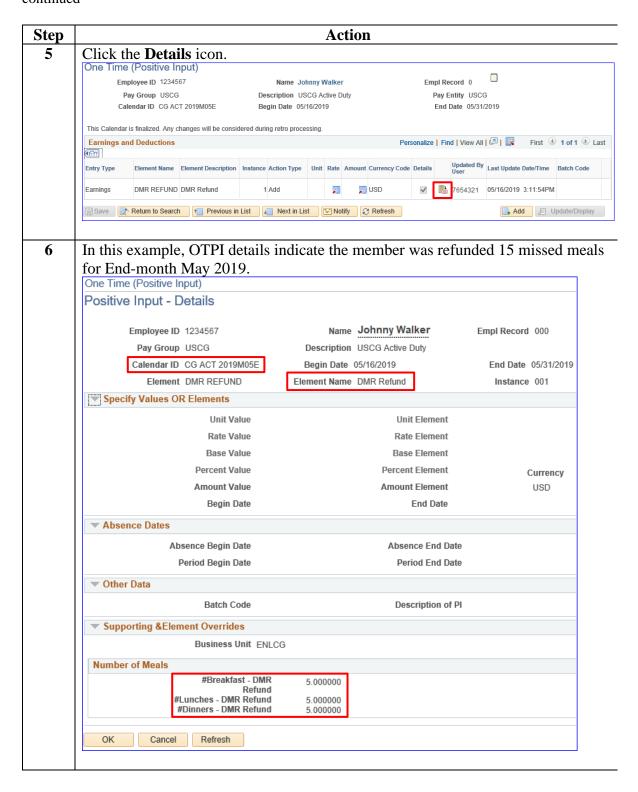
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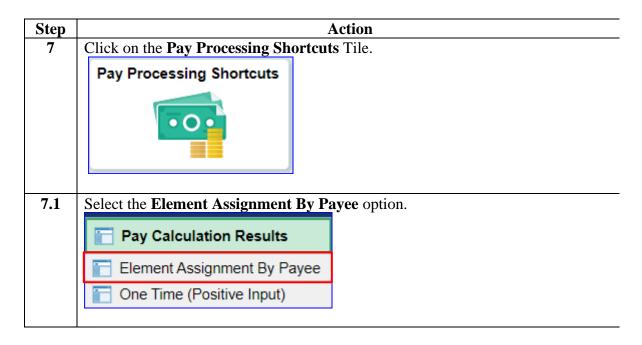
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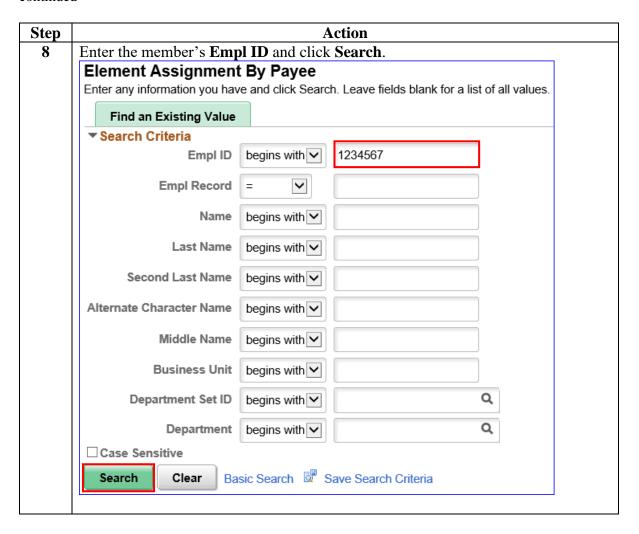
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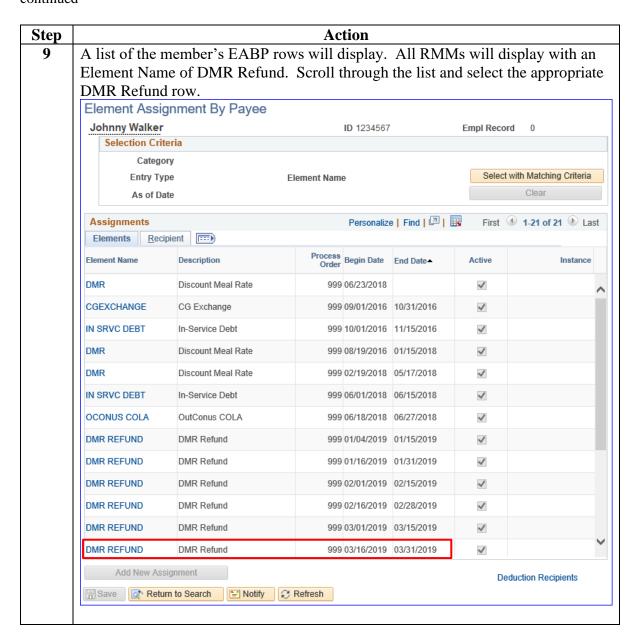
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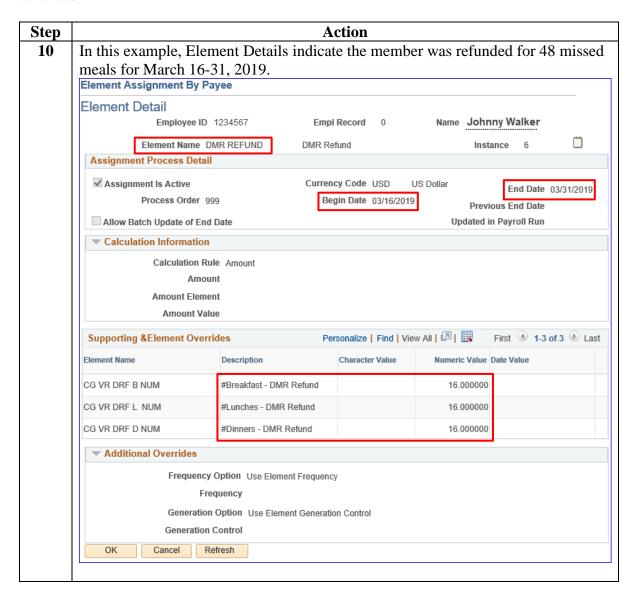


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Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Info Sheets

Info Sheet #1 Provided by CG-1332, Compensation Division

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS):

Issue: The Coast Guard Pay Manual, Chapter 3, Section A, provides information and policy on officer BAS (OFF BAS) and enlisted BAS (ENL BAS).

Background: Per title 37 USC 402, all members entitled to Basic Pay are concurrently entitled to BAS and the tax-free allowance is intended to partially offset members' meals costs. This allowance is based in the historic origins of the military in which enlisted personnel were provided quarters and rations in-kind as part of a member's pay. Officers historically provided their own subsistence. Members not entitled to BAS include:

- a. Recruits attending basic military training (BMT).
- b. Members attending officer training (Officer Candidate School, Officer Training School) or Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination (ROCI) who do <u>not</u> have continuous prior active duty or reserve enlisted service [Enlisted members (active or reserve) with <u>no</u> break in service prior to assignment to OCS or ROCI are entitled to receive ENL BAS and will be charged for meals at the discount meal rate while at OCS.]
- c. In an excess leave status.
- d. In an absent without leave status, unless the absence is excused as unavoidable.
- e. On approved educational leave of absence not to exceed two years.
- f. Serving a court-martial sentence that includes an approved (by the convening authority) forfeiture of pay and allowances.
- g. Cadets (who are not entitled to Basic Pay but may be paid a commuted ration amount when not furnished rations by a government dining facility).

Discussion: Personnel must pay for any government-provided meals they consume – at the Coast Guard Standard Meal Rate (CGSMR), if directed to use the available government dining facility. Cadets, recruits, & prisoners are the only members subsisted at government expense without charge. It is CG policy that enlisted personnel assigned to sea duty (permanent or TDY) or to a Class A School be charged the calendar year 2016 CGSMR (currently \$11.85/day) by direct offset from each member's pay account for all periods of duty, including liberty. The daily CGSMR is not charged to enlisted crew members or Class A School students when they are on leave, TDY, hospitalized, or authorized excused absence away from their vessel/unit. BAS is not intended to offset the costs of meals for family members. Officers are required to pay cash for meals obtained in a Government mess and are not subject to mandatory CGSMR deductions when subsisting out of a government dining facility.

Effective 1 May 2015 the Coast Guard received delegated authority from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary to set meal rates. The Food Service Program (FSP) has worked with COMDT (CG-0944) to examine and analyze various patron groups authorized to subsist in the CGDF.

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Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Info Sheets,Continued

The Commandant has established a CG Standard Meal Rate (CGSMR) that covers food costs and a CG Full Meal Rate (CGFMR) that covers food costs and operating expenses.

Rate Payable. See web site: http://militarypay.defense.gov/PAY/ALLOWANCES/bas.aspx

Because BAS is intended to provide for the service members' subsistence, rates are linked to the price of food. BAS rates are annually adjusted by DoD based upon the increase of the price of food as measured by the USDA food cost index. Annual BAS increases are not linked to Basic Pay increases. The CGSMR is adjusted annually by COMDT (CG-0944) and has no connection to BAS rates.

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Info Sheets,

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Info Sheet #2 Provided by Military Accounts Support (MAS) Branch, Pay and Personnel Center (PPC), Topeka

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) and Payment for Government-Provided Meals:

Prior to the legislative reform of BAS under title 37 U.S. Code §402, enlisted members were subsisted "inkind" - meaning they were furnished meals (rations) at a dining facility at no charge and if Rations-in-Kind (RIK) were not provided or available, a subsistence allowance was paid to them. In other words, prior to BAS reform, enlisted members were normally provided meals without charge by their unit dining facility/galley as part of their basic compensation plan. In certain cases, commanding officers could authorize a number of enlisted personnel to "mess separately" and receive a cash allowance (Separate Rations – SEPRATS) in lieu of RIK. At duty stations that did not have an appropriated fund dining facility, enlisted personnel were authorized a monthly subsistence allowance called Regular BAS (REGBAS). Members in receipt of SEPRATS or REG-BAS had to pay for any government-provided meals they consumed. Officers then and now are not authorized RIK but have always been entitled to BAS and have always had to pay for the government-furnished meals they consumed.

In 2000 Congress amended title 37 U.S. Code §402 so that all service members (officers & enlisted personnel that have completed Basic Training) entitled to Basic Pay are concurrently entitled to BAS, including reservists on active duty for training. Also, Federal law (title 37 U.S. Code §1011), requires that any Uniformed Service member in receipt of any subsistence allowance or meal per diem must pay for government-provided meals from an appropriated fund dining facility according to prices established by the Secretary concerned (in the Coast Guard's case, our galleys charge prices set under the authority of the Secretary of DHS). Since the Service must collect payment for meals provided by Coast Guard galleys, it is the Service's option as to how meal charges are collected. In most shore-based galleys, charges for meals are collected at the door or, if authorized, accumulated under an Individual Credit Account (ICA) which must be paid in-full to the unit Food Service Officer each month. Because they are not authorized BAS, cadets, non-prior service officer candidates, and enlisted recruits undergoing Basic Training are the only members authorized to be provided meals by Coast Guard dining facilities or galleys without charge to the patron. In certain assignments, such as sea duty aboard cutters with established galleys or at Coast Guard Class A Schools, use of the cutter or training center galley is deemed mandatory and payment for meals is accomplished by an automatic daily meal rate deduction directly from enlisted members' pay accounts. For members subject to automatic pay account deductions for meals, meal charges are refunded to these members for days when they are placed on leave or on temporary duty away from their units. It is an unfortunate, but common, misconception that enlisted members lose their BAS when assigned to sea duty or Class A Schools. As previously stated, all enlisted members entitled to Basic Pay are, after completion of Basic Training, entitled to BAS.

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Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Info Sheets, Continued

This can be verified by checking one's pay/allowance credits on their Statements of Semi-Monthly Income – all active duty officers and post-Basic Training enlisted personnel receive their full monthly BAS along with their Basic Pay. In cases where enlisted members are assigned to sea duty (with established galleys) or Class A School, a deduction should be posted on their Statements of Semi-Monthly Income showing deductions for payment of meals while at their units (posted under Deductions as "Discount Meal RA"). Unit Servicing Personnel Offices (SPOs) are responsible for starting and stopping automatic meal charge deductions, but as in all pay matters, it is ultimately individual member's responsibility to verify the correctness of their pay accounts, including payment for meals provided by the Coast Guard.

In short, the forgoing can be described by two simple rules:

- Rule 1: Everyone who gets Basic Pay gets BAS.
- Rule 2: If you consume a government-provided meal, you must pay for it.