



MANPOWER AND  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
FOR MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING  
SERVICE**

**SUBJECT: Designation of Saudi Arabia for Imminent Danger Pay**

This memorandum designates the land area of Saudi Arabia for imminent danger pay (IDP) purposes, effective September 14, 2019.

Military personnel who are entitled to basic pay or compensation under section 204 or 206 of Title 37, U.S. Code, are on duty in the designated area during any month or portion of a month in which this designation was in effect, and are qualified in all other respects, may be paid IDP at a rate of \$225 per month, prorated at \$7.50 per day, retroactive to the effective date.

Consistent with the maximum amount allowed for combined payment of Hardship Duty Pay-Location (HDP-L) and IDP, the monthly HDP-L rate shall be reduced from \$150 to \$100 per month. (Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management Regulations, Volume 7A, Chapter 17, paragraph 1703).

The Services will coordinate with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to ensure that overpayments of HDP-L, driven by the retroactive adjustments to IDP, are adjudicated in compliance with DoD policy (DoD Financial Management Regulations, Volume 7A, Chapter 17: "Special Pay - Hardship Duty").

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