



HUMAN RESOURCES

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1) I am an enlisted member assigned to sea duty. Will the new CGDF/Galley meal prices affect my BAS?

No. Enlisted BAS (ENL-BAS) is an allowance that is adjusted annually by DoD according to food market basket prices indexes established the U.S. Department of Agriculture. There is no connection between the processes by which BAS is adjusted and the cost of food procured by the Coast Guard for the Services CGDF/Galleys.

2) I am an enlisted member assigned to sea duty and have a monthly deduction from my pay for meals. Will the new CGDF/Galley meal prices affect what the Coast Guard charges enlisted cutter crewmembers for meals?

Yes. BAS-DMR deductions will be replaced with CG Standard Meal Rate deductions (BAS-CGSMR). BAS-DMR currently deducts a maximum of \$313.50 per month; BAS-CGSMR will deduct a maximum of 355.50 per month.

3) Will BAS-CGSMR automatic meal charge deductions be applied to CG Class A School students?

Yes.

4) Will there be a BAS increase to offset the increase in CGDF/Galley meal prices?

No, Title 37 U.S.C. 402 establishes Basic Allowance for Subsistence that is payable to all active duty personnel that are entitled to Basic Pay. Active duty BAS rates are reviewed and adjusted annually by the Department of Defense for all Uniformed Services. There is no connection between the processes by which BAS is adjusted and the cost of food procured by the Coast Guard for the Service's CGDF/Galleys. However, historically, dining facility daily meal prices have never exceeded the daily Enlisted BAS rate.

5) Why are meal rate changes being made to the FS program?

The meal rate changes being implemented within the Food Service Program (FSP) in FY-15 are necessary to meet ongoing Coast Guard (CG) budgetary constraint and legal statutory requirements. For example, meal rates are being increased to eliminate subsidizing food costs and/or providing benefits that are not permissible by law. Some policy changes are being made to standardize FS Enterprise operating procedures. Based on the Secretary's delegation of authority to set meal rates to the Commandant, new meal rates have been established based on patron group and systemic FS Enterprise costs. The new tiered pricing will include a CG Standard Meal Rate (CGSMR) and a CG Full Meal Rate (CGFMR). The existing DOD Discount Meal Rate (DMR) will no longer apply and will be canceled.

6) How will these changes impact the FS rate?

There will be additional requirements for verifying and capturing data for each patron subsisting in the CGDF. For example, changes are being made to the Meal Sign-in Sheet, to record which patron group they are associated with.

7) What is the difference between the CG Standard Meal Rate and the CG Full Meal Rate?

The CG Standard Meal Rate is set at a rate that will cover food costs. The CG Full Meal Rate is set to cover food costs and specified operating expenses.

8) What patron meal rate will I pay when subsisting in the CGDF?

See the list that follows. Patronage groups were categorized under the provisions of 37 U.S.C. 1011, and other discretionary authority, to comply with legal requirements, eliminate improper receipt of benefits, and improve financial stewardship.

CG STANDARD MEAL RATE PATRONS will include: all active-duty Uniformed Service personnel in receipt of a subsistence allowance or meal portion of per diem (or both), CG Reservists and other military Reserve Component (RC) members on inactive duty orders, CG Auxiliarists on orders, CG Federal Civilian Employees (Appropriated Fund and Non-Appropriated Fund Activity (NAFA), Dependents of active duty members E-1 through E-4, and Members/Chaperones of Non-Profit Youth Groups.

CG FULL MEAL RATE PATRONS will include: All Non-CG Federal Civilian Employees, Non-Federal Civilians (e.g., State, Local, Tribal, and Territory Partners), CG Reservists and other RC members NOT on orders, Auxiliarists NOT on orders, Dependents of active duty members E-5 and above, Uniformed Service retirees, and Contractors.

9) What if I do not see my group association listed in the CG Standard or CG Full Meal Rate?

All others not listed in the CG Standard Meal Rate or CG Full Meal Rate patronage groups, who are authorized by the Commanding Officer or Officer-in-Charge to subsist in the CGDF, will pay the CG Full Meal Rate.

10) I have heard that meal prices are going to rise. Is this true?

Yes. For Active duty enlisted service members, Basic Allowance for Subsistence will continue to offset meal costs. A tiered pricing system will be established. The Discount Meal Rate will be eliminated. The CG Full Meal Rate will increase, so as to ensure that all meals are paid for, and that food and operating costs are covered by the rates being charged, as required by law. New rates will ensure that actual costs are covered, and that no inappropriate benefits are received.

11) What if I am an Officer attached to a ship paying the Discount Meal Rate (DMR)?

The Discount Meal Rate (DMR) is being eliminated. The CG Standard Meal Rate will now be the rate to pay if you are an Active Duty service member (Officer or Enlisted), ashore or afloat.

12) What is the best way to explain the increased meal rate cost to our Non-CG civilian and contractor partners?

Federal law authorizes establishment of dining facilities to provide subsistence for military personnel while they are on duty. Since there is no similar authority to provide appropriated fund food service facilities for contractors and civilian personnel, they are thus required to pay "actual cost" for meals to ensure they do not receive a subsidized or inappropriate benefit. Current policy/practice does not comply with the law, and changes are being made so that they do. While the CG values the relationships developed with our Federal and nonfederal personnel, the primary purpose of appropriation-funded dining facilities is to feed service members on active duty or engaged in direct support of the Coast Guard, such as drilling reservists and CG Auxiliarists under orders. Others may use the CGDFs per policy, but they must pay "actual cost" when doing so.

13) Are galleys going to be required to collect more detail on the sign-in sheet for each meal?

Yes. When these new meal rates go into effect the CG-4901, MEAL SIGN IN SHEET, will reflect changes required to better manage galley operations. FS Workbooks are also being changed to meet these requirements.

14) Will the Coast Guard Food Service Manual be revised?

A new Food Service Manual is being drafted and is currently under review. The goal is to publish this revision in FY 15. Please forward any change recommendations to the Commandant (CG-1111) Food Service Program Manager via the Food Service Assistance and Training Team (FSAT) at FORCECOM. Comments may also be sent to the Food Service Program mailbox at FoodServiceProgram@uscg.mil.

15) Will the FS Workbooks be changed to reflect the changes being made to galley operations?

Yes, FS Workbook forms and formulas will be adjusted to support any additional data or documentation that will be required.

16) What are the Uniformed Services?

The Uniformed Services are the five military services (Army, Navy, USAF, USMC, & USCG) and the Commissioned Officer Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NNOA).

17) How will CGDF cashiers & food service officers be able to determine if reservists or CG Auxiliaries are on orders & eligible for the CGSMR meal prices?

Any reservist or CG Auxiliary who is in uniform and has a current Common Access Card (CAC) or CGAUX ID, respectively, should be presumed to be on orders, unless there is reason to believe otherwise. Reservists or CG Auxiliaries not in uniform must show both the aforementioned IDs and written orders that are current for the period for which a meal at a CGDF is purchased. Reservists on any kind of active duty, including ADT, are treated the same as all other active duty members with respect to the CGDF meal prices.

18) How are CG officer candidates (OCs) and Officer Indoctrination trainees treated for CGDF prices?

Coast Guard OCS is an EUM site. OCs with any prior service (e.g., graduated from any service's basic enlisted or officer training program) are entitled to BAS and thus will have automatic meal deductions at the CGSMR. Non-prior service OCs have not completed basic military training and are not entitled to BAS, so they are authorized to be subsisted-in-kind without charge. Any CWO attending OCS or direct commission officers attending Officer Indoctrination Training are entitled to BAS while on active duty and will be charged for meals at the CGSMR. By policy, officers are not subject to automatic meal deductions and are authorized to pay for their meals on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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