

## PART THREE

## ALLOWANCES

## CHAPTER 25

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS)2501 GENERAL PROVISIONS

250101. Authority. Except as otherwise provided by law, members who are entitled to basic pay are entitled to BAS under the conditions set out in this chapter.

A. Enlisted Members. These members may become entitled to one of the following types of BAS on a daily basis:

1. When rations in kind are not available;

2. When permission to mess separately is granted; or

3. When assigned to duty under emergency conditions where no messing facilities of the United States are available.

B. Officers. Officers entitled to basic pay are entitled to BAS at all times on a monthly basis. (See paragraph 250301.)

C. Advance Payments. Advance payment of BAS is authorized under the circumstances specified in part four, chapter 32.

D. Effect on Overseas Station Allowances. BAS under this chapter is in addition to the overseas cost of living allowances authorized by Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), volume 1, part B, chapter 9 (reference (d)).

250102. Specialized Terms. Apply the following terms to BAS determinations:

A. Government Mess. See the Definitions.

B. Subsisted at Government Expense. Applies to enlisted members:

1. Subsisted in kind by the government; or

2. Furnished meals by a government contractor or a foreign government at their permanent station, either under the terms of a contract or agreement or on a complimentary basis without charge.

C. "When Rations in Kind Are Not Available". Applies when a government mess is, in fact, not available. It also applies to situations where it has been determined that it is impracticable for the government to furnish subsistence in kind.

D. "When Permission To Mess Separately is Granted". This term applies to enlisted members authorized to subsist themselves independently while on duty at a permanent station where a messing facility is available for subsisting them. The term also applies to enlisted members during periods of hospitalization, authorized leave (including proceed time), authorized delays en route between duty stations chargeable as leave, and travel status under orders away from their post of duty (to include TDY/TAD, PCS, and travel in connection with hospitalization or convalescent leave). This term does not apply when an enlisted member in a travel status is not entitled to the subsistence portion of per diem because such member is required to subsist at no cost in a government mess. (See paragraph 250201B.)

E. When Assigned to Duty Under Emergency Conditions Where No Government Mess Is Available. Applies to enlisted members assigned to duty under conditions requiring extraordinary expenses for subsistence as determined per paragraph 250202 and table 25-3.

F. Prorated Subsistence Allowance. Applies to enlisted members being subsisted in kind at their permanent station:

1. Whose assigned duties in a non-travel status require them to be absent from their permanent station and their working hours or duties prevent them from eating certain meals in a government mess.

2. When authorized BAS at their permanent station, who enter a travel or hospitalized status and are entitled to BAS for part of a day or at different rates for parts of a day.

3. When proper authority determines that a government mess is in fact not available for part of a day. (Example: Mess is closed for reasons beyond the control of the installation commander, such as equipment failure.)

G. Supplemental Subsistence Allowance. Applies to enlisted members granted permission to mess separately at a permanent station:

1. Whose assigned duties in a non-travel status require them to be absent from their permanent station and their working hours or duties require them to buy a meal or meals from other than a government mess.

2. When proper authority has determined that a government mess is in fact not available for certain meals. (Example: Mess is closed for reasons beyond the control of the installation commander, such as equipment failure.)

★H. Field Duty. (Defined);

1. Effective 28 October 1994, the term "Field Duty" shall mean service by a member when the member is subsisted in a government mess or with an organization drawing field rations and the member is serving with troops on maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar types of operations.

2. Prior to 28 October 1994, members under orders with troops operating against an enemy, actual or potential, were considered to be in a field duty status. After 28 October 1994, it is NOT considered FIELD DUTY for those members under orders (TDY/TAD) with troops operating against an enemy, actual or potential.

I. Sea Duty. This term means service performed by a member in a self-propelled vessel that is in an active status, in commission or in service, and is equipped with berthing and messing facilities.

2502 BAS POLICY AND DETERMINATIONS RESPONSIBILITY

250201. BAS-Policy

A. Normally, enlisted members are subsisted in kind. For uniformity in making determinations, government messes available in the geographical area must be used to the fullest extent compatible with economy and efficiency.

B. Effective 15 September 1981, enlisted members on authorized leave, hospitalized, or performing travel (TDY/TAD or PCS) under orders away from their designated post of duty are entitled to BAS at the "when permitted to mess separately" rate for the duration of the leave, hospitalization, or travel status, regardless of the BAS rate authorized members at their permanent stations. (Enlisted members on TDY/TAD at a station where proper authority has approved authorization for the emergency ration rate may receive BAS at that rate.) Enlisted members are not entitled to BAS while in a travel status when not entitled to the meal portion of per diem because they are provided subsistence at no cost by the government (field duty, sea duty, group travel, essential unit messing, undergoing processing, and annual training duty for Reserves). However, if the member becomes entitled to per diem or actual expenses because subsistence was not provided by the government at no cost, then the member regains entitlement to BAS. Determinations of essential unit messing made by the Secretary concerned are in individual Service regulations. A member is not considered to be performing travel (TDY/TAD or PCS) under orders away from his/her designated post of duty (undergoing processing) if such member:

1. Is a non-prior service enlisted member serving on a first tour of active duty;

2. Has not actually reported to a permanent duty station pursuant to orders directing such assignment, and

3. Is not actually traveling between stations pursuant to orders directing a change of station.

NOTE: A member who has, under travel orders, departed (or been detached from) the station where the member received orders designating his/her first permanent duty station is considered to be actually traveling and is, therefore, entitled to BAS. This includes periods of TDY/TAD en route to the first permanent duty station. .

\*C. Separate Service regulations may permit commanders (including enlisted commandant of the non-commissioned officer (NCO) Academy) to grant authorization to mess separately to enlisted members, not included in paragraph 250204, based on two factors such as location of a member's residence, specialized duties, working hours, dining hall capacity, or distance to the mess hall. These factors are guidelines and should not be construed as all-encompassing. Additional extenuating factors deemed appropriate by commanders (including enlisted commandant of the non-commissioned officer (NCO) Academy) may also be considered. Each application should be considered on its own merit.

D. When members of one or more Service perform duty under similar conditions at installations or are assigned to activities within the same area, the commanders will confer to ensure uniform determinations on the authorization of BAS. If commanders of more than one Service cannot agree on a uniform BAS rate, the senior officer within the area will report the differences, fully documented, through channels to the Secretary of Defense.

E. When members of more than one Service perform duty at an installation, the installation commander makes the BAS determinations. Such determinations are binding on all personnel of the DoD performing duty at that installation.

F. Enlisted members carried in a missing status are entitled to BAS at the rate payable when rations in kind are not available. (See subparagraph 340103B.)

250202. Determinations of Duty Under Emergency Condition. Authorizations for BAS rate for members "assigned to duty under emergency

conditions where no government messing facilities are available," may be granted only with the approval of the Secretary of the department concerned, or Secretary's designee. This approval authority may not be redelegate.

A. Authorizations. Authorizations may be made for periods not to exceed 180 days. In approving original and subsequent authorizations, practicability and cost of establishing government messing or contract facilities must be considered. (See table 25-3.)

B. Resquest for Approval. Requests for authorization approvals are submitted through channels to the applicable office below:

1. OASA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (ATTN: DAPE-MBB-C) Washington DC 20310-0300.

Bureau of Naval Personnel,  
(ATTN: PERS-20) Washington DC 20370-2020.

3. HQ USAF/DPPC, Washington DC 20330-5060.

4. Commandant of the Marine Corps (MPP) Washington DC 20380-0001.

250203. Determinations of Nonavailability

A. When a Government Mess Is In Fact Not Available. The installation commander will determine if rations in kind are not available for enlisted members performing duty at that installation.

B. When Location of Government Mess Makes Its Use Impracticable. Commanding officers will determine when the location of a government mess, in relation to members' posts of duty, makes its use impracticable. See paragraph 250201 and table 25-2 for policy guidance and rules for making such determinations.

C. When Mission Prevents Use of Government Mess. A determination of impracticability may be made by the Secretary concerned or the Secretary's designee for enlisted members whose assigned duties are such that use of a government mess would adversely affect their mission. Address recommendations for such

determinations to the office listed in subparagraph 250202B.

D. When Duty Prevents Use of Mess Commanders or their designees may determine if members' assigned duties or unusual work hours prevent the members from eating certain meals in a government mess. See table 25-4, rules 5 and 6 for criteria.

\*250204. Authorization To Mess Separately Separate Service regulations may provide automatic blanket authorization for enlisted members in pay grades E-7 and above and for enlisted members in pay grades E-1 and above who are residing with their dependents (except basic trainees). This includes members married to members, with no dependents, who reside together at the permanent' station. In addition, members authorized single rate BAQ are authorized to mess separately. Such authorizations are in effect continuously except as provided in paragraph 250401 or in the Service regulations.

A. Army Members. Authorization to mess separately will be made in accordance with AR 210-10 (reference (am)).

B. Navy and Marine Corps Members Authorization to mess separately will be made in accordance with the Naval Military Personnel Manual (reference (an)) or the current edition of Marine Corps Order 10110.33 (reference (so)).

C. Air Force Members. Authorization to mess separately will be made in accordance with AFM 177-373, volumes I and II (reference (ap)).

250205. Review of Determinations. Review of all determinations, except those pertaining to members who have been authorized to mess separately, must be made annually or when conditions to entitlement change, or more frequently if necessary pursuant to paragraph 250202 and subparagraphs 250203A and B. Review is to ensure compliance with the policies outlined in this section. When review shows that existing determinations fail to meet requirements, they will be cancelled.

\*250206. Determination of BAS During Contingency Operation. When members of one or more

military Service perform duty under similar conditions within the same area of operations, as defined by the Joint Staff or Theater Commander in Chief, or are assigned to activities within the same area, the Joint Theater Commander will make a uniform determination on the authorization of basic allowance for subsistence. For uniformity considerations, government mess available in the geographic area must be used to the fullest extent compatible with mission economy, and efficiency. The impact on BAS during contingency operations depends on the type of orders issued and whether the member is assigned to a unit on land or afloat. The types of orders are outlined in table 25-7.

\*250207. Determination of BAS During Non-Contingency Operations. When members are temporarily assigned to a Joint Task Force (JTF) performing duty under similar conditions within the same area of operations, the CINC, or the JTF commander will determine the appropriate type of temporary duty and TDY/TAD orders to be issued by all Military Servicess, after consultation with the Service component commanders. BAS entitlement for members on TDY/TAD during non-contingency operations is shown in table 25-8.

#### 2503 OFFICERS CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

\*250301. Officers. Except as indicated in table 25-1, officers are entitled to BAS at the rate of \$149.67 per month (effective 1 January 1996), regardless of grade or dependency status. Compute this allowance by the month, as for basic pay. See table 25-1 for specific conditions of entitlement.

#### 2504 ENLISTED MEMBERS CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

250401. When Authorized To Mess Separately Enlisted members authorized to mess separately (subparagraph 250102D and paragraph 250204) are entitled to BAS at the rates and under the conditions shown in tables 25-4, 25-5, & 25-6.

A. Limitation. Authorization to mess separately cannot cover retroactive periods. However, this does not prevent payment of BAS from the time of an oral authorization by proper authority if the oral approval of the member's request is promptly confirmed in writing.

B. Duration of Authority To Mess Separately. Once approved, these authorizations remain in full force under the following conditions unless sooner terminated by approving authority:

1. While the member’s permanent, temporary duty, or temporary additional duty station, as applicable, remains unchanged.
2. While member is on leave or hospitalized.
3. While performing travel under orders in connection with TDY/TAD, PCS, hospitalization, or convalescent leave.
4. Upon discharge or retirement and reenlistment or recall to active duty at the same station within 24 hours.

C. Termination of Authorization To Mess Separately. Authorizations to mess separately terminate:

1. On date and hour travel (TDY/TAD or PCS) or hospitalization status ends unless continuation is authorized by proper authority at member’s permanent station.
2. As of midnight of date of detachment from duty station when discharged or released from active duty if reenlistment at the same station does not occur within 24 hours after date of discharge.
3. When directed by the commander or commander’s designee.
4. Upon request of the member concerned.
5. As of midnight on the date leave status ends.

250402. When Government Mess Is Not Available. Enlisted members on duty where a government mess is not available are entitled to BAS at the rate shown in paragraph 250406 and under the conditions shown in tables 25-4, 25-5, and 25-6. Entitlement to BAS under this paragraph continues during weekends, holidays, administrative

absence, pass, or liberty. See paragraph 250407 for conditions requiring BAS to be prorated.

250403. When Use of Government Mess Is Impracticable. Enlisted members on duty where use of an available government mess is impracticable are entitled to BAS at the rate shown in paragraph 250406 and under the conditions shown in tables 25-4, 25-5, and 25-6.

250404. Duty Under Emergency Conditions. For rate payable and conditions of entitlement, see paragraphs 250202 and 250406; table 25-3 and table 25-4, rule 7.

250405. Subsistence Allowance-Shore Patrol Duty. Navy and Marine Corps commanders may authorize payment of the shore patrol subsistence allowance to members on shore patrol duty, in a non-travel status, when government messing facilities are not available. Such authorizations are made in accordance with administrative regulations of the Service concerned. A member performing shore patrol duty, in a non-travel status, may elect to continue to receive BAS instead of the shore patrol subsistence. When the shore patrol subsistence allowance is elected, prorate BAS otherwise payable as in paragraph 250407 below.

\*250406. BAS Rates (Effective 1 January 1996)

\*A. When permitted to mess separately:

E-1 (less than 4 months’ active duty)	.....	\$6.59 per day.
E-1 (4 months’ or more active duty) through E-9	.....	\$7.15 per day.

\*B. When rations in kind are not available:

E-1 (less than 4 months’ active duty)	.....	\$7.43 per day.
E-1 (4 months’ or more active duty) through E-9	.....	\$8.06 per day.

\*C. When assigned to duty under emergency conditions within United States (except

Alaska and Hawaii) where government messing facilities are not available:

- E-1 (less than 4 months' active duty) . . . . . \$9.86 per day.
- E-1 (4 months' or more active duty) through E-9 . . . . . \$10.67 per day.

\*250407. Prorating Subsistence Allowance

A. When To Prorate BAS. Enlisted members may receive prorated BAS for that part of a day:

1. Before beginning or after end of shore patrol duty (not in travel status) at the BAS rate authorized at the permanent station when shore patrol subsistence allowance is elected.

2. Before beginning or after end of travel (TDY/TAD or PCS) or hospitalized status at the BAS rate authorized at the permanent station. Proration not required when authorized to mess separately at the permanent station.

3. Before beginning or after end of TDY/TAD to field or sea duty, at the BAS rate authorized at the permanent station, when no travel time is required before reporting to and subsequent to detaching from such duty.

4. After begining or before end of travel (TDY/TAD or PCS) or hospitalized status at the "when permitted to mess separately" BAS rate (or "emergency ration rate," where authorized). Proration not required when authorized to mess separately at the permanent station.

5. During which proper authority has determined that a government messing facility is in fact not available at the permanent station. Prorate at the "when rations in kind are not available" rate. (Applies to table 25-4, rule 3.) (Example: Mess is closed for reasons beyond the control of the installation commander, such as equipment failure.)

6. During which their assigned duties in a non-travel status require them to be absent from their permanent station and their working hours or duties prevent them from eating certain meals in a government mess when they are normally subsisted in kind.

B. Divisions of the Day. The following hours are established as reasonable divisions of the day for the purpose of prorating BAS. Prorate BAS at the authorized rate for times at or before and after these hours as applicable:

- 0700 . . . . . Breakfast
- 1200 . . . . . Lunch
- 1800 . . . . . Dinner

\*C. Prorated Subsistence Allowance. The prorated BAS applicable for each meal at the "when permitted to mess separately" rate is as follows:

1. E-1 (less than 4 months' active duty) (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast . . . \$1.31
- b. Lunch . . . . . 2.64
- c. Dinner . . . . . 2.64

Total per day . . . . . 6.59

2. E-1 (4 months' or more active duty) through E-9 (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast . . . \$1.43
- b. Lunch . . . . . 2.86
- c. Dinner . . . . . 2.86

Total per day . . . . . 7.15

\*D. Prorated Subsistence Allowance

The prorated BAS applicable for each meal at the "when rations in kind are not available" rate is as follows:

1. E-1 (less than 4 months' active duty) (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast . . . \$1.49
- b. Lunch . . . . . 2.97
- c. Dinner . . . . . 2.97

Total per day . . . . . 7.43

2. E-1 (4 months' or more active duty) through E-9 (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast. . . . \$1.62
- b. Lunch . . . . . 3.22
- c. Dinner . . . . . 3.22

Total per day . . . . . 8.06

\*E. Prorated Subsistence Allowance

The prorated BAS applicable for each meal at the "emergency rations" rate is as follows:

1. E-1 (less than 4 months' active duty) (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast. . . . \$1.98
- b. Lunch. . . . . 3.94
- c. Dinner . . . . . 3.94

Total per day . . . . . 9.86

2. E-1 (4 months' or more active duty) through E-9 (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast. . . . \$2.13
- b. Lunch. . . . . 4.27
- c. Dinner. . . . . 4.27

Total per day . . . . . 10.67

\*250408. Supplemental Subsistence Allowance

A. Enlisted members granted permission to mess separately at their permanent station may receive the supplemental allowance at the amounts allowable for each meal as shown in subparagraph B below when:

1. Their assigned duties in a nontravel status require them to be absent from their permanent station and their working hours or duties require them to buy a meal or meals from other than a government mess.

2. Proper authority has determined that a government mess is in fact not available for certain meals. (Example: Mess is closed for reasons beyond the control of the installation commander, such as equipment failure.)

\*B. Rates applicable

1. E-1 (less than 4 months' active duty) (Effective 1 January 1996):

- a. Breakfast. . . . \$0.16
- b. Lunch . . . . . 0.34
- c. Dinner . . . . . 0.34

2. E-1 (4 months' or more active duty) through E-9 (Effective 1 Jan 1996):

- a. Breakfast. . . . \$0.19
- b. Lunch . . . . . 0.36
- c. Dinner . . . . . 0.36

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT (BAS)—OFFICERS				
R U L E	A	B	C	D
	When a member is	and member has	and member	then member is
1	in a travel status		is entitled to mileage, travel per diem allowance, or to other monetary allowances	entitled to BAS.
2	on leave		not entitled to BAS.	
3	in excess leave status			
4	sick in hospital			entitled to BAS (note 1).
5	subsisted in a government mess "(other than field duty)"		entitled to BAS (note 2).	
6	6 serving in an active duty status as intern or resident physician or Nurse Corps officer or candidate at a state, county, municipal, or privately-owned hospital	dependents	subsists separately with the dependents and does not eat meals available without charge at the hospital (note 3)	entitled to BAS.
7	7	no dependents	is furnished meals without charge or meals are available without charge	not entitled to BAS.
8	8 training for, attending, or participating in Pan-American games, Olympic games, or other specifically authorized international amateur sports competition	dependents	is subsisted during that period by the sponsoring agency	entitled to BAS.
9	9	no dependents		not entitled to BAS.
10	10 at home or other non-military place awaiting orders in connection with Physical Evaluation Board proceedings			entitled to BAS.
11	11 absent without authority for more than 24 hours at any one time		the absence is not excused as unavoidable	not entitled to BAS (note 4).
12	12 in confinement; awaiting trial by CM; serving CM sentence to forfeit basic pay but not allowances; serving CM sentence which included total forfeitures, if sentence is set aside and retrial ordered (paragraph 480109B1)			entitled to BAS (note 1).
13	13 a student training on a fellowship, scholarship, grant, or a professor granted an award to teach at a university, etc.		is furnished subsistence by the fellowship, grant, or award	not entitled to BAS.
★14	★14 serving on field duty, including field exercises and simulated combat		is furnished meals	entitled to BAS (notes 2 and 5).

NOTES:

1. Collection for meals furnished will be prescribed by the regulations of the Service concerned.
2. Officers will pay for their meals at the prescribed rates either by cash or by collection from pay. For officers' daily rate see DoD Manual 1338.10-M.
3. Member is not entitled to BAS if furnished meals without charge.

4. Not entitled to BAS for the same number of days that basic pay is forfeited.
5. Under field duty conditions, officers are charged for all meals that are available whether or not eaten. Available meals include prepared meals, meals ready to eat (MRE), or meals contracted by the Government.

★Table 25-1. Specific Conditions of Entitlement and Non-Entitlement (BAS)—Officers



DETERMINATIONS OF IMPRACTICABILITY FOR USE OF A GOVERNMENT MESS BY ENLISTED MEMBERS				
R U L E	A	B	C	D
	If	and	and	then
1	cost of providing the member transportation (Government or commercial) between duty and mess would exceed rations in kind not available rate less the when permitted to mess separately rate			use of the government mess may be determined impracticable, subject to rules 4 and 5 (note 1).
2	time between mess and post of duty is 30 minutes or less each way by Government transportation	there are no other extenuating circumstances		determination of impracticability will normally not be made. When time between mess and post of duty is more than 30 minutes, or there are extenuating circumstances, apply rule 3 below (note 1).
3	assigned duties of members are such that use of Government mess would adversely affect their mission			impracticability determination may be made by the Secretary of the military department concerned, or Secretary's designee, irrespective of other factors. Limit BAS to that authorized by table 25-4, rule 4. See subparagraph 250203C.
4	member regularly performs duty outside a military installation (such as in a downtown office building)		messing facilities are available on base and normally used by members at this station	impracticability determination will not be made for full rations in kind not available rate. Limit BAS to that authorized by table 25-4, rule 5 or 6.
5	member lives in contract quarters at other than a government installation	member regularly performs duty at a government installation where mess is available and quarters are not available to single members	cost of providing the member transportation (government or commercial) between contract quarters assigned at other than a government installation mess would exceed the difference between the rations in kind not available rate and the when permitted to mess separately rate	determination of impracticability may be made for periods of off-duty (note 2). For amounts payable, see subparagraphs 250407D or 250408B.

NOTES:

1. Time and cost factors need not be applied for the noon meal when enlisted member's place of duty is not a military or naval installation.

2. A member is not entitled to BAS at the rations in kind not available rate during periods of leave, hospitalization, or travel status.

**Table 25-2. Determinations Of Impracticability For Use Of A Government Mess By Enlisted Members**

ESTABLISHING ENTITLEMENT TO THE EMERGENCY RATION RATE					
R U L E	A	B	C	D	E
	If	and	and	and	then
1	an enlisted member's duty assignment is under unusual or emergency conditions, of limited duration and in an out-of-the-way place in the United States (notes 1, 2, 3, and 4)	Government dining facilities are not available	quarters do not have cooking facilities and member is required to purchase all meals from a commercial restaurant or contract mess	the member incurs extraordinary expense in obtaining meals	request authorization of the ERR (subparagraph 250202B) (note 5).

NOTES:

1. ERR is not authorized outside the United States or in Alaska or Hawaii.
2. Unusual or emergency conditions are unforeseen and/or uncontrollable circumstances affecting normal duty conditions.
3. Limited duration is when anticipated assignment is for 180 days or less.
4. The duty location will be considered "out-of-the-way" when the distance or traveling time to the nearest Government

facilities is such that the use of those facilities would adversely affect performance of the member's duties.

5. The approving authority will use, as a standard, the national urban average cost for procuring three meals per day from commercial sources. Approval will be based upon the average cost as determined by the Runzheimer survey of major United States cities.

**Table 25-3. Establishing Entitlement To The Emergency Ration Rate**

<b>BAS ENTITLEMENT—ENLISTED MEMBERS—PERMANENT STATION</b>					
<b>RULE</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
	<b>When enlisted member is</b>	<b>and rations in kind are</b>	<b>and proper authority has</b>	<b>and member is</b>	<b>then, daily rate of BAS is (see paragraph 250406 for rates)</b>
<b>1</b>	at permanent station (note 5)	furnished by the government without charge to member			none.
<b>2</b>		available but not furnished	granted permission to mess separately		when permitted to mess separately rate.
<b>3</b>		in fact not available	made determination of non-availability		rations in kind not available rate (to prorate, see subparagraph 250407A5) (notes 1 and 7).
<b>4</b>		available but impracticable to furnish (note 2)	made determination of impracticability		rations in kind not available rate (note 1).
<b>5</b>	assigned to duty requiring the member to be absent from permanent station and working hours or duties prevent member from eating certain meals in a Government mess	available and furnished for other meals	made determination of impracticability under provisions of table 25-2 and approved payment for specified meals	not entitled to travel per diem or mileage allowances	rations in kind not available rate prorated for each such meal (paragraph 250407).
<b>6</b>	assigned to duty requiring the member to be absent from permanent station and working hours or duties require member to buy a meal or meals from other than a Government mess	available but not furnished for other meals	made determination of impracticability under provisions of table 25-2; granted permission to mess separately; and approved payment for specified meals		when permitted to mess separately rate plus supplemental allowance for each meal (paragraph 250408) (notes 1 and 3).
<b>7</b>	assigned to duty under emergency conditions with extraordinary subsistence expense (table 25-3)	in fact not available	approved authorization for emergency ration rate		emergency rations rate.
<b>8</b>	at home or other non-military place awaiting orders in connection with Physical Evaluation Board proceedings	not available			rations in kind not available rate (notes 1 and 4).
<b>9</b>	serving on shipboard	available in a shore mess but not furnished	granted permission to mess separately		when permitted to mess separately rate.
<b>10</b>		available and furnished			none.
<b>11</b>		not available (note 6)			rations in kind not available rate.
<b>12</b>	at home or other non-military place awaiting assignment orders, subsequent to separation as a Service Academy Cadet or Midshipman prior to completion of the 4-year program	not available			

**Table 25-4. BAS Entitlement—Enlisted Members—Permanent Station**

## NOTES:

1. A member is not entitled to BAS at the rations in kind not available rate during periods of authorized leave, hospitalization, or travel status (TDY/TAD or PCS).
2. This rule applies only to those cases where the impracticability determination is made under table 25-2, rule 3.
3. BAS at the rations in kind not available rate is not authorized for periods of absence, pass, or liberty. BAS at the when permitted to mess separately rate should be paid for these off-duty periods if permission to mess separately has been granted.
4. Entitlement begins on actual or constructive date of arrival home or other designated place, whichever date is earlier. (Compute constructive arrival date via authorized

transportation mode based upon the rules and provisions of the JFTR, volume 1.)

5. For the purpose of BAS entitlement, the permanent station is that station where the dining facility is located. (Does not apply if there is no dining facility in the immediate geographic area.)

6. Applies when shipboard mess is closed while undergoing alterations, repairs or inactivation of ship, and rations are also not available in a shore mess.

7. All enlisted members, including those authorized to mess separately, are entitled to RIKNA whenever rations in kind are in fact not available, including periods when messing facilities are closed for one or more meals during a day.

**Table 25-4. BAS Entitlement—Enlisted Members—Permanent Station (Continued)**

<b>BAS ENTITLEMENT—ENLISTED MEMBERS—TRAVEL STATUS, SHORE PATROL DUTY, PROCEED TIME, ATHLETIC TRAINING, OR FIELD/SEA DUTY</b>				
<b>R U L E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
	<b>When enlisted member is</b>	<b>and member is</b>	<b>and member has</b>	<b>then, daily rate of BAS is (see paragraph 250406 for rates)</b>
<b>1</b>	in a travel status on TDY, TAD or PCS (notes 1, 2, and 3)	not required by regulation to be subsisted in kind at no cost (see subparagraph 250201B)		when permitted to mess separately rate (prorated when applicable) (note 4).
<b>2</b>	training for, attending or participating in Pan American games, Olympic games, or other specifically authorized international amateur sports competition	subsisted by sponsoring agency (not at Government expense)	dependents	rations in kind not available rate.
<b>3</b>			no dependents	none.
<b>4</b>			on shore patrol duty (in non-travel status)	paid shore patrol subsistence allowance
<b>5</b>	on proceed time (note 3)			when permitted to mess separately rate.

NOTES:

1. Members are entitled to BAS at the rate authorized when permission to mess separately is granted for the periods of authorized travel in connection with hospitalization and convalescent leave.
2. Includes TDY, TAD, or PCS under permissive orders.

3. Members will pay for meals eaten in a Government mess either by cash or by collection from pay in accordance with Service regulations.
4. Enlisted members on TDY/TAD at a station where proper authority has approved authorization for the emergency ration rate may receive BAS at that rate.

**Table 25-5. BAS Entitlement—Enlisted Members—Travel Status, Shore Patrol Duty, Proceed Time, Athletic Training, Or Field/Sea Duty**

BAS ENTITLEMENT—ENLISTED MEMBERS—LEAVE, HOSPITALIZATION, UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE, OR CONFINEMENT		
R U L E	A	B
	When enlisted member is	then daily rate of BAS is (see paragraph 250406 for rates)
1	on authorized leave, including delay en route chargeable as leave	when permitted to mess separately rate (notes 1 and 3).
2	sick in hospital	when permitted to mess separately rate (prorate when applicable) (note 3).
3	in excess leave status	none.
4	in an unauthorized absence status	none (note 2).
5	confined in a guardhouse, brig, correctional barracks, or penal institution	none (note 4).

NOTES:

1. Members receiving overseas station per diem allowance may continue to receive such in addition to BAS while on leave outside the United States, or in Alaska, or Hawaii.
2. Enlisted members receiving BAS forfeit 1 day's BAS for each day of unauthorized absence.
3. Members will pay for meals eaten in a Government mess, or furnished by the hospital, either by cash or by collec-

tion from pay in accordance with the regulations of the Service concerned.

4. If sentence to confinement is later disapproved or set aside, BAS is not payable for the period of confinement because the member was subsisted at Government expense.

**Table 25-6. BAS Entitlement—Enlisted Members—Leave, Hospitalization, Unauthorized Absence, Or Confinement**

BAS ENTITLEMENT DURING CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS							
R U L E	If the orders	and member is an		and subsists from	then the member is entitled to		Remarks
		OFF	ENL		BAS	PER DIEM	
1	are regular TDY/TAD orders	X	X	a commercial dining facility	yes	M&IE	All members pay for meals at commercial source
2		X	X	a government operated or contracted mess	yes	M&IE	All members pay for government meals (See notes 1,2 & 3 for rates)
3		X	no		IE only	Enlisted pays nothing for meals	
4	require Essential Unit Messing	X			yes	IE only	Officer pays for government meals at discounted rate (note 3)
5	assign or embark the member on a Navy ship or other U.S. government vessel		X	an enlisted dining facility or meals are provided to member	no	no	Enlisted pays nothing for meals
6		X			yes	no	Officer pays discounted rate (note 3) for meals
7		X		private officers' ward-room mess	yes	no	Officer pays for meals at private mess rate

NOTE:

1. Effective 25 Apr 1995, all members pay for meals at the discounted rate if the dining facility is a temporary mess and the JTF operation is for a purpose other than for training. During JTF training operations or when personnel subsist from permanent dining facilities, members must pay the full meal rate.

2. The full meal rate is the charge for both food costs and related services. Rates are established annually by the DoD Comptroller.

3. The discounted rate is the charge for food costs only. The rate is established annually by the DoD Comptroller and published by each Service's Food Service chain of command.

★Table 25-7. BAS Entitlement During Contingency Operations

BAS ENTITLEMENT DURING NON-CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS							
R U L E	If the orders	and member is an		and subsists from	then the member is entitled to		Remarks
		OFF	ENL		BAS	PER DIEM	
1	are regular TDY/TAD orders	X	X	a commercial dining facility	yes	M&IE	All members pay for meals
2		X	X	a government operated or contracted mess	yes	M&IE	All members pay for government meals (See notes 1,2 & 3)
3	require Essential Unit Messing for Training and Readiness Purposes		X		no	IE only	Enlisted pays nothing for meals
4		X			yes	IE only	Officer pays for government meals at discounted rate (note 3)
5	place the member in Field Duty		X	government operated or contracted mess (including meals, ready to eat (MREs))	no	no incidentals are provided	Enlisted pays nothing for meals
6		X			yes		Officer pays for government meals at discounted rate (note 3)
7	assign or embark the member on a Navy ship or other U.S. government vessel		X	enlisted dining facility or meals are provided to member	no	no	Enlisted pays nothing for meals
8		X			yes	no	Officer pays discounted rate (note 3) for meals
9		X		private officers' ward-room mess	yes	no	Officer pays for meals at private mess rate

NOTE:

1. Effective 25 Apr 1995, all members pay for meals at the discounted rate if the dining facility is a temporary mess and the JTF operation is for a purpose other than for training. During JTF training operations or when personnel subsist from permanent dining facilities, members must pay the full meal rate.

2. The full meal rate is the charge for both food costs and related services. Rates are established annually by the DoD Comptroller.

3. The discounted rate is the charge for food costs only. The rate is established annually by the DoD Comptroller and published by each Service's Food Service chain of command.

★Table 25-8. BAS Entitlement During Non-Contingency Operations