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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE
FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (PM/CL)

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Regarding Basic Allowance for
Housing (DFAS Item O-2)

Attached is Interim Change 06-05 to Chapter 26 of the Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A. This change is made at the direction of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (OUSD (P&R)) and concerns divorced/single members having physical custody of a child before the member receives a PCS unaccompanied tour assignment. These members continue to receive BAH at the with dependent rate if they place their child(ren) in the physical custody of a care giver or a relative. This change is effective February 2, 2005.

This is a routine change and the result of directed action that does not affect existing policies. A draft of this change was not provided for comments. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate a procedural modification to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lydia Moschkin".

Lydia Moschkin
Director, Policy and
Requirements Management

Attachment:
As stated

cc:
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BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH)**1. Replace subparagraph 260301.A.4 with the following:**

“4. Effective February 2, 2005, a single or divorced member who maintains legal and physical custody of child(ren) before receipt of PCS orders to an unaccompanied tour may continue to be paid BAH at the with dependents rate, for last PDS, or designated place for certain periods if the requirements of this subparagraph are met. The divorce decree must be specific on the period(s) of time the member has legal and physical custody. Basic Allowance for Housing at the with dependents rate will be payable only for the period of time the member would have the custody of the child(ren) if not serving on the unaccompanied tour. The member must, for military necessity, place the child(ren) in the physical custody of a relative or care giver designated by the member to be entitled to BAH at the with dependents rate.

2. Add the following to the bibliography:

<u>Paragraph</u>	<u>Citation</u>
260301.A.4	OUSD(P&R) Memo, February 2, 2005



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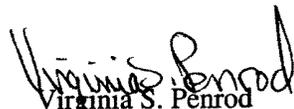
SUBJECT: Change to DoD FMR Volume 7A, para 260301.A.4

Please make the following change to Volume 7A, para 260301.A.4, which reads as follows:

“Effective April 15, 2003, a single or divorced member who maintains legal and physical custody of child (ren) before receipt of PCS orders to an unaccompanied tour may continue to be paid BAH at the with dependents rate, for last PDS, or designated place for certain periods if the requirements of this subparagraph are met. The divorce decree must be specific on the period(s) of time the member has legal and physical custody. BAH at the with dependents rate will be payable only for the period of time the member would have the custody of the child(ren) if not serving on the unaccompanied tour. The member must, for military necessity, place the child(ren) in the physical custody of a relative or designated care giver by the member, other than the natural parent, to be entitled to BAH at the with-dependent rate.”

by striking the clause “Effective April 15, 2003,” in the first sentence and by striking the clause “other than the natural parent” in the last sentence. Please publish in the next edition of changes to the FMR.

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