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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  
Subsistence (BAS) for Reserve Component Members (DFAS Item N-06)

The attached Interim Change 25-04 to Chapters 57 and 58 of the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A, is effective immediately. This change incorporates the universal entitlement to BAS for enlisted members on a monthly rather than daily rate basis. This change also removes the provision for reimbursement of meals at \$4.50 per day when serving on active duty without pay and substitutes provisions that would specify the prevailing BAS rate from Chapter 25. The \$4.50 rate was established in 1968 when the standard BAS rate was \$1.32.

We have evaluated your comments on the proposed change and included your comments where appropriate. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate procedural modifications to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate the formal change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A.

  
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Director for Finance

Attachment:  
As stated

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**Basic Allowance for Subsistence for Reserve Component Members**

1. Remove the clause “(except Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) for enlisted members)” from subparagraph 570302.A.
2. Remove the clause “(except BAS for enlisted members)” from notes 2 and 3 of Table 57-2.
3. Replace subparagraph 570501.B with the following:

B. Entitlement-Active Duty Without Pay. A member of a Reserve Component ordered to active duty without pay is entitled to subsistence in kind or commutation thereof. When a member is ordered to active duty “without pay and allowances”, no payment is authorized.

1. If commutation of subsistence in kind is authorized, the commutation will be paid at the rate of Basic Allowance for Subsistence specified in Chapter 25 that is applicable to the situation.

2. If a military technician (dual status), as described in 10 U.S.C. 10216 (reference (c)) is performing active duty without pay, outside the United States, while on leave from technician employment, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 6323(d) (reference c.1)), the Secretary concerned may authorize the payment of a per diem allowance to the military technician in lieu of the commutation for subsistence.

4. Insert a new paragraph 580403 to read as follows:

580403. Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS). Enlisted members of a reserve component may receive subsistence in kind or a cash commutation for meals when not entitled to basic pay, if the member’s period of instruction or duty totals at least 8 hours in one day. This entitlement is at the discretion of the Secretary concerned who shall issue written instructions specifying eligibility criteria. When a cash commutation is authorized, it shall be paid at 1/30 of the applicable monthly BAS rate from Chapter 25 for each such day authorized, further pro rated by meal. Breakfast shall be pro rated at 20 percent of the daily BAS rate, lunch and dinner shall each be prorated at 40 percent of the daily BAS rate.

5. Add the following citations to the bibliography for Chapters 57 and 58:

570501.B

37 U.S.C. 1002

580403

37 U.S.C. 402(e)  
DoD Directive 1418.5,  
October 6, 2003