

**VOLUME 7A, CHAPTER 29: “CLOTHING MONETARY ALLOWANCES”****SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

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**CHAPTER 29****CLOTHING MONETARY ALLOWANCES**

## 2901 GENERAL

## 290101. Purpose

The Secretary of Defense (SecDef) may, on an annual basis by law and under Presidential Executive Order, prescribe the quantity and kind of clothing to be furnished to an enlisted member of the Military Services and may prescribe the amount of cash allowance to be paid if the clothing is not furnished. It is Department of Defense (DoD) policy that the quantities and kinds of items of individual clothing to be furnished will be prescribed by the Service Secretary or the Commandant of the Marine Corps, under the parameters set by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense – Military Personnel Policy (DUSD MPP).

## 290102. Authoritative Guidance

The bibliography at the end of this chapter lists the authoritative references.

## 2902 ALLOWANCES

## 290201. Initial Clothing Allowance

Enlisted members receive the initial clothing allowance upon initial enlistment or upon other special qualification for entitlement to a prescribed outfitting of uniforms. The initial issue may be an in-kind issue or a combination of in-kind issue and cash payment.

## 290202. Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance

Enlisted members receive the cash clothing replacement allowance, upon the anniversary month, each successive year following the provision of an initial clothing allowance. Cash clothing replacement allowances are for replacement of required uniform items based on a normal wear rate.

## 290203. Extra Clothing Allowances

Extra clothing allowances are additional to initial and replacement allowances and do not reduce, replace or otherwise affect them. Extra clothing allowances provide for unusual circumstances when:

- A. An enlisted member may require additional uniform items; or
- B. An officer (with a permanent duty station outside the United States) or enlisted member may require civilian clothes to perform their assigned duties.

## 2903 INITIAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCES

## 290301. Standard Initial Clothing Allowance – General Provisions

The standard initial clothing allowance is an in-kind issue, although a cash payment may be made for items not furnished in-kind. Each Service, as approved by the DUSD MPP, may prescribe cash payments for items specifically designated to be purchased by the member, rather than to be furnished in-kind. Additionally, if any of the items of clothing normally prescribed to be furnished in-kind are not available for issuance, then the initial allowance may be completed by paying the member the cash value of the balance remaining. The standard initial clothing allowance rates, including prescribed cash payments for personal purchase of specified items, are in Table 29-1.

A. The total monetary value of items furnished in-kind, plus any cash payments, may not exceed the amounts for the total value of the applicable standard initial clothing allowance as established in Table 29-1.

B. If a Service member dies, is discharged, or is released from active duty within 6 months of entitlement to an initial allowance, then the value of the initial allowance must be reduced to the items of clothing already supplied or amount credited up to that date.

C. Army and Marine Corps members, entitled to a standard initial clothing allowance, are furnished the allowance on an item or issue in-kind basis without establishing a monetary credit. Payment of the amount prescribed in the initial allowance as a cash allowance may be made immediately. Shortages of items being furnished on an in-kind basis must be recorded and issued when available to the Service member.

D. Navy and Air Force members, entitled to a standard initial clothing allowance, are credited with the amount of the allowance against which the authorized clothing is furnished. A member will receive the amount prescribed in the initial allowance as a cash payment for personal purchase of specified items. At the conclusion of the basic training period or within a period the Service considers appropriate, if any of the prescribed items of clothing to be furnished in-kind against the established credit are not available for issuance, then the initial allowance may be completed by paying the member the remaining balance in cash.

## 290302. Standard Initial Clothing Allowance – Entitlement Criteria

Enlisted personnel (except those entitled to a special initial clothing allowance) must be furnished a standard initial clothing allowance under one or more of the following circumstances:

A. Upon first enlistment in the Service, or reenlistment in the same branch of the regular Military Service, if 3 months has expired from the date of last discharge or release from active duty and the member is not reporting from a Reserve component that requires the member to maintain uniform clothing;

B. Upon enlistment or reenlistment in a Service, other than the one from which last discharged;

C. Upon reporting for or upon recall to active duty for more than 6 months, after 3 months have expired from the date of last discharge or release from active duty with the clothing required for service in a Reserve Component. In these cases, the initial allowance must be reduced to a partial standard initial clothing allowance under regulations of the appropriate Service, to account for clothing required to be in the person's possession upon call or recall to active duty;

D. Upon being restored to duty, after being sentenced to confinement and punitive discharge, to the extent needed to fill the individual's clothing requirement;

E. Upon reenlisting within 3 months of last discharge or release from active duty, when the Service member did not receive the complete initial allowance or was required to turn in issued clothing. The amount allowed, will be the difference between the current initial clothing allowance and the current value of issued clothing that remained in the member's possession upon the date of last discharge or release from active duty, further reduced by any prior cash clothing payments toward the initial clothing allowance. The entitlement of replacement allowances, issues or payments are not considered the last authorization of the initial allowance;

F. Upon recall to active duty after 3 months from the date of the last release from active duty, or retired enlisted personnel (including Service members of the Fleet Reserve and the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve) recalled to active duty after 3 months from the date of the last release from active duty or retirement. Only one such allowance will be authorized during any period of four consecutive years;

G. Upon reversion to service on active duty for commissioned officers, or warrant officers, under temporary appointments who enlisted or reenlisted, or who reverted to service on active duty in an enlisted (other than Chief Petty Officer) status, except for purposes of retirement. Only one such allowance is authorized in any period of 4 consecutive years; or

H. Upon reversion to enlistment in or reenlistment in the regular Navy, Naval officer candidates, and Naval Reserve Chief Petty Officers, who revert to or are enlisted or reenlisted in the regular Navy in pay grade E-6 or below, except for purposes of retirement, provided they previously have not received a standard initial clothing allowance during their current period of continuous active duty.

#### 290303. Special Initial Clothing Allowance – General Provisions

Enlisted members assigned to a tour of duty, or who attain a status, requiring the wear of uniform clothing (other than special dress uniforms), may be authorized a special initial clothing allowance. Special initial clothing allowance is authorized only once during any period of continuous active duty. The special initial clothing allowance rates are in Table 29-2.

A. The special initial clothing allowance is provided in lieu of the standard initial clothing allowance when it is the first initial allowance qualified for and issued. The special initial clothing allowance supersedes and replaces the standard initial clothing allowance and is considered the last authorization of an initial clothing allowance for a member who previously received a standard initial clothing allowance and subsequently qualifies for and is provided a special initial clothing allowance. The special initial clothing allowance may be issued in-kind, paid as a monetary payment, or provided as a combination, as established by the Service concerned.

B. Examples of uses for special initial clothing allowance are when members in an enlisted status enter an officer training program, are advanced to Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, or are assigned to a military band with uniform styles different than those for others in their pay grade.

#### 290304. Special Initial Clothing Allowance – Eligibility Criteria

Enlisted members will be furnished a special initial clothing allowance under one or more of the following circumstances:

A. Upon selection and acceptance for specified officer-training programs;

B. In pay grade E-6 or below, upon assignment to either the U.S. Naval Academy Band, U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC, or selection for appointment as a Limited Duty Officer in the Navy;

C. Upon first advancement to or first enlistment as a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, while serving on active duty, unless special initial clothing allowance was previously paid. Effective October 1, 2009, Chief Petty Officers of the Naval Reserve assigned to Selected Reserve and Voluntary Training Units are entitled to a full special initial clothing allowance upon first advancement to Chief Petty Officer;

D. For Chief Petty Officers in the Naval Reserve who were advanced before October 1, 2009, upon first reporting for active duty for a period of 6 months or greater as a Chief Petty Officer of the Naval Reserve, provided no special initial clothing allowance has been previously paid either on active or inactive duty. If a special initial clothing allowance has been previously paid on inactive duty, then the Chief Petty Officer is entitled to a partial special initial clothing allowance in accordance with the Note at Table 29-2; or

E. Upon active duty reenlistment or receipt of orders to active duty as a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, provided all of the following requirements are met:

1. Over 3 months has expired from the date of last discharge, release from active duty or retirement;

2. The enlistment or reenlistment period is for a period of more than 6 months;

3. Appointment to temporary officer status is not coincident with the enlistment or reenlistment; and

4. The member has not received a special initial clothing allowance within the last 4 years while on inactive duty.

#### 290305. Partial Initial Clothing Allowances

Enlisted members will be paid a reduced or partial initial clothing allowance when payment of a full standard initial clothing allowance or full special initial clothing allowance is not warranted, due to an enlisted member reporting for or being recalled to active duty for more than 6 months, after 3 months have expired from the date of last discharge or release from active duty with the clothing required for service in a Reserve component.

### 2904 CASH CLOTHING REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES

#### 290401. General

Enlisted members receive cash clothing replacement allowances for uniform items for the replacement of military unique items required for wear. Enlisted members engaged in officer training programs or who are attending academy preparatory schools are not eligible for cash clothing replacement allowances. See Table 29-3 for specific entitlement rules. See Table 29-4 for the cash clothing replacement allowance rates.

#### 290402. Basic Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance

Basic cash clothing replacement allowance is a preliminary replacement allowance for uniform items. It is used during the first 3 years of active service subsequent to receipt of a standard initial clothing allowance or a reduced or partial standard initial clothing allowance.

A. Basic cash clothing replacement allowance accrues to each enlisted member, beginning the first day of the month following the date of completion of 6 months of active duty without regard to time lost. At the end of the member's anniversary month completing 1-year of uninterrupted active military service, the first payment is equal to one-half the applicable fiscal year rate then in effect.

B. When authorized under regulations of the Service concerned, enlisted members of a Reserve Component who received a reduced or partial standard initial clothing allowance may be authorized to accrue the basic cash clothing replacement allowance, beginning with the first day of the month following the date of call or recall to active duty in a pay status.

C. The basic cash clothing replacement allowance continues for the first 3 years of continuous active duty. It is payable for the second and third years at the end of the member's anniversary month, using the applicable rate then in effect.

## 290403. Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance

Standard cash clothing replacement allowance provides for replacement of uniform items after completion of 3 years of active service subsequent to receipt of a standard initial clothing allowance or a reduced or partial standard initial clothing allowance. It is the preliminary replacement allowance during the first 3 years of active service, subsequent to receipt of a reduced or partial or special initial clothing allowance.

A. When used as the follow-on to the basic cash clothing replacement allowance, the standard cash clothing replacement allowance accrues beginning with the first day of the month following the date the member completes 36 months active duty, without regard to time lost. It continues during the remaining period of continuous active duty and is payable annually at the end of the Service member's anniversary month, using the applicable rate then in effect.

B. When used as the preliminary replacement allowance for the special initial clothing allowance, the standard cash clothing replacement allowance accrues, beginning with the first day of the month following the date the special initial clothing allowance or a reduced or partial special initial clothing allowance was authorized without regard to time lost. It is payable annually, for the first 3 years of continuous active duty, at the end of the Service member's anniversary month, using the applicable rate then in effect.

## 290404. Special Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance

Special cash clothing replacement allowance provides for replacement of uniform items, after completion of 3 years of active service, subsequent to receipt of a special initial clothing allowance. It accrues beginning with the first day of the month following the date the member completes 36 months active duty, subsequent to receiving a special initial clothing allowance or a reduced or partial special initial clothing allowance, without regard to time lost, and continues during the remaining period of continuous active duty. It is payable annually at the end of the Service member's anniversary month, using the applicable fiscal year rate then in effect. During the period for which the special cash clothing replacement allowance is payable, the Service member is not entitled to any other cash clothing replacement allowance.

## 2905 EXTRA CLOTHING ALLOWANCES

## 290501. General

Members may receive extra clothing allowances, in addition to any other entitled clothing allowance. Entitlement to or payment of an extra clothing allowance does not replace or reduce any other clothing allowance.

## 290502. Supplementary Clothing Allowances

In addition to any other clothing allowance authorized, an enlisted member may become entitled to a supplementary clothing allowance. Supplementary clothing allowances may be

authorized only for an enlisted member, assigned to duty in a special organization or detail, where the nature of the duty necessitates that he or she have, as a military requirement, additional quantities or special items of individual uniform clothing normally not required for most enlisted members in the same Service. Except for maternity uniforms, supplementary clothing allowances may not exceed 30 percent of the current value of the standard initial clothing allowance.

A. Entitlement

1. A supplementary clothing allowance may be issued in-kind, as a cash payment, or as a combination of issued in-kind and a cash payment. Generally, supplementary clothing allowances are cash payments to Navy and Air Force members, while Army and Marine Corps members receive in-kind issues.

2. A member scheduled to serve in a qualifying assignment for at least 6 additional months, may receive a subsequent supplementary clothing allowance, on the anniversary of the initial supplementary clothing allowance. A Service member who has received a supplementary clothing allowance may not be authorized a subsequent supplementary allowance for the same items upon reassignment to duty if less than 12 months have elapsed since the last payment. Under circumstances deemed appropriate, the Service Secretary or the Commandant of the Marine Corps may waive this restriction.

3. As an exception to subparagraph 290502.A.2, an otherwise qualified member may not receive the supplementary clothing allowance for maternity uniforms more often than once every 3 years.

B. Rates Payable

1. The Army provides supplementary clothing allowances as in-kind issues as described in Army Regulation 700-84.

2. See Table 29-5 for the Navy supplementary clothing allowance rates.

3. See Table 29-6 for the Air Force supplementary clothing allowance rates.

4. The Marine Corps provides supplementary clothing allowances as a combination of in-kind issues and cash payments. See Table 29-7 for the Marine Corps supplementary clothing allowance cash payments.

290503. Civilian Clothing Allowances for Officers and Enlisted Personnel

In addition to any other clothing allowance authorized, Service members (officer or enlisted) directed by competent authority to dress in civilian clothing more than half the time when performing official duty, as a military requirement, may be authorized a civilian clothing allowance. By law, an officer is authorized a civilian clothing allowance only if his or her

permanent duty station is outside the United States. During any period in which an enlisted member is on an assignment requiring the wear of civilian clothing, the applicable replacement allowance for uniform items continues to accrue. The Service Secretary or the Commandant of the Marine Corps may prescribe reduced civilian clothing allowances, as appropriate for their respective Service, for personnel serving under conditions where the full authorized civilian clothing allowances in Table 29-8 are not required.

A. Permanent Duty Civilian Clothing Allowances. The permanent duty civilian clothing allowance has two parts: the initial civilian clothing allowance; and the replacement civilian clothing allowance. The initial civilian clothing allowance is payable upon assignment to qualifying permanent duty when authorized by the Service concerned. When entitled, the replacement civilian clothing allowance is payable annually at the end of the service member's anniversary month using the applicable rate then in effect. The rates payable for the permanent duty civilian clothing allowances are in Table 29-8.

1. Initial Civilian Clothing Allowance. An initial civilian clothing allowance is paid only once in any 3-year period. It is not paid if the member has been out of a qualifying assignment for less than 12 months. If the member receives a follow-on permanent assignment requiring the wear of civilian clothing within 3 years of receiving an initial civilian clothing allowance, or within 12 months of occupying a qualifying assignment, then he or she will receive the replacement civilian clothing allowance at the end of the original anniversary month.

2. Replacement Civilian Clothing Allowance. At the end of the anniversary month of the member commencing the qualifying assignment, a replacement civilian clothing allowance is payable if it is projected that he or she will serve at least 6 additional months in a qualifying assignment. The member becomes entitled, upon authorization of the Service concerned. A replacement civilian clothing allowance is not payable if it is projected the member will remain in the assignment less than 6 months beyond the anniversary month. A replacement civilian clothing allowance is payable, if the member actually serves 6 or more months in the assignment past the anniversary month.

3. Lump-Sum Payments. A member who will continue to meet the eligibility criteria for a civilian clothing allowance, on a career basis, may receive the initial civilian clothing allowance, and up to two replacement civilian clothing allowance payments, in an up-front lump-sum payment. The member may receive payment at the time of eligibility and only once in their career. During the member's first or second anniversaries after a lump-sum initial payment, if it is determined the member actually will not be remaining in a qualifying position for at least the next 6 months, the annual unearned portion for the year(s) not served will be recouped from the member. At the end of the anniversary months for the third and subsequent years of eligibility, the member will receive their replacement civilian clothing allowance payment.

4. Prior Civilian Clothing Payments. A member, authorized to receive permanent duty civilian clothing allowance, will have that allowance reduced by the prevailing value of any temporary duty civilian clothing allowance received within the preceding 12 months.

B. Temporary Duty Civilian Clothing Allowances. Generally, the temporary duty civilian clothing allowance is used when the permanent duty civilian clothing allowance is not applicable. The total amount of all temporary duty civilian clothing allowances payable in any 36-month period will not exceed the maximum allowed for temporary duty of at least 30 days. The amounts authorized by the Service concerned will be within the rates established in Table 29-8. The temporary duty civilian clothing allowance has two maximum rates [based on the number of days the member is on temporary duty.](#)

1. 15-Days. When competent authority determines the member will be on temporary duty at least 15 consecutive or accumulative days within a 30-day period, the maximum amount payable is found in Table 29-8. The 15-day threshold requirement does not apply to Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Explosive Detector Dog Personnel on U.S. Secret Service Support Duty, Defense Courier Service couriers, or Defense Threat Reduction Agency military personnel. These personnel may receive the maximum payment for temporary duty of at least 30 days, upon their initial temporary duty assignment, regardless of the length of their temporary duty.

2. 30 Days. When competent authority determines that a member will be on temporary duty at least 30 consecutive or accumulative days within a 36-month period, the maximum amount payable will be found in Table 29-8, less any amount paid within the past 36-month period.

C. Additional Temporary Duty Payments. In exceptional circumstances, the appropriate official, or the designated official, may make an exception to the maximum allowance permitted in a 36-month period and may authorize an additional payment of a 15-day or 30-day allowance or some lesser amount. The Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA), or the Deputy Chief of Staff for M&RA in the Marine Corps, may approve the additional allowance. They cannot delegate their authority.

## 2906 MISCELLANEOUS CLOTHING PROVISIONS

### 290601. Reserve Component Allowances

Reserve Component personnel on active duty for periods of less than 6 months, or while on inactive duty, are generally furnished the required individual clothing items as in-kind issues. Reserve Component personnel may receive the standard initial clothing allowance cash portion for items designated to be personally procured and not issued in-kind. Members of Reserve Components on active duty for periods of less than 6 months or on inactive duty are not entitled to any civilian clothing allowances. Further guidance for payment of clothing allowances for Reserve members is set forth in Chapters 57 and 58.

## 290602. Lost or Damaged Clothing

The Service concerned will compensate an enlisted member for clothing items destroyed, damaged, lost, abandoned, captured, or otherwise rendered unusable, by an incident to military training or service, not caused by any fault or negligence of the member.

## 290603. Clothing Price Adjustments

Enlisted members of the Navy and Air Force, entitled to an initial or partial initial clothing monetary allowance upon entering the Service, may require an adjustment to their pay records. A member's pay record is adjusted to reflect the difference between the old and the new fiscal year prices for items not issued, if the entitlement date is on or before September 30, for all clothing items not issued prior to October 1.

## 290604. Settlement of Cash Clothing Allowances

A member will receive the cash clothing replacement allowance on the last day of their anniversary month. A member will receive a prorated cash clothing replacement allowance when discharged before the end of their anniversary month. The authorizing official approves payment for supplementary clothing allowances. See Table 29-9 for settlement of other cash clothing allowances.

\*Table 29-1. Standard Initial Clothing Allowances  
Effective [October 1, 2017](#)

R U L E	A	B	C	D	E
	When an entitled enlisted member is	and is	then the total value of the Standard Initial Clothing Allowance is	and the prescribed cash payment portion for purchase of specified items is	and the Partial Initial Clothing Allowance for a member of the Reserves or Guard called to active duty is
1	Army	male	\$1,581.51	\$7.50	\$0
2		female	\$1,553.31	\$314.67	\$0
3	Navy (E1-E6)	male	\$2,023.31	\$171.90	\$0
4		female	\$2,153.92	\$356.87	\$0
5	Air Force	male	\$1,431.20	\$0	\$0
6		female	\$1,638.98	\$297.75	\$0
7	Marine Corps	male	\$1,923.34	\$0	\$0
8		female	\$1,859.57	\$175.00	\$0

\*Table 29-2. Special Initial Clothing Allowances  
Effective October 1, 2016

R U L E	A	B	C	D	E
	When an entitled enlisted member is	and is	then the total value of the Special Initial Clothing Allowance is	and the prescribed cash payment portion to be paid is	and the Partial Initial Clothing Allowance for a member of the Reserves or Guard called to active duty is
1	in pay grade E-6 or below and assigned to the U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC, or the U.S. Naval Academy Band, or selected for appointment as a Limited Duty Officer in the Navy	male	\$1,044.13	\$1,044.13	\$0
2		female	\$1,095.12	\$1,095.12	\$0
3	eligible to wear the uniform of a chief petty officer (E7-E9) (See Note)	male	\$1,044.13	\$1,044.13	\$522.07
4		female	\$1,095.12	\$1,095.12	\$547.56
5	selected for officer training in the Navy and enters Officer Candidate School, the Enlisted Commissioning Program, or the Seaman to Admiral Program	male	\$1,862.21	\$1,862.21	\$0
6		female	\$2,030.48	\$2,030.48	\$0
7	a direct civilian accession student to the Air Force Officer Training School (OTS)	male	\$928.00	\$928.00	\$0
8		female	\$1,201.41	\$1,201.41	\$0
9	an enlisted accession student to the OTS	male	\$388.92	\$388.92	\$0
10		female	\$388.92	\$388.92	\$0
11	assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School	male	\$1,020.43	\$1,020.43	\$0
12		female	\$1,020.43	\$1,020.43	\$0

**NOTE:**

Navy Reserve personnel advanced to Chief Petty Officer on or after October 1, 2009 are entitled to the full special initial clothing allowance. Chief Petty Officers in the Navy Reserve who were advanced before October 1, 2009, were only paid a partial special initial clothing allowance and are entitled to a partial initial clothing allowance when called to active duty for 6 months or more.

Table 29-3. Entitlement to Cash Clothing Replacement Allowances

R U L E	A	B	C
	When a member	and is not	then the member is entitled to an annual
1	completes 6 months of active duty after last entitlement to a standard initial, partial standard initial or reduced standard initial clothing allowance (Note 1)	missing, missing-in-action, captured, or detained in a foreign country; nor forfeiting total pay; nor in confinement	basic cash clothing replacement allowance, accruing from the first day of the month following the date of completion of 6 months active duty through the end of 36 months of active duty. On completion of 12 months of uninterrupted active duty, payment will be made for one-half the annual rate and the full annual rate thereafter. Annual payments will be made at the end of the member's anniversary month of active duty (Note 3).
2	completes 6 months of active duty as an officer candidate (Note 1)	under approved sentence providing a punitive discharge (Note 2); nor assigned to a command where clothing is replaced by an in-kind issue; nor undergoing training leading to a commission or attending an academy preparatory school; nor terminated from the status for which a special initial clothing monetary allowance was awarded	
3	becomes entitled to a special initial, partial special initial or reduced special initial clothing allowance		standard cash clothing replacement allowance accruing from the first day of the month following the date the special initial clothing allowance is awarded and continuing for the first 36 months of such active duty. Annual payments will be made at the end of the member's anniversary month of active duty (Note 3).
4	completes 36 months of active duty after last entitlement to a standard initial, partial standard initial, or a reduced standard initial clothing allowance (Note 1)		standard cash clothing replacement allowance accruing from the first day of the month following the date of completion of 36 months active duty. Annual payments will be made at the end of the member's anniversary month of active duty (Note 3).
5	completes 36 months of active duty after last entitlement to a special initial, partial special initial, or a reduced special initial clothing allowance (Note 1)		special cash clothing replacement allowance accruing from the first day of the month following the date of completion of 36 months active duty. Annual payments will be made at the end of the member's anniversary month of active duty (Note 3).

**NOTES:**

1. The time period is computed without regard to lost time.

Table 29-3. Entitlement to Cash Clothing Replacement Allowances (Continued)

2. The term “approved sentence” means the date the sentence was approved by the convening authority.
3. If a member serves on this active duty less than 12 months or less than 12 months after the last annual payment, then a prorated amount will be paid, calculated at one-twelfth of the annual rate for each whole month or fractional month served. Example: A member on a 3-year enlistment leaves service after serving 2 years, 6 months, and 10 days. The final payment would be an amount equal to  $7/12$  of the annual amount.

\*Table 29-4. Cash Clothing Replacement Allowances  
 (See Note)  
 Effective October 1, 2016

R U L E	A	B	C	D	E
	When an entitled enlisted member is	and is	then the value of the Basic Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance is	and the value of the Standard Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance is	and the value of the Special Cash Clothing Replacement Allowance is
1	Army	male	\$331.86	\$474.08	\$0
2		female	\$347.91	\$497.02	\$0
3	Navy	male	\$482.40	\$687.60	\$860.40
4		female	\$471.60	\$673.20	\$781.20
5	Air Force	male	\$252.22	\$360.32	\$0
6		female	\$252.81	\$361.15	\$0
7	Marine Corps	male	\$439.20	\$630.00	\$0
8		female	\$432.00	\$619.20	\$0

**NOTE:**

Members of the U.S. Naval Academy Band, the U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC, and all Navy Chief Petty Officers receive special cash clothing replacement allowances as follow-on to the special initial clothing allowances.

Table 29-5. Navy Supplementary Clothing Allowances  
Effective October 1, 2016

R U L E	A	B	C
		When a Navy enlisted member is assigned to	then the Supplementary Clothing Allowance to be paid in cash is
1	shore duty in a Bureau of Personnel (BUPERS) controlled recruiting billet or a recruiting support billet (Note 2)	\$220.00	annual.
2	the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard	\$200.00	only upon assignment.
3	the Ceremonial Guard Unit, Naval Air Facility, Washington DC	\$120.00	
4	duty in the executive part of the Department of the Navy located at the seat of government (field activities excluded)	\$15.00	
5	duty in the Office of the SecDef including the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff	\$15.00	
6	duty as a recruit company commander at Naval training centers or Naval Air Reserve training unit (Memphis) and meets eligibility requirements (Note 3)	\$220.00	annual.
7	duty as a recruit drill instructor at naval training centers and meets eligibility requirements (Note 3)	\$220.00	
8	duty with Naval Administrative Unit, Washington, DC	\$125.00	only upon assignment.
9	the USS CONSTITUTION	\$220.00	only upon assignment.
10	a unit of the Armed Forces police or permanent shore patrol	\$50.00	only upon assignment.
11	duty as a member assigned to: Transient Monitoring Unit, Enlisted Personnel Management Center, New Orleans; Personnel and Administrative Assistance Team, Atlantic; Personnel and Administrative Assistance Team, Pacific; or Reserve Personnel Management Assistance Team	\$185.00	

Table 29-5. Navy Supplementary Clothing Allowances (Continued)  
Effective October 1, 2016

R U L E	A	B	C
		When a Navy enlisted member is assigned to	then the Supplementary Clothing Allowance to be paid in cash is
12	duty as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy or a Master Chief Petty Officer of a Fleet or Force	\$220.00	annual.
13	active duty or Selected Reserve duty and the individual's condition requires the wearing of a maternity uniform	\$350.35	once in 3 years.
14	duty as a musician with a Fleet/Area Band, U.S. Navy Band, Washington, DC or Naval Academy Band	\$220.00	annual.
15	duty as a midshipmen company advisor in pay grade E7 – E9 at the U.S. Naval Academy	\$220.00	

**NOTES:**

1. The supplementary clothing allowances listed are, unless otherwise noted, payable upon initial assignment to a normal tour of the duties described at the frequency specified in this table. Annual allowances will be paid upon assignment and upon each subsequent anniversary date of the initial assignment or entitlement, provided the member is projected to remain in the assignment for at least 6 additional months. Allowances to be paid as once in 3-year allowances, will be paid after 36 months from the date of any prior payment provided the individual's condition/duties continue to require the supplementary allowance, and they are projected to remain in the assignment for at least 6 additional months. Members will be paid allowances only when first assigned to specified duty. A supplementary allowance may not be paid more frequently than once per year for similar duty, even if at different locations or commands or for subsequent recalls to active duty within 1-year, except by special authority of the Service Secretary or designee.
2. Recruiting or recruiting support duty means active duty assignment to: Navy recruiting areas, Navy recruiting districts, Navy recruiting "A" stations, Navy recruiting stations, Military Entrance Processing Stations, or to Naval Reserve activities. It also includes Naval aviation cadet procurement teams at Naval Air Reserve activities. It is payable to recruiters after reporting to the enlisted Navy Recruiter Orientation Course or upon completion of the Veteran Recruiter Orientation. It is payable to recruiting support personnel upon receipt of orders to such duty. It is payable to members in BUPERS controlled recruiting billets or a recruit support billet upon initial assignment, when specialized training is not required prior to the recruiting assignment.
3. Eligibility requires completion of Recruit Company Commander or Recruit Drill Instructor School.

\*Table 29-6. Air Force Supplementary Clothing Allowances  
Effective [October 1, 2016](#)

R U L E	A	B	C
		When an Air Force enlisted member is assigned to	then the Supplementary Clothing Allowance to be paid in cash is
1	duty as an in-flight passenger service steward	\$204.09	annual.
2	Detachment 1, 4950th Test Wing	\$204.09	
3	89th Air Wing Presidential Aircrew	\$204.09	
4	Headquarters U.S. Air Force/Chief of Staff as member of the security police	\$138.62	only upon assignment.
5	89th Air Wing as a member of the security police	\$138.62	annual.
6	the U.S. Air Force Band, the Air Force Band of the Rockies, or a numbered Air Force Band	\$204.09	once in 3 years.
7	Hammer Ace	\$204.09	only upon assignment.
8	duty as a basic military training instructor or manager	\$261.84	annual.
9	duty as a cadet military training advisor at the U.S. Air Force Academy	\$204.09	
10	duty as a basic military training instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School	\$204.09	
11	a recruiting group or squadron	\$261.84	
12	represent the Air Force as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year	\$261.84	only upon assignment.
13	duty as a professional military education instructor	\$261.84	annual.
14	duty at a Major Command as a member of the security police Elite Guard	\$138.62	only upon assignment.
15	duty as a member of the security police Elite Gate Guards	\$138.62	
16	duty as a student at the Security Forces Specialist Course (Law Enforcement & Security Specialist Students)	\$111.67	
17	duty as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	\$261.84	annual.
18	duty as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Staff	\$261.84	only upon assignment.
19	duty as a U.S. Air Force Academy radio maintenance work center technician	\$169.42	once in 3 years.

\*Table 29-6. Air Force Supplementary Clothing Allowances (Continued)  
Effective [October 1, 2016](#)

	A	B	C
R U L E	When an Air Force enlisted member is assigned to	then the Supplementary Clothing Allowance to be paid in cash is	and the frequency of payment is (Note 1)
20	a military entrance processing station	\$169.42	annual.
21	active duty and the individual's condition requires the wearing of a maternity uniform (Note 2)	\$373.50	once in 3 years.
22	active duty and the individual's condition requires the wearing of a maternity uniform when the individual is provided, as government issue, maternity working uniforms (e.g., hospital workers, Note 2)	\$134.77	
23	duty as a Military Training Leader (Technical Training Schools)	\$261.84	annual.

**NOTES:**

1. The supplementary clothing allowances listed are, unless otherwise noted, payable upon initial assignment to a normal tour of the duties described and at the frequency specified in this table. Annual allowances will be paid upon assignment and upon each subsequent anniversary date of the initial assignment or entitlement, provided the member is projected to remain in the assignment for at least 6 additional months. Allowances to be paid as once in 3-year allowances, will be paid after 36 months from the date of any prior payment provided the individual's condition/duties continue to require the supplementary allowance, and they are projected to remain in the assignment for at least 6 additional months. Members will be paid allowances only when first assigned to specified duty. A supplementary allowance may not be paid more frequently than once per year for similar duty, even if at different locations or commands or for subsequent recalls to active duty within 1-year, except by special authority of the Service Secretary or designee.
2. When the reduced maternity uniform allowance has been paid and the member subsequently qualifies for a full maternity uniform allowance within 3 years of the reduced payment, the member will receive only the difference between the two allowances. A member may not receive more than the full maternity uniform allowance value within any 36-month period. A reduced maternity uniform allowance may not be paid within 36 months of a full maternity uniform allowance.

\*Table 29-7. Marine Corps Supplementary Clothing Allowances  
Effective October 1, 2016

R U L E	A	B	C
		When a Marine Corps enlisted member is assigned to	then the Supplementary Clothing Allowance to be paid in cash is
1	male Staff Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO) White Trousers (note 2)	\$58.00	only upon assignment.
2	female SNCO White Skirt (note 2)	\$72.00	
3	female SNCO White Slacks (note 2)	\$64.00	
4	duty as a male student at the Naval Academy Preparatory School	\$1,348.38	
5	duty as a female student at the Naval Academy Preparatory School	\$1,370.10	
6	Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps	\$247.07	

**NOTES:**

1. The supplementary clothing allowances listed are, unless otherwise noted, payable upon initial assignment to a normal tour of the duties described and at the frequency specified in this table. Annual allowances will be paid upon assignment and upon each subsequent anniversary date of the initial assignment or entitlement, provided the member is projected to remain in the assignment for at least 6 additional months. Allowances to be paid as once in 3-year allowances, will be paid after 36 months from the date of any prior payment provided the individual's condition/duties continue to require the supplementary allowance, and they are projected to remain in the assignment for at least 6 additional months. Members will be paid allowances only when first assigned to specified duty. A supplementary allowance may not be paid more frequently than once per year for similar duty, even if at different locations or commands or for subsequent recalls to active duty within 1-year, except by special authority of the Service Secretary or designee.
2. Required for all SNCO whose approved duty assignment requires the white Skirt, Slacks, and Trousers.

\*Table 29-8. Civilian Clothing Allowances for Officer and Enlisted Members  
Effective [October 1, 2017](#)

R	A	B
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L	When an officer or enlisted member is entitled to a	then the amount of payment is
E	Civilian Clothing Allowance for	(Notes 1 and 2)
1	permanent duty initial payment	\$1,062.00
2	permanent duty annual replacement payment	\$354.24
3	temporary duty of at least 15 days in a 30-day period (Note 3)	\$354.24
4	temporary duty of at least 30 days in a 36-month period	\$708.12

**NOTES:**

1. By law, an officer is authorized a civilian clothing allowance only if the officer's permanent duty station is outside the United States.
2. Unless exception is given, the maximum amount payable for all temporary duty performed in any 36-month period will not exceed the maximum prescribed for duty of at least 30 days.
3. The 15-day qualification requirement does not apply to Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Explosive Detector Dog personnel on U.S. Secret Service support duty, Defense Courier Service couriers, or Defense Threat Reduction Agency military personnel. These personnel may be authorized up to the maximum temporary duty civilian clothing allowance for 30 days upon their initial temporary duty travel requirement.

Table 29-9. Settlement of Cash Clothing Allowances  
(See Note)

R U L E	A	B				C	D
	When member is entitled to	and is a member of the				and has	then
		Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Air Force		
1	a standard initial clothing allowance, a		X			completed 6 months of active duty (Note)	settle balance of allowance due.
2	reduced or partial standard initial clothing allowance		X		X	drawn clothing equaling or exceeding the allowance	settle amount, collect amount due from member, if appropriate.
3					X	completed 30 days of active duty (Note)	settle balance of allowance due.
4			X			completed recruit training	settle balance of allowance due.
5			X		X	reenlisted in the same branch of the Regular Service subsequent to expiration of 3 months from the date of last discharge or release from active duty	pay or credit amount authorized immediately.
6	a special initial clothing allowance or a reduced or partial special initial clothing allowance		X		X		pay or credit amount authorized immediately.
7	an initial cash allowance for personal purchase of specified items	X	X	X	X	established entitlement to an initial clothing allowance	pay or credit amount authorized immediately.
8	a civilian clothing allowance	X	X	X	X		pay or credit amount authorized immediately.

Table 29-9. Settlement of Cash Clothing Allowances (Continued)

**NOTE:**

On discharge, release from active duty, or death, before completion of 6 months of active duty (Navy), or 30 days (Air Force), reduce the monetary clothing allowance to amount of clothing already supplied.

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