



Impact of Travel Restrictions on Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Entitlements

Your command, your Service and DoD recognize you or your dependents may be unable to travel to your next duty station due to travel restrictions and stop movement orders.

For those impacted, the following guidance has been issued on Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):

Who This Impacts:

Service members who have entered into a rental or purchase agreement at their prospective duty station, but are unable to execute PCS orders due to travel restrictions.

What You Need To Know:

If travel restrictions or the stop movement order are impacting your PCS, your eligibility for BAH is going to be affected as well. Here are some examples of how it might affect you:

- If you moved but your dependents had to stay behind, you may be eligible for BAH with-dependents at the old location and Family Separation Housing allowance at the new location
- If your dependents moved but you had to stay behind, you are entitled to BAH at the old or the new duty station, whichever is more equitable, but not both
- If you have not yet started your PCS, you will only be eligible for BAH at the old location

What You Need To Do:

- Contact your personnel or housing office and the gaining command to see if there are any options for temporary lodging
- Check with your housing provider to see if your lease or purchase agreement can be delayed
- Check to see if you may be exempt from the travel restrictions or if you could receive a hardship exception to proceed with the PCS
- Ask your legal office if you have options under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and the rental/purchase contract's military clause, which may permit you to cancel the contract

Where To Go For More Information:

Contact your local personnel office or Legal Services Office.

Military OneSource: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Defense Travel and Housing Policy:

https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/news_Coronavirus.cfm

U.S. Department of Defense:

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>

For additional questions about how COVID-19 may impact your pay and benefits, contact a Personal Financial Manager/Counselor through your Family Center or visit the website at: <https://finred.usalearning.gov/News/COVID19-Resources>

