

Dislocation Allowance (DLA) Frequently Asked Questions

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1. May I receive DLA to help with relocation expenses when moving a household due to official PCS travel order?

Generally, yes. You may be authorized DLA when relocating your household due to a PCS. DLA is intended to *partially* reimburse relocation expenses not otherwise reimbursed and probably will not reimburse all of your relocation expenses.

2. Where are the JTR eligibility rules for DLA payment if I have an official PCS travel order?

See JTR, section 0505 for information on when DLA is or is not payable.

3. How much DLA do I receive?

DLA is based on your grade and dependency status on the PCS travel order effective date. To determine the PCS travel order effective date, see JTR, Appendix A, definition of "Effective Date of PCS Order". See the DTMO website for current and historical DLA Rates.

4. Can I receive more than one DLA payment in the same year?

Ordinarily, Service members are authorized only one DLA payment per fiscal year, but there are some exceptions. See JTR, par. 050507 for more information. If you still have questions, contact your servicing Finance Office.

5. Am I authorized DLA when moving from my home of record to my first PDS?

By law, there is no DLA when the PCS is from your home (or the place from which you entered active duty) to your first PDS unless your dependents actually move in connection with the PCS.

6. Is DLA payable if separating from the Service when performing PCS travel to the home of selection or home of record (HOS or HOR) from the old permanent duty station (PDS)?

No, by law, DLA is not authorized when the PCS is from your PDS to your HOR or HOS. There is no DLA authority when leaving active duty.

7. Is a Reserve Component or Guard member who regularly, or repeatedly comes on and leaves active duty eligible for DLA?

No - as mandated by law, individuals coming on or leaving active duty are not eligible for DLA. The exception to this is if you come on active duty for more than 20 weeks at one location and are authorized PCS allowances (not TDY allowances) and you move your dependents from your home to your new PDS or a designated place.

8. Is DLA payable if performing an authorized PCS move without relocating dependents?

Yes. As a general rule you receive DLA at the without-dependent rate if you don't occupy Government quarters at your new permanent duty station. See JTR, par. 050504 for more information.

9. I received a PCS travel order and relocated my family based on that order. That PCS order was revoked but I already moved the household to the new PDS. I must return to my prior PDS and also must move my family for a second time. Am I authorized only one DLA when I had to move my family twice?

No. DLA is payable for both moves if you moved your dependent(s) from the original place of residence, based on the PCS travel order, and the move to the new location was completed BEFORE the date the order was revoked. See the DTMO website for [Secondary DLA Rates](#).

10. When is a 'Secondary DLA' payable?

If your PCS travel order is amended, modified, canceled or revoked you may be authorized a [Secondary DLA](#) per the JTR, par. 050507.

11. Is DLA payable if I'm ordered to move in or out of Government quarters with no PCS travel authorization?

A partial DLA of \$750.76 (effective 1 January 2018) is paid to a Service member ordered to occupy or vacate Government family-type quarters due to privatization, renovation or any other reason other than PCS. Partial DLA is not authorized for a local move from Government quarters upon separation or retirement.

12. What DLA is paid when a Service member is forced to move due to a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)?

A Service member or dependent who is ordered to move because of a BRAC on a military installation is authorized a full DLA (as opposed to a partial DLA) when ordered to occupy or vacate family-type Government quarters.

Dislocation Allowance (DLA): DLA is one of the best kept secrets in the PCS process! Don't miss out on this FREE money, if you qualify. Single and married personnel can request DLA. This is to help with the cost of closing one home and setting up a new one, rent deposits, utility hookups, etc. **DLA can be drawn up to 10 days in advance.** If your PCS orders are amended, modified, canceled or revoked you may be authorized a secondary DLA at a reduced rate.

DLA is not available in these instances (see PSD for more information):

- When PCSing from home to first duty station, unless dependents move with Service Member.
- When traveling to/from government quarters.
- When transferring to a duty station in the same geographical location/any base within 50 miles.
- When separating or retiring from active service.
- **Contact PSD for exceptions.**

Rates subject to change, based on Navy and DoD rules and regulations. See your PSD or visit www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ for the most current rates.

Effective 1 January 2019		
PRIMARY DLA RATES		
Grade	Without-Dependent Rate	With-Dependent Rate
O-10	\$3,984.90	\$4,905.38
O-9	\$3,984.90	\$4,905.38
O-8	\$3,984.90	\$4,905.38
O-7	\$3,984.90	\$4,905.38
O-6	\$3,655.83	\$4,416.85
O-5	\$3,521.03	\$4,257.39
O-4	\$3,263.00	\$3,752.96
O-3	\$2,615.03	\$3,104.95
O-2	\$2,074.36	\$2,651.26
O-1	\$1,746.74	\$2,370.07
O-3E	\$2,823.76	\$3,336.90
O-2E	\$2,400.50	\$3,010.78
O-1E	\$2,064.20	\$2,781.73
W-5	\$3,315.16	\$3,622.50
W-4	\$2,944.08	\$3,321.00
W-3	\$2,474.42	\$3,042.66
W-2	\$2,197.58	\$2,799.12
W-1	\$1,839.49	\$2,420.82
E-9	\$2,417.92	\$3,187.63
E-8	\$2,219.30	\$2,938.30
E-7	\$1,896.06	\$2,728.11
E-6	\$1,716.28	\$2,520.80
E-5	\$1,582.93	\$2,267.12
E-4	\$1,377.09	\$2,267.12
E-3	\$1,351.00	\$2,267.12
E-2	\$1,097.34	\$2,267.12
E-1	\$978.51	\$2,267.12