

## **8 Programs that can help you with your PCS Move.**

**1.) Dislocation Assistance (DLA):** The DLA helps with miscellaneous moving costs. And, this benefit is paid once per PCS move. DLA is available in CONUS and OCUNUS and is a multiple of your BAH.

**However, the DLA is not available under four conditions:**

1. From home to your first duty station.
2. When assigned to government quarters, without family members, at new duty station.
3. When transferred to a nearby duty station, unless a local move of household goods has been preauthorized.
4. When separating or retiring from the military.

**2.) Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation (MALT):** The MALT is the amount paid when a member and/or the member's family drive to their new duty station, based on the Official Military Table of Distances. However, approval is needed before MALT can be paid for more than two vehicles.

Here's how MALT is figured:

**If the first and second vehicle contains:**

One authorized traveler: \$.15 per mile

Two authorized travelers: \$.17 per mile

Three authorized travelers: \$.19 per mile

Four authorized travelers: \$.20 per mile

**3.) Move-in Housing Allowance (MIHA):** The allowance is designed to reimburse you for overseas costs associated with living in privately-owned or privately-leased quarters. It addresses three specific needs: one-time rent-related expenses, modification of homes for security protection and the initial costs of making a home habitable.

**4.) Per Diem Allowance:** The Per Diem Allowance is designed to reimburse you and your family for the costs associated with meals and lodging when you travel to your new duty station.

For PCS travel using own personal vehicle, your per diem is set at the flat Standard CONUS rate (\$99.00 as of 10/1/2005). Your per diem when traveling by commercial means is based on the rate for your new Permanent Duty Station or the rate any delay point if you stop overnight.

Per diem for accompanying dependents is 3/4 of your applicable rate for each dependent age 12 or older and 1/2 of the your rate for each dependent under age 12.

**5.) Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA):** The TLA is designed to partly offset the cost of temporary housing and meals incurred while waiting for permanent lodging. The benefit is calculated using a formula that factors in the member's pay grade, number of family members, actual quarter costs, the availability of cooking facilities and the local per diem rate.

Additionally, a single servicemember is entitled to up to 65 percent of either the cost of meals and incidental expenses or the local per diem rate. A servicemember and one family member are entitled to up to 65

percent of the local per diem rate. Add another 25 percent for each additional family member under the age of 12, and 35 percent for each family member 12 and older.

**6.) Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE):** The TLE is designed to partially reimburse relocating members and families for the cost of meals and lodging incurred when temporary housing is needed.

TLE is calculated in the same way TLE is figured.

**7.) Advance Basic Pay:** This is basically an interest-free loan you can get when you make a permanent change of station move. The collateral is your military salary. You normally repay advance basic pay in 12 equal installments. The advanced basic pay is figured using three months' basic pay in advance — interest free.

Normally, basic pay advances are paid back over a period of 12 months, starting a month after the allowance is drawn. However, regulations permit a 24-month pay back period under certain conditions. Your base pay and finance office can provide details.

**8.) Advanced Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA):** Advance OHA is an advance against any projected OHA to cover the difference between the cost of nonbase rental housing and the BAH. Except in unusual cases, advances are limited to 12 months' OHA.

The OHA advance is based on your expenses, but normally shouldn't exceed one year's allowances.

Remember: Programs can change, so it's essential that you ask the installation family center relocation manager for program updates whenever you plan to move.

