

## MILPERSMAN 7220-182

### BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) II

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<b>References</b>	(a) 37 U.S.C. 402 (b) DoD 7000.14-R Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7A, Military Pay Policy - Active Duty and Reserve Pay of April 2017 (c) DoD Directive 1418.05 of 6 October 2003 (d) OPNAVINST 4700.7L
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1. **Purpose.** Basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) II is designed to provide a special rate of subsistence for enlisted Service members permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) Government quarters without adequate facilities for food storage or food preparation, where a Government mess is not available, and where the Government cannot otherwise make meals available per references (a) through (d). Commanding officers must be proactive in identifying instances in which a request for BAS II may be suitable. Retroactive requests for BAS II will not be considered when preventative measures could have been taken to provide Service members timely payment and support.

#### 2. **Definitions**

a. **Adequate Food Storage and Preparation Facilities:** Strictly stated for the purpose of clarifying the need for BAS II based on the absence of food storage and preparation facilities, the following terms are further defined:

(1) Adequate food storage is storage provided that accommodates personal food in a shared common area that must be separate from the bathroom.

(2) An adequate preparation facility is comprised of a refrigerator with a freezer, conventional oven or microwave, kitchen sink, and a dry food pantry or storage cabinets.

b. **Government Mess:** A dining facility supported with appropriated funds that provides meals or rations to Service members subsisted in kind or sold at food cost. The term, Government mess, includes general mess, wardroom mess, officers' mess, chief petty officers' mess, field mess, dining hall, dining activity, dining facility, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded totally by appropriated funds. The term does not include activities operated with nonappropriated funds such as the officers club, enlisted club, squadron mess, organized mess, or similar terms, except when those activities provide meals or rations under contract or agreement with the applicable operating and food costs borne by appropriated funds.

3. **General Eligibility Criteria.** BAS II may be paid to enlisted Service members assigned to vessels in a pre-commissioning status, and enlisted Service members approved due to unique or unusual circumstances. Each of the following criteria must be met for BAS II eligibility:

- a. Enlisted Service members must be entitled to BAS,
- b. Permanently assigned to single (unaccompanied) Government quarters without adequate food storage or preparation facilities,
- c. Government messing facility is not available and
- d. Government cannot otherwise make meals available.

4. **Requests.** Requests for BAS II must be forwarded to the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Military Compensation Policy Branch (N130) for approval or disapproval. At a minimum, requests must include:

- a. Number of Sailors impacted,
- b. Characteristics of quarters - available food storage or preparation facility (for shore facilities, photographs are encouraged),
- c. Statement that a Government messing facility is not available (the installation commander will determine availability of Government messing facility for enlisted Service members performing duty at that installation). Government

messing includes facilities ashore and those located on a vessel and

- d. Estimated duration of the requirement for BAS II.

**Note:** Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) is the designated authority responsible for determining whether the facilities are sufficient to allow for sanitary food storage and preparation of nutritious meals.

5. **Rate.** The rate for BAS II is fixed at twice the rate of standard enlisted BAS.

6. **Restrictions.** The following restrictions apply to BAS II entitlement:

- a. BAS II is not authorized when a Government mess is temporarily closed for less than 14 days.

- b. BAS II is not authorized for vessels away from homeport, or when the fleet commander is otherwise responsible for providing messing per reference (d) or by contract.

- c. Enlisted Service members in receipt of BAS II at their permanent station who are hospitalized or performing regular permissive temporary additional duty (including field duty, sea duty, essential unit messing, or group travel) under orders away from the permanent station will revert to standard enlisted BAS for the period of absence from the permanent station.

- d. Payment of BAS II must be applied uniformly for all enlisted Service members permanently assigned to single Government quarters under similar circumstances at the same installation.