



Passport to Military Income

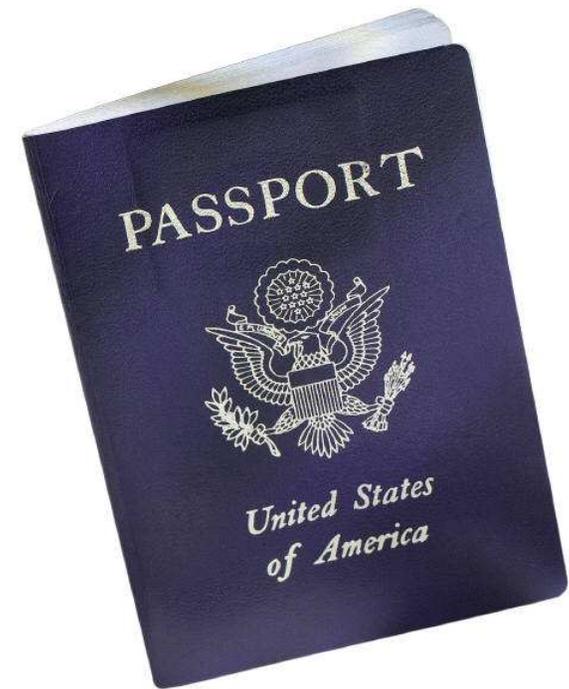
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Determining Family Size & Income for Military Families

Tip 1: Service members deployed overseas or stationed in a location separate from their families are counted as part of the family here when determining income.

Tip 2: Children in the temporary care of friends or relatives—

There are 3 options to determine income:

- If absent parent(s) income is known, count the child(ren) as a family. Use the parent(s) income for the child(ren).
- If the parent is providing an allotment for the child(ren) consider the child(ren) their own family and count the allotment as the only income for the child(ren).
- When neither of the two previous options are applicable the children are considered a part of the family of the person(s) they are residing with.

Tip 3: When pay is received on a temporary basis, you may choose to consider the income of the family during the past 12 months as a more accurate indicator of the family's income status, as opposed to calculating income using the "current" rate.

Tip 4: Military Reserves & National Guards called to active duty may experience a drop in income so that they may become income eligible for WIC. The families current rate of income while on active duty should be used when determining income in most cases.

Tip 5: Lump sum payments such as retention bonuses and clothing allowances received in the current month should be averaged for 12 months. Many times these payments may put the family over income and ineligible for benefits. In these cases they may reapply the following month. At that time their income would be assessed using the current month's income that does not include the bonuses or other allowances.

Calculating Military Pay Using the Long Method

Reading a Leave & Earnings Statement (LES)

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE MILITARY LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENT														
ID	NAME (LAST, FIRST MI)	SOC. SEC. NO.	GRADE	PAY DATE	YES DVC	ETS	BRANCH	ADJUSN	PERIOD COVERED					
	Snoopy the WWII Pilot			1-30 APR 10										
ENTITLEMENTS					DEDUCTIONS					SUMMARY				
TYPE	AMOUNT	TYPE	AMOUNT	TYPE	AMOUNT	TYPE	AMOUNT	TYPE	AMOUNT					
A	Base Pay 2414.40	Federal Taxes	2.69	* TOT END	10742.86									
B	BAS 233.87	FICA Soc Sec	00.00	* TOT END	537.27									
C	BAH 1077.00	FICA-Medicare	77.00	* TOTALP	1389.69									
D	Fly Pay 150.00	AGLI		* NET AMT	8815.9									
E	Spec Duty Pay 450.00	State Taxes	89.86	OR FIC										
F	SRB 6035.99			* EORNF										
G	Clothing 381.60													
					8815.9									
TOTAL					10742.86									

Possible Combat Pay Ask 3 Questions to determine if it counts as income.

Clothing Allowance & Bonus covering more than one month:
 * Subtract from Total Entitlements
 * Divide payments by 12 (for monthly amount)
 * Add monthly amount to Total Entitlements

Do Not Count as Income – Subtract from Total Entitlements

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A	4	5	6	7	8	9													
					10														

- Step 1:** Check Entitlements for exclusions using **Military Code Chart**.
- Step 2:** Subtract the amount of any exclusions from total entitlements.
 $\$10,742.86 - \$1077.00 = \$9665.86$
- Step 3:** Subtract any one time entitlements from the final amount in Step 2.
 $\$9665.86 - \$6035.99 = \$3629.87 - \$381.60 = \$3248.27$
- Step 4:** Add all one time entitlements and divide by 12 to find the monthly amount.
 $\$6035.99 + \$381.60 = \$6417.59 / 12 = \534.79
- Step 5:** Add the monthly amount of the one time Entitlements to the Total Entitlements value found in Step 3.
 $\$3248.27 + \$534.79 = \$3783.06$
- Step 6:** Using this number complete income assessment for the family.

- 1 Service members name. Last, First, middle initial
- 2 Branch of service member is in. (Army, Air Force, etc.)
- 3 Period covered by the individual LES. Normally one month
- 4 Entitlements. Types of pay and allowances are listed here.*
- 5 Dollar amount paid for each entitlement
- 6 Deductions. Includes insurance, taxes, mid-month pay.*
- 7 Dollar amount deducted for each item.
- 8 Allotments. Includes savings and/or checking accounts, or bonds.*
- 9 Dollar amount of each allotment.
- 10 Total dollar amount of all entitlements.

* Up to 15 can be listed here. More than 15 items are listed in REMARKS

Combat Zones

DESIGNATED COMBAT ZONES (continued)	
<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>AREA</i>
Lebanon	land
Liberia	land
Malaysia	land
Montenegro	land and airspace
Oman	land
Pakistan	land
Phillipines	land
Qatar	land and airspace
Rwanda	land
Saudi Arabia	land and airspace
Serbia	land and airspace
Somolia	land and airspace
Sudan	land and airspace
Syria	land
Tajikistan	land
Turkey	land
Uganda	land
United Arab Emirates	land
Uzbekistan	land
Yemen	land
Arabian Sea	north of 10 deg north lat, west of 68 deg east long.
Gulf of Aden	sea
Gulf of Oman	sea
Persian Gulf	sea and airspace
Somalia Basin	sea

Military Codes

Count as Income

Caution Ask Questions

Do Not Count

Code	Definition
ISP	Incentive Special Pay
LQA	Living Quarters Allowance
MIHA - Miscellaneous	Moving Housing Allowance
MIHA - Rent	Moving Housing Allowance - Rent
MIHA – Security	Moving Housing Allowance
MRB	Multiyear Retention Bonus
MSP	Multiyear Special Pay
NIB	Nuclear Career Annual Incentive Bonus
NPAB	Nuclear Power Accession Bonus
	Nuclear –Continuation Pay
OEP	Overseas Extension Pay
OHA	Overseas Housing Allowance
OCONUS COLA	Overseas Cost of Living Allowance
OTEIP	Army Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Pay
OVERSEAS COLA	Overseas Cost of Living Allowance
	Overseas Extension Pay
PCCA	Partial Civilian Clothing Allowance
RBMA	Reserve Basic Maintenance Allowance
RSMA	Reserve Standard Maintenance Allowance
SBP	Military Survivor Benefits Plan
SDAP	Special Duty Assignment Pay
SDIP	Submarine Duty Incentive Pay
SEA	Subsistence Expense Allowance
SEB	Selective Enlistment Bonus
SepRats	Separation Rations
SMA	Standard or Separate Maintenance Allowance
	Special Duty – Diving Duty Pay
	Specialty Pay
SR	Separation Rations
SRA	Standard Replacement Allowance
SRB	Selective ReEnlistment Bonus
	Standard Initial Clothing Allowance
SUPP CMA	Enlisted Supplementary Clothing Allowance
TDYCCA	Temporary Duty Civilian Clothing Allowance
TLE CONUS	Temporary Lodging Expenses in US
TLA	Temporary Living Allowance
TLA OCONUS	Temporary Lodging Allowance Outside US
TQSA	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowance
VI	Voluntary Indefinite Status
VBSS Duty	Maritime Visit, Board, Search & Seizure Duty
VSP	Variable Special Pay

Combat Pay

Combat pay may or may not be counted as income. You need to ask the 3 questions that follow.

Assessment Questions – use to determine if pay should be excluded as income.

1. Are they currently serving in a designated combat zone? (see following pages)
2. Did they begin receiving this pay after they were deployed to the combat zone?
3. Is the pay received in addition to the service member's basic pay?

If Yes to all questions =

Don't Count as income. The pay qualifies as combat pay.

If No to one or more questions =

Count as income. The pay does not qualify as combat pay.

Combat pay may be temporary. Average the family's income for 12 months to be most reflective of the current situation.

Combat Zones

DESIGNATED COMBAT ZONES	
<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>AREA</i>
Afghanistan	land and airspace
Algeria	land
Azerbaijan	land
Bahrain	land and airspace
Burundi	land
Columbia	land
Congo	land
Cuba	service members performing duties with joint task force Guantanamo Bay Detention Facilities
Djibouti	land
East Timor	land
Egypt	land
Eritrea	land
Ethiopia	land
Greece	land (within 20k radius from center of Athens)
Haiti	land
Indonesia	land
Iran	land
Iraq	land and airspace
Israel	land
Ivory Coast	land
Jordan	land
Kenya	land
Kosovo	land and airspace
Kuwait	land and airspace
Kyrgystan	land