

Referral and Relocation

House Hold Goods

Due to the smaller size of government quarters and community housing, all members are highly encouraged not to ship their full JFTR weight allowance. Therefore, we recommend that you utilize your Non-Temporary Storage entitlement at origin. In the event you ship your full JFTR weight allowance, Misawa AB has limited storage facilities at a cost to you that will accommodate excess household items. Local rental storage units are also limited and housing/TMO will not ship items back to the continental U.S. for non-temporary storage for off base residents.

Lodging

Prior to your arrival, you need to secure temporary accommodations. Visit www.dodlodging.net – Search “Misawa” to locate information on Misawa Inn or Navy Gateway Inn and Suites for TLF facilities.

Military members are entitled to various allowances to ensure the transition to a new location is as smooth and stress free as possible. If you have any questions about the allowances listed, please contact the MHO.

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA)

For overseas areas only, individuals moving into community housing may be eligible for OHA and MIHA. Specific circumstances, conditions and requirements of OHA or MIHA are identified in the Financial Management Regulation.

These extra allowances are in place to off-set the higher costs of living in overseas communities. OHA is a reimbursement and based on actual expenses for rental and utility/recurring maintenance allowances. It is adjusted every pay period for changes in exchange rates.

Members are also authorized a one-time Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA). This allowance is provided for the purchase of supplemental items not normally available in foreign housing, but considered standard when renting in the community at U.S. locations such as window coverings, light fixtures, electricity connection, etc.

For more information about your OHA and MIHA, visit the [Defense Travel Management Office Website](#).

Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA)

When you arrive at Misawa AB, you will stay in temporary accommodations until you move

into permanent quarters. TLA is an entitlement to partially offset the more-than-normal expenses incurred during occupancy of temporary lodging. TLA will be paid only for the time it is necessary for the member to occupy temporary lodging when they first arrive at the installation. Inbound members will have up to 10 days of TLA to secure community housing. Upon arrival, members are required to aggressively seek available vacant quarters and must maintain a documented aggressive search for permanent housing. The Military Housing Office will provide Community Housing Progress Tracker. If you choose to wait for a personal housing preference, your TLA may be terminated and you will incur out-of-pocket expenses to retain lodging.

Living Quarters Allowance (LQA)

Civilian employees recruited from the U.S. who prefer to live in the local community may be entitled to receive an LQA. LQA is in addition to other allowances and, in most cases, covers most of the costs of housing, heat, electricity, trash, water, and sewer service. The maximum allowable rates depend on the location of the duty assignment, employee grade and number of dependents living with the employee. LQA is a reimbursement and is based on actual expenses. It is adjusted every pay period for changes in monetary exchange rates. For more information go to the [State Department website](#).

The MHO will assist you in completing the required paperwork to process your rent advance.