East Anglian Regional Housing Office



Welcome to the East Anglian Regional Housing Office at RAF Lakenheath. We are committed to deliver excellent service in providing our military members with adequate housing while in the tri-base area. We have three Military Family Housing (MFH) Areas which are located at RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall and RAF Feltwell. Also, there is a large amount of Community Housing available in the surrounding areas of the Bases. Area maps and some Pre-Approved Rental listings are available at the RAF Lakenheath Housing Office, Building 429 near Gate Two.

On arrival, make sure you are booked in to attend the Newcomers Briefing with the Military Family Readiness Centre. If you are unable to attend the Briefing within the 1st Week of arrival, please email the Housing Office 48CES.housingasisstance@us.af.mil to make us aware you are here and we can provide you some information while you are waiting to attend your briefing.

**If you are an E4 or below with less than 3 years of service and your orders state UNACCOMPANIED or married mil to mil and you are considered a geo bachelor, you or your sponsor must contact the Dormitory Management Office before making any arrangements for lodging. Typically, you will be assigned to the Dorms, failure to do so could impact you financially.

RAF LAKENHEATH DORM MANAGEMENT: DSN 314-226-2101 (FOLLOW THE PROMPTS) EMAIL 48CES.dormmanagers@us.af.mil

RAF MILDENHALL DORM MANAGEMENT: DSN 314-238-5735 EMAIL 100CES.UHO@us.af.mil

Temporary Lodging Facilities Contact Numbers:

Liberty Lodge, RAF Lakenheath: DSN 226-6700 / 01638 526700 Gateway Inn, RAF Mildenhall: DSN 238-2407 / 01638 542407

RAF Lakenheath Housing Office, Bldg 429 Walk-in Open Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri: 0800-1130 / 1300-1530

Tues/Thurs: 1300-1530 U.S. Holidays: Open U.K. Holidays: Closed

Assistance Team (TLA/OHA/AOHA):

Tel: 01638 522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 1, option 1

E-mail: 48CES. Housing assistance @us. af.mil

Referral Team (Community Housing):

Tel: 01638 522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 1, option 2

E-mail: 48CES.Referral@us.af.mil

Facilities (MFH Occupants (Inspections/Maintenance)/MFH Waiting Lists):

Tel: 01638 522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 1, option 3/4

E-mail: 48CES.MFH@us.af.mil

If you are interested, apply for Military Family Housing (MFH) on https://www.homes.mil/heat View Military Family Housing Waitlists (Internal NIPR Access Only): https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/48FW/48thMissionSupportGroup/48thCES/HousingOffice/Waitlist/SitePages/Home.aspx

Furnishings Management Section (FMS), RAF Feltwell Bldg 73:

Mon/Tues/Wed - 0830-1530 Thurs - 1030-1530 Fri - 0830-1500 **Customer Service:** 01638-522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 3, option 2

E-mail: 48CES.CEACF@us.af.mil

Appliance Repair Desk: 01638 522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 3, option 1

E-mail: APPLIANCEREPAIRCALLDESK@us.af.mil

Useful Housing Websites and Resources:

www.housing.af.mil/Units/RAF-Lakenheath; www.facebook.com/RAFLakenheathHousingManagementOffice

<u>Military Family Housing (MFH)</u> consists of one-, two- and three-story units. East Anglian Regional Housing Office has 3 separate on-base housing areas (Tri-Base). MFH areas are within a 10-mile radius of each other. The waiting times are approximate and change on a weekly basis. Please check with the Housing Office for current waiting times. <u>Note</u>: All members arriving on accompanied orders will be added to the MFH waitlist upon arrival (see Tri-base Area Housing Policy letter).

If you apply for MFH within 30 days of your arrival your effective placement date on the waiting list will be the departure date from your losing installation. After 30 days your effective date will be the date of walk-in. Please note that credit for coming from an Unaccompanied Dependent Restricted Tour (UDR) must be claimed within 30 days of your arrival; a copy of your UDR orders is required.

<u>Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA)</u> is a financial entitlement that partially reimburses you for Lodging and Meals while in TLF (Temporary Lodging Facilities). If you choose to lodge off base, please consult with Finance regarding your entitlement. A Non-availability letter from on base lodging may be required. You can opt to stay with friends, relatives or coworkers and receive an allowance for meals only. A Confirmation of Lodging Form can be found at the Housing Office and on the AF Connect app.

You are required to complete your TLA Claims in 10 Day increments by provided your Housing Counselor a Fully Itemized Paid Receipt (each night to be printed and cost per night) and a completed TLA Entitlement Form (commonly known as the House Search Form). On the First House Search Form you need to show 2 properties you have viewed. All subsequent Claims you need to show 4 Houses viewed until you show you have Accepted a Property. Declination of housing must be based on safety issues and not personal preference. If a property has not been accepted after the 2nd Claim, an appointment will be made for you to meet with the Housing Manager to determine continuation of TLA reimbursement and to assure the appropriate effort toward searching for a residence is being maintained.

If you applied for Military Family Housing and it is not available, you must actively seek private rental housing to maintain your entitlement to TLA.

In the event you elect to process a rental contract on a house which is not ready for occupancy within 30 days your TLA entitlement will end at 30 days unless an extension is pre-approved.

If available, you can elect to initiate a Short-Term Rental and start your Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) while searching or waiting for Long-Term Housing to come available. The Referral Team in the Housing Office maintains a list of **approved** Short-Term Lets. Once OHA has started you cannot go back in to TLF Status.

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) is money received for your rent. The amount received is either your Monthly Rental Amount or your OHA Cap, whichever is lowest. Rental payment over and above the amount of your OHA entitlement will be at the members' own expense. Try and ensure you get value for your money and make allowances for possible future rent increases. It is not always advisable to maximize your OHA. Your OHA will start on the Lease Effective Start/Commencement Date and your TLA will end the night prior to the Start Date.

If your situation or circumstances change (marital status, moving house for example) you must contact the Housing Office to ensure it is reflected in the OHA.

<u>Moving In Housing Allowance (MIHA)</u> is a one-time payment to assist you with additional costs that may incur when moving into off-base housing.

<u>Utility Allowance</u> will be provided to you for the payment of electricity, heating, and water. In almost all cases these payments are your responsibility when renting a home off-base. Legislation exists in the UK to ensure you are provided with the Energy Efficiency of a property before you make a choice to rent it. This is provided to you in the

form of an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). Homes are rated from A to G, with A being the most efficient, G being the least. Houses below **an E rating must not to be rented** (unless historically listed).

Advance Overseas Housing Allowance (AOHA) You can apply for AOHA which is an interest free loan up to three times your rent or OHA cap, whichever is lowest. Repayment is normally made over 12 months by automatic pay deduction. When applying for AOHA you would need a signed Lease for the paperwork to be completed and you would then need to route the AOHA up to your Squadron Commander for approval. Once the AOHA has been approved, return it to the Housing Office to pass to the Finance Office. You should receive funds within 3-5 business days. Please ensure the time between when you sign your Lease and the effective start date is sufficient to process your AOHA, as the funds will need to be on hand to pay to your Agent/Landlord.

Security Deposits may be required before possession of the property will be given. It should never be more than the equivalent of 5 weeks rent. Security deposits can be used by the Landlord for any outstanding obligations when the tenancy comes to an end. To minimize disputes regarding the condition of your property and your security deposit, you should ensure a comprehensive condition inventory of the property is completed at the beginning of the tenancy and signed by both parties. The Housing Office can provide an example inventory for your use. The condition of all aspects relating to the property should be referred to on the condition inventory otherwise it becomes a matter of your word against the Landlord's at the end of the tenancy. It is advised to take pictures upon move in and move out. Any Landlord/Agent taking a deposit from you in connection with a rental contract, are required to register your deposit in one of the UK governments approved schemes. UK law expects Tenants to police Landlord compliance with this legislation. If you have not received instructions from your Landlord/Agent as to where your deposit is registered within 30 days, inquire about this with your Landlord/Agent or contact the Referral Team in the Housing Office.

INFORMATION TO KNOW BEFORE RENTING OFF BASE

Renting in the Community - The area surrounding RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall and RAF Feltwell is very rural and comprised of many small towns and villages. Ensure you carefully consider the type of roads you will have to drive when choosing a home. When looking at the drive to the home of your choice, consider the changing daylight hours and weather, depending on the season. It is mandatory that the Housing Office Referral Team inspect all Rental Properties before a Lease is signed. This is referred to as our Adequacy Standards Program. Referrals can advise/help you with any questions you have on Renting Off Base, Safety Inspections, Right to Rent Letter, Excess Rent Acknowledgement Memo & Council Tax. You do not pay Council Tax, but you need to register Exemption – Follow https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-council-tax-discount to register your Council Tax Exemption.

Pre-Approved Listings of available off-base rental properties may be found on <u>Homes.mil (Rental Partnership Program (RPP), RAF Lakenheath/Mildenhall).</u>

<u>Purchasing in the Community</u> - If you choose to purchase a home, TLA reimbursement will be limited to 30 days. This may be insufficient to cover you for the time needed to complete the purchase. In such a case it will be necessary to find a short-term rental while you complete the purchase. Attempt to do as much research as possible through local Agents and financial brokers.

Always verify the **available date** before viewing a property to ensure you will be able to occupy it within your TLA Allowance. Members should aim to move into a house within the first 30 days of arrival. Please be aware that a change in an available date on a property is **NOT justification for a Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) extension.**

Once you accept a House your Agent will contact Referrals to book a Life Safety Inspection on the Property. Your Agent will let you know when this is to take place. On the Day of the Inspection, you need to call Referrals after 1430hrs for the Results of the Inspection. If the Inspection fails Referrals will let you know if any items can be waived by you so you can carry on moving into the Property without delay. However, you must sign an Adequacy Standard Inspection Waiver Memorandum.

The Housing Office provides a standard lease for you to use when renting a home off base, but some Agents/Landlords may use their own lease. Ensure **all** Leases are reviewed by yourself and the Referral Team in the Housing Office. You should understand your rights and obligations when renting. The **military clause** in the standard housing lease allows you to give 30 days' notice to terminate a lease for a military reason (i.e., accepting MFH or PCS, etc.)

Before you sign your Lease - email it to Referrals to check that it is good to sign. All community housing leases must include a **Military Break Clause** and be **reviewed by the Referral team** prior to signing.

Although your concern at present is finding a home, you may want or need to move again in the future. Notice to end your tenancy must be in writing and in accordance with how your lease states you should serve notice. If you have any questions, please ask the Referrals Team in the Housing Office. FMS must be notified of your move so that the government assets can be transferred to the new property. Failure to do this will result in a delay should you need an appliance engineer visit.

<u>Furnishings Management Section (FMS)</u> - Temporary loaner furniture is available from FMS for off-base and on-base residents for up to 90 days, while awaiting the delivery of your Household Goods (HHG). A temporary loaner kit consists of a combination of beds, dressers, sofas, tables, and chairs. Requests should be delivered within five to seven duty days. Please ensure you process your request at least ten days prior to the effective date of your move, to allow time for delivery. FMS Packages can be found on SharePoint: Housing Office/Documents/FMS/FMS Packages or the AF Connect App: Housing/Furniture Management Section/New Arrivals.

Duration of Tour (DOT) items are available for off-base residents. Items include wardrobes, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, and transformers **WHEN NOT PROVIDED BY THE LANDLORD.** A Landlord/Tenant statement, signed by the military member and Landlord/Agent, must be provided to FMS with any application for appliances. Stipulate available space and relevant connections available.

It is important that you report any damages to your property or the appliances on delivery prior to signing for receipt of item on AF Form 228, Appliance Condition Report. Any damage to the Landlord's property will be taken from your security deposit so recording of damages is essential to ensure you can utilize the reimbursement process. *Please contact the FMS QA Department on 01638 522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 3, option 3.*

Military Break Clause (as taken from the Housing Office Lease)

Tenant's Break Clause

Notwithstanding the express terms contained herein this Tenancy may be terminated earlier by the Tenant for reasons of military necessity, as defined in paragraph 9.2 subject to the Tenant giving the Landlord/Agent not less than thirty (30) days' notice in writing, such written notice to be served personally or by Recorded Delivery Post by the Tenant upon the Landlord/Agent.

Military necessity generally includes but is not limited to the following circumstances:

The Tenant is officially directed by the United States Air Force to a permanent duty location that is at least ten (10) miles greater in distance from the leased premises than the Tenant's duty location was when the Tenancy was entered in to, this includes Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and Permanent Change of Assignment (PCA); or

The Tenant is directed by the United States Air Force to occupy quarters or accommodations provided by the United States Air Force or its Agents; or

The Tenant, their spouse and/or dependents are no longer permitted to remain in England or Wales, or are required to return to the United States (or place of origin other than England or Wales) for a protracted period of time (e.g. loss of command sponsorship, military necessity, illness or death); or if the United Kingdom or the United States become party to a war; or

The Tenant is directed to deploy to a temporary duty location for a period in excess of ninety (90) days; or

The Tenant leaves the United States military or civilian service for any reason.

Additionally, the Tenant may terminate this Tenancy early if the Tenant voluntarily accepts an offer of accommodation provided by the United States Air Force or its Agents, subject to the Tenant's having resided at the Property for at least six (6) months of this Tenancy. The Tenant must give the Landlord/Agent not less than thirty (30) days' notice of termination under this clause in writing, such written notice to be served personally or by Recorded Delivery post by the Tenant upon the Landlord/Agent. If the Tenant properly effects notice of early termination under this clause, the Landlord/Agent shall not require from the Tenant any charge, levy, penalty, or other payment whatsoever by reason of such termination.

Rental Increases

Notwithstanding the express terms contained herein, during this tenancy there will be no increase in rent on account of the Tenant's promotion within the United States Visiting Force or within another US Government Agency.

EXPLANATORY NOTE REGARDING RENT INCREASES CLAUSE. It has been brought to our attention that it has been the practice of some Landlords to raise the Tenant's rent solely because the Tenant has been promoted and therefore will receive a greater housing allowance from the US Government. To end this practice, we have found it necessary to include an additional clause to ensure this does not happen. This clause in no way prevents the Landlord

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Housing Office Open Hours/Contact

Located on RAF Lakenheath, BLDG 429, Near gate 2

WEBSITE: http://www.housing.af.mil/Home/Units/RAF-Lakenheath/

Current Walk-In Hours:

Mon / Wed / Fri 0800 - 1130 and 1300 - 1530

Tues / Thurs: 1300 - 1530

US Holidays (Goal/Family/Down Days): OPEN

UK Holidays: CLOSED



Contact Details

Contact Numbers and e-mail addresses:

Phone tree for Housing DSN 226-2101

(TLA/OHA): 01638 522101/DSN 226-2101 option 1 option 1 e-mail: 48CES.Housingassistance@us.af.mil

Referral (Community Housing Inspections/lease review/renewal) 01638 522101/DSN 226-2101 option 1 option 2 e-mail: 48CES.Referral@us.af.mil

Facilities (MFH Wait Lists/MFH Inspections/Maintenance) 01638 522101/DSN 226-2101 option 1 option 3/4 email: 48CES.MFH@us.af.mil

Furnishings Management Section (FMS) 01638-522101/DSN 226-2101 option 3 option 2 e-mail: 48CES.CEACF@us.af.mil

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Military Family Housing (MFH)

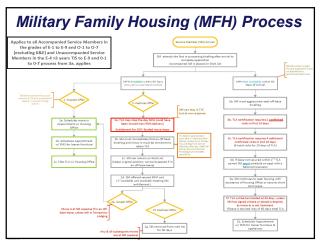
Military Family Housing (MFH):

- MFH Tri-Base Locations: RAF FELTWELL, RAF MILDENHALL and RAF LAKENHEATH.
- ALL Accompanied Members must complete and sign the housing application pack and submit with a copy of orders.
- · Waitlists can be viewed at:

https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/48FW/48thMissionSupportGroup/48thCES/H ousingOffice/Waitlist/SitePages/Home.aspx

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Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) Key Points

- Combination of off and on base lodging allowed where necessary, subject to lodging's availability. If choosing to lodge off base please consult with finance regarding your entitlement. Non-availability letter from base lodging facility may be required.
- Submit TLA claims every 10 nights with the following:

 - Orders/Amendments
 TLA Entitlement Application 1st claim should reflect <u>2 homes</u> viewed, all riew/record at least 4 homes
 - · Itemized paid lodging receipt current to claim
- Seek to find move in ready home within 30 days of arrival. Housing will review member's progress via House Search Record on back of TLA Entitlement Application. Failure to conduct and prove your ongoing adequate housing search could terminate your TLA.
- If MFH is offered and declined by the member, TLA will terminate the morning that FMS is available to deliver furniture to the offered home.

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REFERRAL TEAM

- · Referrals Team can assist with:
 - · Landlord/tenant disputes investigate/mediate complaints
 - · Provide information on local standards of conduct
 - · Assist with getting you forms to file exempt for local council tax
 - · Availability of housing or Short Term Let
 - · Support with Rental Partnership Program (RPP) -CEI.RPP@us.af.mil - see next slide
 - For further support, Email 48CES.Referral@us.af.mil or call DSN 226-2101 / 01638 522101 226-2101 option 1 option 2



RENTAL PARTNERSHIP **PROGRAM**

- Rental Partnership Program (RPP) supports visiting forces in obtaining adequate housing in the community
- Advertises rental properties that have been pre-inspected by a Referrals Inspector before being listed on HOMES.MIL
- Coordinates with local property owners who have entered into an agreement to offer visiting forces rental properties without application fees or security checks
- · Property has been pre-approved by the Referral team
- Email 48CES.CEI.RPP@us.af.mil
- To access available properties navigate to:
 - HOMES.MIL On the home page choose Installation Air Force RAF Lakenheath - Mildenhall
 - In the "Refine Your Search" click RPP YES then click UPDATE

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Renting In The Community

- <u>Step 1</u> Once you have paid a holding fee Agent/landlord must complete Adequacy Standards Checklist (ASC) and forward to the Referrals Team:
 - The ASC must be received prior to occupancy and lease signing so our Referral Team can physically inspect the property.
- Step 2 If your rent amount is higher than your OHA entitlement please see Excessive Rent document and get approval from your First Sergeant or Commander - Present to Referral Team with draft lease for review
- Step 3 Before signing the lease have your lease reviewed by our Referrals Team. Confirm the Housing Office Inspection has passed.
- Your final lease should include:
 - **Current Military Break Clause**
 - Lease terms max 6-12 months
 - Signatures from both parties (landlord/agent and Member) Member signature MUST be CAC or wet signed

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Community Housing Cont...

- May be required to pay the agent a holding deposit, capped at 1
- Security Deposits 5 weeks rent max, even with pets
- Provide Verification of Right to Rent Letter to agent/landlord with US State ID (Driving License). Note: orders not required to be given but if you do, please redact all PII
- Verify date home is available for occupancy should be readily available and within your TLA entitlement
- Check lease start date coincides with TMO/FMS deliveries
- Condition Inventories do a walk through of your own with Agent/landlord and mark all concerns on Inventory check
- Last reimbursable night of TLF is night prior to lease start date
- Where applicable note School Bus Commuting Map attached packet
- DO NOT tell your Landlord your Rank or amount of housing allowance

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Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)

WHAT IS OVERSEAS **HOUSING ALLOWANCE (OHA)?**

OHA is designed to partially offset housing expenses at overseas duty locations when service members live in privately leased housing on the local economy

Please refer to your handout,

Included in your newcomers packet is also a list of your OHA CAP/entitlements





Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)

To START OHA please provide Housing:

- Full ORDERS/Amendments/UDR orders
- Reviewed, fully signed lease (Member must CAC or wet sign)

OHA start date is based on the lease start date in the contract. Night prior to lease commencement is last reimbursable night of TLA

Against Financial Management Regulation DoD 7000.14-R Volume 7A Chapter 26 to use OHA for any services other than rent. I.E. NO gardening, window cleaning, housekeeping, laundry or ANY other extra personal service should be included in rent. The only exception to is charges for renting parking space/garage or normal utilities listed in the contract (see below)

OTHER ALLOWANCES:

- Utilities will be requested according to lease (all, some, none)
- Move In Housing Allowance (MIHA) 1 time payment designed to help cover move in expenses

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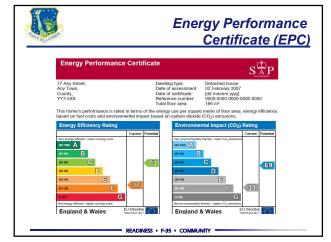
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Advance Overseas Housing Allowance (AOHA)

- Interest free loan To assist with paying Deposit or Other move in expenses
- · AOHA will be completed by the Housing Office
- · Leave Sufficient time to process before lease effective date
- · AOHA needs to be approved by SQUADRON Commander
- · Needed: Pre approved signed lease, amount to borrow in GBP
- · Can borrow up to 3x OHA cap or RENT which ever is lower
- · Paid no sooner than 3 days prior to tenancy start date
- · Process can take 3-5 business days from CPTS receiving
- Repayment over 12 months

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TECHNOLOGY

- TV License required to watch live tv/record/download TV on any device. Streaming does not usually require a license so long as it isn't live. Visit www.tvlicensing.co.uk to find out if you need to buy a license or register for an exemption.
- DECT 6 devices Illegal in the UK under section 8 of the UK Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006
 - The 6 frequency is specific to North America and interferes with UK licensed services.
 - Check US baby monitors, cordless phones etc.
 - Maximum £5000 fine and/or 6 months prison sentence if found using.

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Council Tax Exemption

- THIS EXEMPTION MUST BE REGISTERED BY YOU!!
 - It is a criminal offense in the UK to not pay Council Tax. If you do not apply for your exemption you will end up with a court summons.
 Bailiffs could turn up at your home and remove goods to pay fines.
 - Visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-council-tax-discount to find your District Council and register your exemption.
 - · If your DEROS changes you must notify your District Council.
 - If you need additional assistance or have questions about how to file exempt, reach out to the Referral team at 226-2101 option 1 option 2 or 48ces.referral@us.af.mil

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Short Term Lease

Approved Short term leases are available Off-Base:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Leases from 1 week to several months
- OHA authorized for approved Short Term Lets. This will bridge the gap between TLA stopping and moving into permanent housing if needed
- OHA change must be completed after moving into permanent housing
- List of approved units can be found at the Housing Office list available on our website.
- DO NOT enter into a short term lease which has not been approved by the Housing Office
- Non-availability of a short term let DOES NOT warrant an extension of Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA)

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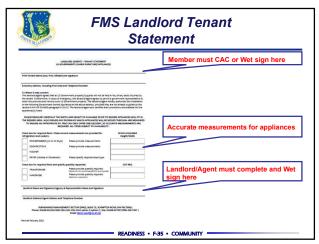
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FMS Damage Complaints

Please ensure any damage caused by the Contractor during delivery/pickup is reported in the correct way:

- 1. Inspect FMS item and property closely during delivery/pickup
- Ensure damage is annotated on the FMS paperwork, BEFORE MEMBER signing
- Report damage to the Quality Assurance Section immediately for investigation on 01638 522101 or DSN 226-2101 option 3 option 3
- 4. Take photographs of the damage to support your claim

Failing to inspect the area/item and report damage PRIOR TO SIGNING FMS PAPERWORK may invalidate any claim!

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ARRIVAL TLA SUBMIT IBQ AND ORDERS/AMENDMENTS (AT THE INPROCESSING BRIEFING) SUBMIT TLA ENTITLEMENT FORM TO YOUR ASSIGNED COUNSELOR EVERY 10 NIGHTS UNTIL HOUSE IS

- SUBMIT PAID ITEMIZED LODGING RECEIPT TO YOUR ASSIGNED COUNSELOR (EVERY 10
- NIGHTS UNTIL LEASE START DATE)
- ENSURE FMS PAPERWORK SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE TO COINCIDE WITH LEASE START DATE IF REQUIRED

START OF OHA/AOHA

- ENSURE LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION BY HOUSING HAS PASSED
- UNSIGNED DRAFT LEASE REVIEWED BY HOUSING REFERRALS (48CES.REFERRAL@US.AF.MIL)
- SIGNED LEASE (MUST BE WET/CAC SIGNED)
- COPY OF ORDERS AND AMENDMENTS (IF NOT SUBMITTED AT INBOUND BRIEFING)
- ENSURE METER READINGS ARE TAKEN ON MOVE IN DAY
- ENSURE COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION IS SUBMITTED TO RELEVANT COUNCIL

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QUESTIONS?

BEFORE LEAVING:

- Please complete and hand in the following:

 1. Inbound Briefing Questionnaire (IBQ) and Certificate of Understanding on reverse

 2. Completed Housing Application pack (if Accompanied

 - 3. One copy of full orders and amendments

OHA Chart

RAF LAKENHEATH / RAF MILDENHALL

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| Effective Date | 1-Aug-23 | |
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| Exchange Rate | \$ to £ | £ to\$ |
| | 0.78 | 1.28 |
| MIHA (\$) | \$767.95 | £599 |
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| E2 | £1,222 | \$1,566.67 | \$2,671.79 | E2 | £1,100 | \$1,410.00 | \$2,238.85 |
| E3 | £1,222 | \$1,566.67 | \$2,671.79 | E3 | £1,100 | \$1,410.00 | \$2,238.85 |
| E4 | £1,222 | \$1,566.67 | \$2,671.79 | E4 | £1,100 | \$1,410.00 | \$2,238.85 |
| E5 | £1,333 | \$1,708.97 | \$2,814.10 | E5 | £1,200 | \$1,538.08 | \$2,366.92 |
| E6 | £1,535 | \$1,967.95 | \$3,073.08 | E6 | £1,382 | \$1,771.15 | \$2,600.00 |
| E7 | £1,535 | \$1,967.95 | \$3,073.08 | E7 | £1,382 | \$1,771.15 | \$2,600.00 |
| E8 | £1,535 | \$1,967.95 | \$3,073.08 | E8 | £1,382 | \$1,771.15 | \$2,600.00 |
| E9 | £2,025 | \$2,596.15 | \$3,701.28 | E9 | £1,823 | \$2,336.54 | \$3,165.38 |
| 01 | £1,333 | \$1,708.97 | \$2,814.10 | 01 | £1,200 | \$1,538.08 | \$2,366.92 |
| O1E | £1,535 | \$1,967.95 | \$3,073.08 | O1E | £1,382 | \$1,771.15 | \$2,600.00 |
| O2 | £1,333 | \$1,708.97 | \$2,814.10 | 02 | £1,200 | \$1,538.08 | \$2,366.92 |
| O2E | £1,535 | \$1,967.95 | \$3,073.08 | O2E | £1,382 | \$1,771.15 | \$2,600.00 |
| 03 | £1,535 | \$1,967.95 | \$3,073.08 | 03 | £1,382 | \$1,771.15 | \$2,600.00 |
| O3E | £2,025 | \$2,596.15 | \$3,701.28 | O3E | £1,823 | \$2,336.54 | \$3,165.38 |
| 04 | £2,025 | \$2,596.15 | \$3,701.28 | 04 | £1,823 | \$2,336.54 | \$3,165.38 |
| O5 | £2,100 | \$2,692.31 | \$3,797.44 | 05 | £1,890 | \$2,423.08 | \$3,251.92 |
| O6 | £2,387 | \$3,060.26 | \$4,165.38 | 06 | £2,148 | \$2,754.23 | \$3,583.08 |

Visit: http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm



OHA Components

Rental Allowance

A monthly rate designed to offset rental expenses at overseas locations. Reviewed and updated biannually using rent amounts reported through the finance system. It is designed so that 80% of members with dependents have rental payments fully reimbursed. For other members, it may cover the majority of the rental expenses. The service member is paid either the amount of their rent or the rental allowance, whichever is lower.

Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowance

Paid monthly, in conjunction with the rental allowance, to help offset expenses for members who pay utilities, recurring maintenance, and minor repair expenses. When all utilities are included in rent, the member does not get the utility allowance. Instead, the utility allowance is added to the member's rental allowance. The rate is updated annually based on data collected from the OHA Utility Expenses Survey.

Move-in Housing Allowance (MIHA)

- MIHA Miscellaneous. A one-time payment to all OHA recipients designed to offset average move-in expenses. The amount is based on expenses reported by members on the OHA Move-In Expenses Survey conducted every 3 years, including purchase of appliances and utility hookup fees.
- MIHA Rent. A dollar-for-dollar reimbursement for realtor fees.
- MIHA Security. A dollar-for-dollar reimbursement for security upgrades to a dwelling. Only certain locations are authorized.
- MIHA Infectious Disease. A dollar-for-dollar reimbursement for infectious disease related upgrades to a dwelling. Only certain locations are authorized.

OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Overview

The Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) is designed to partially offset housing expenses at overseas duty locations when service members live in privately leased housing on the local economy. OHA is paid to approximately 60,000 service members at a cost of \$1.5 billion annually. The OHA Program takes into consideration the amount service members spend on rent, utilities, and move-in costs. For OHA policies, see the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 26.

Key Facts

- OHA enables service members to obtain adequate housing at an overseas duty station. Unaccompanied members are entitled to up 90% of the rental allowance and 75% of the utility allowance.
- Service members can impact their OHA rates by participating in the annual OHA Utility Expenses Survey and triennial OHA Utility and Move-In Expenses Survey.
- OHA reflects what service members are actually paying in housing costs and is adjusted based on currency fluctuations.

Helpful Resources

OHA Calculator:

https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm

OHA Policies in the DoD FMR:

https://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/current/07a/07a 26.pdf

OHA Survey Information:

https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm

FAQs: https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/faqoha.cfm

DoD Overseas Station & Housing Allowance Process Guide: https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/DoD Overseas Station a nd Housing Allowance Process Guide.pdf

DoD MIHA Process Guide:

https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/DoD Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) Process Guide.pdf



School Bus Commuting Area Guide

Effective date: 01 August 2022

DoDEA provides student transportation services to the following villages.

Lakenheath.SBO@dodea.edu

| RAF Feltwell Schools Commuting Area | RAF Lakenheath Schools Commuting Area |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Beck Row | Barton Mills |
| Brandon | Bury St. Edmunds |
| Brookville | Chippenham |
| Downham Market | Eriswell |
| Ely | Fordham |
| Feltwell Village | Fornham All Saints |
| Hilgay | Freckenham |
| Hockwold | Icklingham |
| Holywell Row | Isleham |
| Littleport | Kentford |
| Methwold | Lackford |
| Mundford | Lakenheath Village |
| Northwold | Mildenhall Village |
| RAF Mildenhall | Newmarket |
| RAF Feltwell | RAF Lakenheath |
| Southery | Red Lodge |
| Stanton Downham | Soham |
| Stoke Ferry | Tuddenham |
| Thetford | West Row |
| Weeting | Worlington |
| Wereham | |

Customer Service hours: 0800-1300 on school days If an alternate time is required, please call 01638-52-7013 or DSN: 226-7013.

Note: The EFMP screening documents specify the specific schools that can provide services for respective student. For additional information, please call the School Liaison Office at 01638-52-5077/5078

Student Transportation Registration Procedure

Sponsors with school-age children should use this list as a guide when securing a home. Contact the Student Transportation Office **before** selecting a home.

Students must be registered at one of the Lakenheath or Feltwell Schools to receive transportation services.

Sponsors must register for student transportation every year. Requests can be made by emailing Lakenheath.SBO@dodea.edu or visiting the Student Transportation Office on RAF Lakenheath, Building 804, Room 2 (Liberty Intermediate School) during customer service hours.

A bus pass is required to board the bus. All bus passes include a photograph. Sponsors may provide a head-and-shoulders photograph or bring their student to the STO to have their photograph taken.

Bus passes must be picked up at the Student Transportation Office and signed for by the sponsor, or sponsor's spouse, during customer service hours. Official photo ID will be required to pick up the pass.

The sponsor, spouse, or authorized guardian must be present at the bus stop for with kindergarten and 1st grade students to ride the bus.

Customer service hours are 0800-1300 on school days and by appointment during school breaks. If an alternate time is required, please call 01638-52-7013 (226-7013) to set a time.

Commuting Boundary



^{*}Services are subject to change.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 48TH FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

MEMORANDUM FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: United States Air Force,

East Anglian Housing Office,

Building 429,

RAF Lakenheath, Brandon, IP27 9PN, United Kingdom

SUBJECT: Verification of Right to Rent

References: https://www/gov/uk/government/publications/landlords-right-to-rent-checks-guide.

1. This letter serves as notice that:

| Military Members Full Name | Date of Birth | Nationality |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
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is present in the United Kingdom in connection with his/her military duties and is exempt from immigration control. Persons exempt from immigration control have an unlimited right to rent private rental accommodation in the United Kingdom. A copy of the member's military orders and overseas driving license may be provided to confirm the accuracy of the information on this letter. Please note that any personal information relating to the member will be redacted from the orders and any further identification for reasons of security. A copy of this letter may be maintained by landlords or their designated agents to satisfy any further requisite checks required under the Right to Rent Scheme.

2. The military member's dependents, listed below, will also be residing at the premises. Dependents are exempt from immigration control.

| Dependent Members Full Name | Date of Birth | Nationality |
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3. If you have any questions or require any further information please contact the Housing Referral Section at 01638-522063.

Judith Teague, Civ, DAF Housing

Director,

East Anglian Housing Office

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 48TH FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

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| MEMORANDUM FOR 48 CES/CEIH | |
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| SUBJECT: Excess Rent Acknowledgen | nent |
| FROM: Service Member | |
| 1. I have selected a property at £ My Overseas Housing All £ | owance (OHA) cap of £ is exceeded by |
| 2. I have reviewed my finances with my my grade (Enlisted or Officer) when my | First Sergeant, and or Commander, as appropriate to rent exceeds my OHA cap. |
| | SERVICE MEMBER NAME Unit |
| 1st Ind, XXX | |
| I acknowledge the rent being requested and I (recomme | (is / is not) financially capable of affording end / do not recommend) approval of this property. |
| | FIRST SERGEANT / COMMANDER NAME Office |



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 48TH FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

MEMORANDUM FOR 48 CES/CEIHH

| FROM: Service l | Member (SM) Applying for Temporary | y Lodging Allowance (T | LA) | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| SUBJECT: Temp | porary Lodging Allowance (TLA) Enti | tlement Application | | | |
| | ll determine your current TLA entitlened. Failure to fill out this form correctl | | | | |
| Name: | Grade: | SSN#: | Date | »: | |
| Squadron: | Duty Station: | Phone #: | Date of A | Arrival: | |
| 2. Identify which | ch claim for TLA this application is for | r: (Please circle one) 1st | 2nd 3rd | 4th 5th 6 | oth |
| 3. The Tempora | ary Lodging Facility was occupied by: | (Please circle one) | | | |
| Service Member | only Service Member & Fami | ly Members F | amily Members onl | у | |
| Number of deper | ndents staying with you: | Is spouse active duty: | YES NO | | |
| Name of Tempor | ary Lodging Facility: | | | | |
| Were cooking fac | cilities available at the Temporary Lod | ging Facility: YES | NO | | |
| 4. Maximum T | Semporary Lodging Allowance (TLA | A) for Home Buyers: Th | e home buyer is to | actively seek tempora | ıry |
| accommodations | in an approved short-term lease, while | e waiting for purchase to | be complete. Pleas | e note that a person | is no |
| entitled to TLA | when he/she intends to permanently | reside in the dwelling (| as evidenced by hi | s or her plan to purc | chase |
| the residence. se | ee 4.3.b, same document. | | | | |
| HOUSE SEARC | CH RECORD (additional houses may | y be listed on a separate | sheet of paper): | | |
| Date | Full Address (Minus Post Code) | Reason for No | on-Acceptance | Anticipated | |
| Viewed | run ruuress (viinus i ost coue) | (Please be spe | • | Move-In | |
| | | (1 lease be spe | cinc) | Date | |
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| Housing Use Only: Comments: | | |
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| This Incoming TLA Application is: Acceptable | Unacceptable | |
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| Housing Counselor Signature | | Housing Manager Signature (for TLA applications beyond 30 de |

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INBOUND BRIEFING QUESTIONNAIRE

THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY)

| NAME | RANK | SSN | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| (Last, First, Middle Initials) | DATE OF | ARRIVAL | | |
| DATE DEPARTED LAST DUTY STATION | DATE OF | BIRTH | | |
| FIRST DAY OF ACTIVE SERVICE | DATE OF | MARRIAGE | | |
| SQUADRON | DATE OF | DATE OF RANK | | |
| GENDER | DEROS | DEROS | | |
| DUTY PHONE | CELL PH | CELL PHONE | | |
| HOME EMAIL ADDRESS | | | | |
| WORK EMAIL ADDRESS | | | | |
| SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS | | | | |
| ACCOMPANIED TOUR: YES NO | MILITARY SPOU | JSE: YES N | O NA | |
| Have you arrived from an Unaccompanied Depende | RELATIONSHIP | SEX (M/F) | DATE OF ARRIVAL | |
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| LODGING: GATEWAY INN LIBERTY LODGE RAF MILDENHALL RAF LAKENHEATH | OFF BASE | | DORMS | |
| MEMBERS MUST REAL In accordance with the JTR, 0903, TLA is intended to part | | | normal expenses incurred | |
| by a Service member or dependent while occupying tenused, for the personal enrichment of a Service member. | nporary lodging OCON | US. TLA is not in | ntended, and must not be | |
| If there are government-controlled housing available, accowith the HQ USAFE/A7D, 2a. If a service member refuses first date Furnishings Management Section (FMS) can deli | to occupy available gover | rnment-controlled o | quarters, TLA is terminated the | |
| SIGNED | DAT | E OF BRIEFING | | |

| certify that I have been advised by the installation mander or designee of the commuting areas for transportation to schools serving the RAF kenheath, RAF Mildenhall and RAF Feltwell communities. I understand that school bus asportation is provided only within the commuting area. I acknowledge that if I obtain family using outside this area, I must transport my dependent student(s) between my residence and the tool or an existing school bus stop within the commuting area, at my expense. |
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| eknowledge, per the JTR 100501, "OHA is designed to cover actual rental costs for 80% of the igned Service members. A Service member is reimbursed actual rental costs, limited to the ximum OHA rate for each locality and grade. OHA is not intended and must not be used for the sonal enrichment of a Service member by including costs incurred for procuring or adapting a idence to accommodate renters or for vacation purposes. Disciplinary action may apply when using allowances are used for other than the purpose intended." Section C: "An OHA paid onthly includes the rental allowance and the utility and recurring maintenance allowance as scified in pars. 100502 and 100503." (i.e. gardening, window cleaning, housekeeping, laundry on the extra personal service besides rent). |
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| SIGNED BY MEMBER |
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