
General Information Memorandum

ISD GI 17 - 48

TO: ISD Employees
FROM: Mary Brogdon, Division Director
RE: Exclusion of Military Combat Pay for SNAP
DATE: December 4, 2017

Section 5(d)(19) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 requires the exclusion from household income of additional combat-related pay to United States Armed Forces members for purposes of SNAP eligibility determinations. Effective date of the exclusion was October 1, 2008.

This GI rescinds GI 07-30 and provides guidance on identifying specific excludable military combat-related pay from income for SNAP purposes.

8.139.527.9 NMAC states combat pay is excludable only when:

- Received in addition to the service member's basic pay;
- Results from deployment to or service in an area designated as a combat zone by Executive Order or Public Law; and
- Not received prior to deployment or service in a Federally-designated combat zone.

In the process of determining excludable combat pay:

- Verify the combat zone stated in the service member's deployment order or on the Leave and Earning Statement (LES) is one of the designated combat zones listed online at: <http://www.military.com/benefits/military-pay/special-pay/combat-zone-tax-exclusions.html#4>
- Review the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) Section 10 - Entitlements, to identify amount of pay received for Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) and Hazardous Duty Pay Location (HDP-L). These amounts are excludable.

In determining the monthly income of a household with a service member receiving IDP or HDP-L:

- Verify the amount accessible to the household
Amounts can be verified through the LES, Section 12 - Allotments

- Exclude the allocated portion of combat-related pay to the household from the amount accessible to household to determine the household's income for SNAP eligibility and benefit allotment.

Note: Pay received for areas designated as Qualified Hazardous Duty Area (QHDA) or Direct Support Area (DSA) is **not** excludable.

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DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE MILITARY LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENT																	
ID	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)			LOC ASS NO	GRADE	PAY DATE	YRS SVC	STS	BRANCH	ADDITION	PERIOD COVERED						
ENTITLEMENTS				DEDUCTIONS				ALLOTMENTS				SUMMARY					
TYPE		AMOUNT		TYPE		AMOUNT		TYPE		AMOUNT		-					
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O	10		11		12		- TOT ENT					13					
							- TOT DED					14					
							- TOT ALLOT					15					
							= NET AMT					16					
							CR FWD					17					
							= COM PAY					18					
	TOTAL		20		21		22		23		24		25				
LEAVE		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	FED TAXES		33	34	35	36	37	38
FICA TAXES		39		40		41		42		STATE TAXES		43	44	45	46	47	48
PAY DATA		49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)		65		66		67		68		69		70		71			
REMARKS		YTD ENTITLE					YTD DEDUCT					72					
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LOCATIONS

Area	Begin Date
Afghanistan (Land & airspace)	November 1, 1998
Algeria (Land area)	March 7, 1995
Azerbaijan (Land area)	June 9, 1995
Burundi (Land area)	November 29, 1996
Chad (Land area)	August 11, 2008
Columbia (Land area)	June 1, 1985
Congo, Democratic Republic of (Land area)	January 1, 1997
Cote D'Ivoire (Land area)	February 27, 2003
Cuba (JTF Guantanamo Bay)	December 26, 2006
Djibouti (Land area)	July 31, 2002
Egypt (Land area)	January 29, 1997
Eritrea (Land area)	July 31, 2002
Ethiopia (Land area)	September 13, 1999
Greece (Land area within 20km from the center of Athens)	March 27, 2007
Iran (Land area)	November 4, 1979
Iraq (Land & airspace)	September 17, 1990
Israel (Land area)	January 31, 2002
Jordan (Land area)	January 29, 1997
Kenya (Land area)	July 31, 2002
Kosovo (Land & airspace)	June 22, 1992
Lebanon (Land area)	October 1, 1983
Libya (Land & airspace)	March 19, 2011
Mediterranean Sea (Water area from the North African coast from 26°0'E to the East Coast of Tunisia, north to 34°35'N)	March 19, 2011
Pakistan (Land area)	November 26, 1996
Somalia (Land & airspace)	September 28, 1992
Somalia Coastal Waters	December 26, 2006
South Sudan (Land & airspace)	July 9, 2011
Sudan (Land & airspace)	October 4, 1993
Syria (Land & airspace)	July 31, 2003 and September 21, 2014
Tunisia (Land & airspace)	March 19, 2011
Turkey (Land area excluding the Turkish Straits and including southern airspace)	March 1, 1998
Uganda (Land area)	January 19, 2000
Yemen (Land area)	May 25, 1999

Designated Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay Areas