

How to Calculate Post-9/11 BAH Subsistence Allowance Rates

The Department of Defense (DoD) sets BAH rates each calendar year, therefore, new BAH rates are effective January 1st each year, not October 1st. BAH for full-time attendance (or rate of pursuit) may be calculated at the DoD website:

- <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>
- Enter **year** (“2019”), **ZIP Code** of the training facility (school, employer for OJT programs, or agency approved for work experience programs), and “**E-5**”
- Click “calculate”
- Use rate for “E-5 with dependents”.
- Per Public Law 115-48, participants who used entitlement to Chapter 31 benefits and services on or before December 31, 2017, will add an additional amount to this rate. The additional amount will be published in January 2020.

For training at a facility within a United States (U.S.) Territory (not solely online), identify the appropriate locality code (similar to a U.S. ZIP Code) where the Veteran is enrolled in training.

Verify that the site is located in one of the U.S. Territories under which the Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) under the Post-9/11 Chapter 33 is payable: American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam.

Go to the Department of Defense website:

- <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm>
- Enter the year, month and day. If the term starts prior to the 15th day of the month, use the 1st day of the month in which the term begins; if the term starts on or after the 16th day of the month, use the 16th day of the month in which the term begins.
- Choose the correct location from the drop-down box.
- Choose pay grade “E-5”.
- Choose “Yes” in the dependents box.
- Click “Calculate” to obtain the rate.
- The correct rate of pay for P911SA is titled “OHA Rental Allowance”.

The following table specifies payment of the alternate subsistence allowance that VA is calling the Post-9/11 subsistence allowance, as governed by Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 21.260(c).

PAYMENT OF <u>POST-9/11 SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE</u> IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 111-377 (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2011) ¹	
TYPE OF PROGRAM	BAH PAYMENT INCREMENT

Institutional: ²	
Full-time	Entire <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
3/4 time	$\frac{3}{4}$ <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
1/2 time	$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
Non-pay or nominal pay on-job training in a Federal, State, local, or federally recognized Indian tribe agency; vocational course in a rehabilitation facility or sheltered workshop; institutional non-farm cooperative:	
Full-time only	Entire <u>BAH</u> of agency or institution ZIP Code
Non-pay or nominal pay work experience in a Federal, State, local, or federally recognized Indian tribe agency:	
Full-time	Entire <u>BAH</u> of agency ZIP Code
3/4 time	$\frac{3}{4}$ <u>BAH</u> of agency ZIP Code
1/2 time	$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>BAH</u> of agency ZIP Code
Farm cooperative, apprenticeship, or other on-job training (OJT): ³	
Full-time only	Entire <u>BAH</u> of employer ZIP Code
Combination of institutional and OJT (Full-time only):	
Institutional greater than 1/2 time	Entire <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
OJT greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ time ³	Entire <u>BAH</u> of employer ZIP Code
Non-farm cooperative (Full-time only):	
Institutional	Entire <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
On-job ³	Entire <u>BAH</u> of employer ZIP Code
Improvement of rehabilitation potential:	
Full-time	Entire <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
3/4 time	$\frac{3}{4}$ <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
1/2 time	$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
1/4 time ⁴	$\frac{1}{4}$ <u>BAH</u> of institution ZIP Code
Training consisting of solely distance learning: ⁵	
Full-time	$\frac{1}{2}$ <u>BAH National Average</u>
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	$\frac{3}{8}$ <u>BAH National Average</u>

½ time	¼ <u>BAH National Average</u>
Training in the home, including independent instructor:	
Full-time only	½ <u>BAH National Average</u>
Training in an institution not assigned a ZIP Code, including foreign institutions: ⁶	
Full-time	Entire <u>BAH National Average</u>
¾ time	¾ <u>BAH National Average</u>
½ time	½ <u>BAH National Average</u>

¹ Effective August 1, 2011, the Post-9/11 subsistence allowance may be paid in lieu of subsistence allowance authorized in § 21.260(b), and is not adjusted to include dependents.

² For measurement of rate of pursuit, see §§ 21.4270 through 21.4275. Payments for courses being taken simultaneously at more than one institution are based on the BAH of the ZIP Code assigned to the parent institution.

³ For on-job training, payment of the Post-9/11 subsistence allowance may not exceed the difference between the monthly training wage, not including overtime, and the entrance journeyman wage for the veteran's objective.

⁴ The quarter-time rate may be paid only during extended evaluation.

⁵ Payment for training consisting of both distance learning and courses taken at a local institution is based on the BAH of the ZIP Code assigned to the local institution.

⁶ Payment for training or OJT in an institution outside the US, but identified as a U.S. Territory, is based on the OHA rate for the locality code assigned to the institution.