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MEMORANDUM FOR Defense Finance and Accounting Service, 8899 E 56th Street,  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46249

SUBJECT: Clarification of Family Separation Allowance while attending Initial Military  
Training (IMT).

1. References.

- a. Section 426, of title 37, United States Code.
- b. Department of Defense Instruction 1340.24, subject: Family Separation Allowance (FSA), September 17, 2009.
- c. Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 27, Family Separation Allowance, November 2017.
- d. Memorandum, DAPE-PRC, 2 April 2015, subject: Clarification of Family Separation Allowance while attending Recruit/Basic Training, AIT, & Officer Candidate School (OCS).

2. This memorandum supersedes the reference listed at 1.d.

3. IMT includes Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training, One Station Unit Training, Officer Candidate School, and the Basic Officer Leaders Courses.

4. Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers attending IMT in a temporary status do not have a Permanent Duty Station (PDS), and are therefore not entitled to FSA. RC Soldiers depart their Home of Record (HOR) on temporary duty orders (TDY), attend IMT in a TDY status, and then return to their HOR. A HOR is not a PDS.

5. Active Component (AC) Soldiers attend IMT in a temporary status enroute to their initial PDS, but the school/facility location is not a PDS. Accordingly, as AC Soldiers do not have a PDS while attending IMT, they are not entitled to FSA.

6. The following exceptions apply to paragraphs 4 and 5:

- a. When Soldiers are performing IMT enroute to an initial PDS and the Soldiers are entitled to FSA-R at the new PDS. Soldiers are authorized FSA-R during IMT.
- b. When Soldiers attend IMT for more than 140 days (20 weeks) at same installation, the training is considered a PCS and the training location is considered the

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Soldiers' PDS. If movement of dependents to that PDS is not authorized at government expense, or is restricted for more than 30 days, FSA-R is authorized.

7. IMT labeled as TDY, in the orders or via a DD FM 1610, is not authorization for the payment of FSA. When Soldiers are required to perform a period of TDY continuously for more than 30 days after completing IMT and before reporting to their initial PDS, (provided the Soldier's dependents do not reside at or near the temporary duty station), Soldiers are authorized FSA-T for the TDY period after completing IMT. The 30-day continuous period required to qualify for FSA-T begins after the completion of IMT. Soldier are not entitled to FSA during authorized leave enroute or proceed time.

8. The POC for this memorandum is the undersigned at 703-571-7117 or james.d.riley17@mail.mil.

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