



THE HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HAP) FACT SHEET



The Homeowner's Assistance Program (HAP) was established in 1966 to provide financial aid to eligible military and civilians who were serving or employed at or near bases closed or reduced by DOD in the Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) process. Real estate values declined sharply, and DOD was given authority to pay damages to eligible BRAC Impacted Personnel for losses connected to lower real estate prices. The program assisted transferred personnel, including purchasing of homes in appropriate cases. The Program had largely completed payments and operations by 2009.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congress acted to expand the HAP authority of DOD to new claimants to include the following:

- a. Members of the armed forces who incur a wound, injury, or illness in the line of duty (with 30% or greater disability) during a deployment to support the armed forces occurring on or after September 11, 2001;
- b. Wounded DOD and Coast Guard civilian homeowners reassigned in furtherance of medical treatment or rehabilitation or due to medical retirement in connection with a disability incurred in the performance of his or her duties during a forward deployment occurring after September 11, 2001 in support of the armed forces; and
- c. Surviving spouses of fallen warriors who move within two years of the death of such employee or member.

Presently, applications are only being accepted from wounded, injured or ill and surviving spouse applicants. No BRAC-impacted personnel are now covered.

For further information and assistance, go to <http://hap.usace.army.mil> and download an online application and view examples. If you need further information or assistance, please contact the Fort Benning Legal Assistance Office to schedule an appointment with an attorney.



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