

ARMY TEMPORARY FAMILY SUPPORT GUIDELINES

AR 608-99

An Army Service Member has an obligation to provide temporary support to dependents if they are separated. This support begins upon separation and ends when the final divorce degree is issued.

The service member is required to provide support in one of two ways:

1. Housing: If the dependent is living on post, the service member is not obligated to provide any additional money or support. The housing is considered the support.

OR

2. Money: If the spouse is not living on post, then the service member is obligated to pay his dependent spouse an amount determined by the BAH RC/T chart on the following page.
 - a. The default support payment is determined by the “with dependents” column.
 - b. If the service member has several dependents, and they live in different places, the required amount would be proportionally divided.
 - c. The service member can pay for certain expenses in place of the cash amount, such as rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.
3. Aside from the two provisions above, the Army has no authority to order a service member to provide more support.
 - a. A command cannot order a service member to pay more than the regulation requires, nor can it order a service member to provide additional support such as cars, groceries, or child-care supplies.
 - b. If the dependent spouse finds the temporary support to be insufficient, they can file a **Motion for Pre-Decree relief**. The form can be found with other divorce forms on the family court website, per the instructions on page 1. This is a way of asking the court to order the service member to provide more support than the Army regulations provide.

How to make sure the service member is abiding by the temporary support obligation:

Adherence to AR 608-99 is enforced by the service member’s command. A spouse who is not receiving support under the regulations should speak to the service member’s command. If the spouse does not receive help from the command, please make an appointment to see one of our legal assistance attorneys, or visit the Inspector General’s office.

Dual Military Couples:

Generally, dual military couples do not provide support to one another. However, since only one service member receives the BAH with Dependents rate, that amount should be given to the custodial parent or divided accordingly.

2014 Non-Locality BAH Rates

Effective 1 January 2014

Pay Grade	Partial	BAH RC/T*		Differential*
		Without Dependents	With Dependents	
O-10	\$ 50.70	\$ 1,555.80	\$ 1,913.70	\$ 333.60
O-9	\$ 50.70	\$ 1,555.80	\$ 1,913.70	\$ 333.60
O-8	\$ 50.70	\$ 1,555.80	\$ 1,913.70	\$ 333.60
O-7	\$ 50.70	\$ 1,555.80	\$ 1,913.70	\$ 333.60
O-6	\$ 39.60	\$ 1,426.50	\$ 1,722.60	\$ 276.30
O-5	\$ 33.00	\$ 1,373.70	\$ 1,660.80	\$ 267.00
O-4	\$ 26.70	\$ 1,272.60	\$ 1,463.70	\$ 177.60
O-3	\$ 22.20	\$ 1,020.60	\$ 1,211.10	\$ 177.30
O-2	\$ 17.70	\$ 808.80	\$ 1,033.50	\$ 209.40
O-1	\$ 13.20	\$ 693.90	\$ 925.20	\$ 226.20
O3E	\$ 22.20	\$ 1,101.60	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 186.00
O2E	\$ 17.70	\$ 936.60	\$ 1,174.50	\$ 222.30
O1E	\$ 13.20	\$ 814.50	\$ 1,085.70	\$ 261.00
W-5	\$ 25.20	\$ 1,293.30	\$ 1,413.60	\$ 111.00
W-4	\$ 25.20	\$ 1,148.10	\$ 1,295.70	\$ 136.80
W-3	\$ 20.70	\$ 965.70	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 206.40
W-2	\$ 15.90	\$ 856.80	\$ 1,091.40	\$ 218.10
W-1	\$ 13.80	\$ 718.50	\$ 944.70	\$ 211.20
E-9	\$ 18.60	\$ 942.90	\$ 1,243.20	\$ 278.70
E-8	\$ 15.30	\$ 866.40	\$ 1,146.90	\$ 261.30
E-7	\$ 12.00	\$ 798.60	\$ 1,064.40	\$ 302.40
E-6	\$ 9.90	\$ 738.00	\$ 983.40	\$ 292.20
E-5	\$ 8.70	\$ 663.60	\$ 884.70	\$ 248.70
E-4	\$ 8.10	\$ 577.20	\$ 768.90	\$ 215.10
E-3	\$ 7.80	\$ 536.70	\$ 715.20	\$ 176.10
E-2	\$ 7.20	\$ 511.50	\$ 681.60	\$ 235.50
E-1 >4	\$ 6.90	\$ 511.50	\$ 681.60	\$ 278.70
E-1 <4	\$ 6.90	\$ 511.50	\$ 681.60	\$ 278.70

BAH RC/Transit rates are adjusted by the average change in housing costs; BAH-DIFF rates increase by the increase in the basic pay raise.