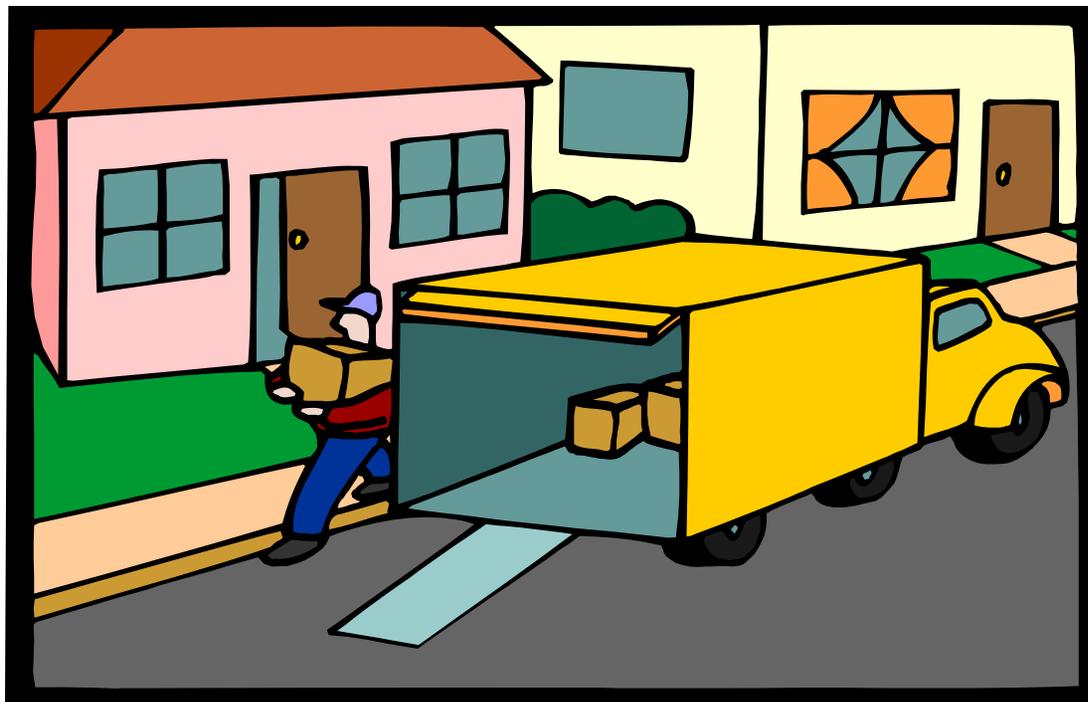




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Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowance





What is the Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowance?

A Monthly Allowance:

- a. provided for each individual OHA locality
- b. based on actual member-reported expense data for members with dependents who pay all (or a majority) of their utilities
- c. covers the utility costs for 80 percent of members assigned to an area





What Does the Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowance Cover?

- ELECTRICITY

- HEATING:

Bottled gas

LPG, “Bombola”

Gas for heating

Kerosene

Fuel oil

Coal

Firewood

- WATER

For residence

Bottled water for drinking

- SEWER

- TRASH

- INSURANCE

Required by custom or law

- CONDO FEES

- POLICE PROTECTION

Guards App N Security locations

- TAXES

By local law/custom & for which the tenant is responsible

- MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

For example, replacement of windowpane, repair of electrical outlet.



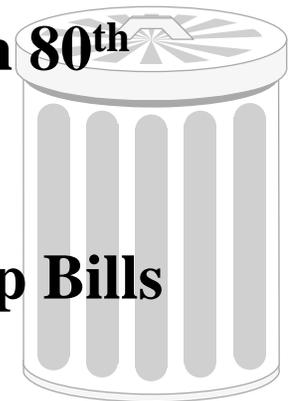
Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance

- **Utility and Recurring Fees:**

- **How Determined: Annual Survey; Based on 80th Percentile**

- **Requirements: Survey, Keep Records, Catch-up Bills**

- **Payment: Monthly Sum, w/Dep or w/o Dep, Utility Point Score**





NOT Reportable

Cable TV

Monthly telephone bills

Auto gasoline/diesel fuel

Auto expenses

Road taxes

Maid service

Repairs to personally owned electrical equipment

Tuition

Books

Pet expenses

Postage

Gifts

Yard Maintenance





How is URM Calculated?

- Member completes DD Form 2367
- Reports Whether Utilities are:
 - Included in the rent
 - Paid Separately
- Utility Point Score is Calculated
- Percentage applied to total Allowance



Determining Percentage of Utility Allowance

- Member pays all of his utilities separately--
Receives 100% of URM
- Member pays for No utilities separately---
Receives 0% of URM
- Member pays for **SOME** Utilities separately
 - Determine Utility Point Score
- Member w/o dependents – 75%





Member credited points for each utility in question 7c (DD 2367) not checked (member pays separately from rent).

	Climate Codes		
	3 (Hot)	2 (Moderate)	1 (Cold)
Electricity	3	3	3
Heating	1	2	3
AC	3	2	1
Water	1	1	1
Trash Disposal	1	1	1



Example of Utility Allowance Equaling \$200

Point Score	% of Allowance	With Dep (100%)	Without Dep (75%)
5-9	100	\$200	\$150
3-4	65	\$130	\$97.5
1-2	25	\$50	\$37.5
0	0	\$0	\$0



Budgeting the Utility Allowance

- URM does not change from season to season
- Utility Bills fluctuate; depending on climate, higher in winter, lower in summer
- In many overseas locations, utilities are billed quarterly or less frequently
- Incoming Service members should be advised to **Budget** the Utility Allowance, saving for periods of higher cost. Keep receipts.
- In some locations members must pay “catch-up” bills when meters have not been read for a long time.



Web Resources

- Web Address:

–<https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem>

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