

ALARACT 105/2010 BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) COLLECTIONS, DTG 141212Z APR 10. This message reinforces to commanders, G1's, S1's, and military pay offices that the law and Army regulation require collection for meals provided to Soldiers who are receiving full BAS under field conditions. This requirement is not optional. Unit commanders are responsible to initiate actions to collect reimbursement for meals provided to Soldiers receiving BAS during field training and to develop controls to monitor these collections. See the message for more information.

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SUBJECT: BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) COLLECTIONS

REFERENCES:

- (A) TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 402 AND 1011
  - (B) DOD DIRECTIVE 1418.05, BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS) POLICY
  - (C) DOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REGULATION 7000.14-R, VOLUME 7A, MILITARY PAY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE PAY
  - (D) ARMY REGULATION AR 37-104-4, MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES POLICY
1. THIS MESSAGE REINFORCES TO COMMANDERS, G-1'S, S-1'S, AND MILITARY PAY OFFICES THAT THE LAW AND ARMY REGULATION REQUIRE COLLECTION FOR MEALS PROVIDED TO SOLDIERS WHO ARE RECEIVING FULL BAS UNDER FIELD CONDITIONS. THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT OPTIONAL.
  2. A RECENT ARMY AUDIT AGENCY (AAA) REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THAT COMMANDERS, G-1'S AND S-1'S ARE NOT ROUTINELY ENSURING THAT COLLECTION PROCEDURES ARE IMPLEMENTED. APROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION IS NOT BEING SUBMITTED AND PROCESSED THRU THE PAY OFFICES TO THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (DFAS) FOR COLLECTION OF GOVERNMENT PROVIDED MEALS. THIS CONSTITUTES POOR STEWARDSHIP OF ARMY RESOURCES AND IS PROJECTED TO COST THE ARMY AN ESTIMATED \$14.3 MILLION IN LOSSES ACROSS THE FY 10-15 BUDGET CYCLES.
  3. UNIT COMMANDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO INITIATE ACTIONS TO COLLECT REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS PROVIDED TO SOLDIERS RECEIVING BAS DURING FIELD TRAINING AND TO DEVELOP CONTROLS TO MONITOR THESE COLLECTIONS.
  4. POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS ACTION IS LTC MARK YOUNG, DCS G-1, MARK.A.YOUNG@CONUS.ARMY.MIL, DSN 222-6883, COM (703) 692-6883.
  5. EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS MESSAGE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.