

**MILPERSMAN 1746-010**

**PROCEDURES WHEN GOVERNMENT MESSING IS NOT AVAILABLE**

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<b>Governing Directives</b>	DoD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DODFMR), Volume 7A, Military Pay Policy and Procedures Active Duty and Reserve Pay DFAS-DJMS Procedure Training Guide (DFAS PTG) SECNAVINST 5212.5C
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1. **Determining Non-Availability of Government Messing.** The installation commander will determine if government messing is in fact not available for enlisted members performing duty at that installation, including members assigned to tenant commands and naval vessels homeported at the installation. If a finding of non-availability is made, the following actions may apply:

<b>IF...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
determination of non-availability has been made,	approval authority for Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) may be delegated to tenant commanders.
if at any time the conditions to entitlement change, e.g., a government mess becomes available,	the installation commander shall take appropriate action to ensure that all BAS authorizations based on non-availability of government messing are suspended.

2. **Duties not in Proximity of Military Installation.** For members whose duties are not performed within reasonable proximity to a military installation; e.g., recruiters, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps staff, etc., the member's commanding officer (CO) will make the determination of non-availability of government messing. The DODFMR contains specific criteria for determinations of impracticability which entitle BAS at the "government messing not available" rate.

3. **Submittal of Individual Requests.** Individual requests must still be submitted to the CO or installation commander even

though a determination has been made that government messing is not available. Blanket authorizations are not permitted.

4. **If Using Government Mess Impacts Mission.** If use of a government mess would adversely affect the member's mission, e.g., Explosive Ordnance Disposal or Naval Criminal Investigative Service, a request should be forwarded to Chief of Naval Operations (N13) via the member's CO for BAS at the "government mess not available" rate.

5. **Processing Approved Requests.** Approved requests will be submitted to the appropriate Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PERSUPPDET) or personnel office.

a. The pay document is prepared and submitted according to DFAS PTG.

b. The original approved request and the file copy of the pay documents must be retained by the PERSUPPDET or disbursing office according to SECNAVINST 5212.5C.