



2026 Evacuation FAQ

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We understand that there are still many unknowns at this time. We will regularly update this document as information becomes available.

I am the dependent of an Active-Duty Service Member at a Safe Haven location. What are my entitlements?

- The below chart covers Safe Haven entitlements for dependents of Active Duty Service Members. To find your locality rate, click on the following link and search the city/state of your Safe Haven location: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates> [JTR Chap. 6, Sec. 0604]. Each eligible dependent will receive per diem at their appropriate rate.

Table 6-17. Safe Haven Allowances*			
Duration at Safe Haven		12 Years of Age or Older	Less than 12 Years of Age
1	First 30 Days	A maximum of 100 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.	A maximum of 50 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.
2	31-180 Days	Up to 60 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.	Up to 30 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.

Will I still receive COLA while I am out of Bahrain?

- The Overseas Cost of Living Allowance (OCOLA) will be adjusted and reduced by approximately \$4 per day at the current exchange rate, starting from the 31st day after your departure from Bahrain.

Will travel advances be processed?

- We are still working on the answer to this question. Once we have additional information to pass, we will update this FAQ.



I am the dependent of a Department of War Civilian Employee at a Safe haven location. What are my entitlements?

- Dependents of Department of War Civilian Employees are entitled to allowances based on the locality rate of their Safe Haven and begins on the day after arrival at the Safe Haven location. The amount of the allowance is impacted by whether the commercial (receipts) or non-commercial (no receipts) is used. Post allowance is reduced to the “employee without family” rate after departure of all dependents. Living quarters allowance may be continued at the “with family” rate for a period not to exceed six months provided the employee does not participate in the departure. [DSSR Sec. 600, Para. 611-639]

<p>The commercial rate (requires receipts for commercial lodging):</p> <p>First 30 Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first family member receives up to 100% (may be authorized up to 150% for special family compositions) of the lodging portion of the locality rate plus 100% M&IE• Each family member age 18 or older receives 100% M&IE• Each family member under age 18 receives 50% M&IE
<p>Days 31-180</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first family member receives up to 100% (may be authorized up to 150% for special family compositions) of the lodging portion of the locality rate plus 80% M&IE• Each family member age 18 or older receives 80% M&IE• Each family member under age 18 receives 40% M&IE
<p>The non-commercial rate (receipts not required):</p> <p>First 30 Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first family member receives a flat 10% of the lodging portion of the locality rate plus 100% M&IE• Each family member age 18 or older receives 100% M&IE• Each family member under age 18 receives 50% M&IE



Days 31-180

- The first family member receives 80% M&IE
- Each family member age 18 or older receives 80% M&IE
- Each family member under age 18 receives 40% M&IE

Do I still need to pay my rent and my utilities for my home in Bahrain while I'm at a Safe Haven?

- Yes, while you continue to receive OHA and utilities allowances you must continue to pay your rent in Bahrain.

How do I pay my rent in Bahrain from my Safe Haven location?

- Contact your landlord to determine whether they will accept a credit card or wire transfer payment. To send a wire transfer, you will need the following information:
 - 1) Information about your landlord's financial institution(name/city/country/address)
 - 2) The Bank Identifier Code (BIC) or SWIFT code. This is an 8-12 character code that is used to identify the financial institution.
 - 3) Your landlord's personal banking information (name/country/address)
 - 4) Your landlord's International Bank Account Number (IBAN). This is a 22-character code that consists of parts of the BIC combined with the landlord's 14-digit account number.
- Navy Federal has offered to waive wire transfer fees for paying rent/utilities in Bahrain.

I had to pay a fee to transport my pet on a commercial airline. Can I be reimbursed for that payment?

- You are authorized to transport up to two household pets (cat and dog) to your Safe Haven location if you owned them at your evacuated Permanent Duty Station (PDS). You are not authorized per diem for your pet. The maximum amount that can be claimed is \$2,000 per household for all pets moved during an evacuation.



What is going to happen with my household goods left in Bahrain?

- We are still working on the answer to this question. Once we have additional information to pass, we will update this FAQ.

I left my car in Bahrain. What do I do?

- We are still working on the answer to this question. Once we have additional information to pass, we will update this FAQ.

I left all of my uniforms in Bahrain. Will those who lost uniforms be granted an additional uniform allowance? Can I put my uniform on my GTCC?

- We are still working on the answer to this question. Once we have additional information to pass, we will update this FAQ. Until additional guidance is received, you are authorized to wear appropriate civilian attire.

How will I access medical care at my Safe Haven Location?

- All dependents who are enrolled in TRICARE retain their eligibility. We are working on a process for accessing medical care at your Safe Haven location, and will update this FAQ as soon as it is available.

Can my dependents elect to Safe Haven in Germany so that my kids can stay in the DoWEA school system?

- On 6 March 2026, the Under Secretary of War (Personnel and Readiness) approved Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's request to designate the greater Kaiserslautern Military Community area of Germany as an alternate safe haven for personnel departing Bahrain under Authorized and Ordered Departure.

My family is already at our CONUS Safe Haven location—how do we get to Germany?

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