

# OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCES (OHA)

The OHA program provides Service members assigned to a location outside of the United States (OCONUS), other than Hawaii and Alaska, an allowance to defray housing costs. If you are authorized to live in privately leased or owned quarters, you must complete and submit all required forms approved by the appropriate local official.

If you are authorized to receive an OHA-based Family Separation Housing (FSH-O) allowance, the monthly amount is equal to the “without dependent” OHA rate at your PDS. The same expense requirement documentation and administrative control procedures that apply to OHA also apply to FSH-O. OHA is comprised of two components Rent and Utility, recurring expenses and a one-time move-in housing allowance (MIHA).

A DD Form 2367, “Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report,” completed by the appropriate official (Housing Office) with a copy of your lease agreement is required to receive OHA. If you qualify for MIHA/Rent, MIHA/Security, or MIHA/Infectious Disease, you must also provide DD Form 2556, “Move-In Housing Allowance Claim.” A new DD Form 2367 must be completed each time your housing information changes.

## Rent

There is a maximum rental ceiling set by grade and the amount of rent paid is reimbursed up to the ceiling that is set. Service members paying less than the ceiling will receive the actual amount and those paying more will only receive the maximum rental ceiling and pay the rest out of pocket. The following may be included as part of the rent: Mandatory condominium fees and rent for a separate garage if not included in the basic rental contract.

## Utility and recurring expenses:

This is a flat rate for all ranks regardless of family size with exception that unaccompanied personnel receive 75% of the set flat rate. A survey is performed once a year that establishes this rate for all of Italy and this allowance is meant to cover the following type of expenses:

- Electricity
- Heating fuels
  - Natural gas
  - Heating oil
  - Liquid petroleum gas (LPG or “Bombola”)
  - Coal
  - Firewood
- Running water
- Sewer
- Bottled water for drinking
- Trash disposal
- Maintenance and minor repairs (i.e., replacement of a windowpane, repair of an electrical outlet, etc.)
- Renter’s insurance required by lease or law, related to the physical dwelling, and identified by type of insurance. Examples are insurance for water or fire damage to residence,

comprehensive, and liability insurance. Insurance expenses for your personal property should not be included.

- Taxes for which the tenant is responsible, must make a separately identifiable payment, and are tied to the physical dwelling. For Italy, includes registration of contract fees, if paid.
- Condo fees, if not rolled-up into rent or reimbursed as part of OHA rental allowance
- Recurring expenses such as, monthly monitoring fee for alarm system, if not included in the rent and reimbursed as part of OHA rental allowance
- Police protection and/or guards

Some of the above items may be written into the contract and be paid directly to the landlord however, they cannot be added into the rent and be reimbursed under the rent allowance as the intent is for these expenses to be covered by the flat utility recurring expense rate.

### **Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA)/Miscellaneous Expenses**

MIHA is comprised of four components:

- MIHA/Miscellaneous is a fixed-rate, one-time payment that reflects average expenditures made by a Uniformed Service member to make his or her housing habitable.
- MIHA/Rent is an actual expense reimbursement that covers the total amount of reasonable rent-related expenses as specified in Chapter 10 of the JTR. These are fixed, one-time nonrefundable charges, such as a real estate agent's fee. Homeowners are not authorized to receive this MIHA component.
- MIHA/Security is also an actual expense reimbursement that covers reasonable security-related expenses for a Uniformed Service member assigned to an area in which a dwelling requires modifications to minimize exposure to terrorist threat. Only items used to modify the actual physical dwelling are allowable. The DTMO website specifies qualifying locations.
- MIHA/Infectious Disease is an actual expense reimbursement that covers upgrades to the physical dwelling related to preventing infectious diseases. For example, costs for window or door screens can be reimbursed when the dwelling must be modified to minimize exposure to medical threats related to diseases transmitted through mosquitos. The DTMO website specifies qualifying locations.

For more information and rates go to [Overseas Housing Allowance | OHA | Defense Travel Management Office \(dod.mil\)](#)