

2.0 Eligibility/Certification
2.04A Income Determination

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Income Determination-Military Pay

Military Income: What counts and what doesn't?

What DOES count:	What DOES NOT count:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base pay – the soldier’s regular rate of pay. • Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) • Foreign Language Pay (FLPP) • Family Separation Allowance (FSA) • Jump Pay, Dive Pay, Sea Pay, Flight Pay, etc- If the special pay is related to combat, it must be excluded • Clothing Maintenance Allowance (CMA) – Can be averaged for the year • Bonus Pay (Bonus) – Can be averaged for the year • Continental United States Cost of Living Allowance (CONUS COLA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH or BAQ) • Family Separation Housing (FSH) • Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) • Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) • Overseas Continental United States Cost of Living Allowance (OCONUS COLA or COLA) <p>Combat Duty or Combat Zone Pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay (HFP/IDP) • Hardship Duty Pay (HDP) • Parachute Duty • Flight Deck Duty • Demolition Duty • Experimental Stress Duty • Toxic Fuels/Propellants Duty • Dangerous Virus/Bacteria Lab Duty • Chemical Munitions Duty • Maritime Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Duty • Polar Flight Operations Duty

For military personnel, staff may want to income average in the following cases:

- Clothing allowance lump sum payment
- Bonuses
- Special pay not related to combat duty
- A permanent increase in pay that puts the household over income (promotion, raise, etc.)

Remember to look at income (and documentation) for the previous 12 months when income averaging.

Resource:

Department of Defense:

<https://militarypay.defense.gov/Pay>

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