



DEPENDENTS REMAINING OVERSEAS (DRO)

2.3.1.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

This program applied to Airman currently assigned overseas. The program allows an Airman to request that their command sponsored dependents remain overseas for a specific length of time after the Airman out-processes and departs the overseas duty station.

2.3.1.2. PURPOSE

Dependents residing in a host nation with their military sponsor are afforded certain privileges set forth by the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) between the host nation and the U.S. When the military member departs and leaves dependents in the host nation, some SOFAs do not allow for continues privileges, such as tax-free fuel, continues enrollment in DODDS, etc. A DRO addresses limitations of continues support and provides for continuation of COLA/OHA/BAH for the dependent location, unless member is assigned family quarters at new permanent duty station, when command sponsored dependents remain at the current overseas location. A DRO application is submitted after an Airman is selected for an assignment and prior to his or her departure from the overseas duty station. The following are DRO examples:

- 2.3.1.2.1. An Airman has a dependent restricted assignment to Korea and request his/her dependents remain in Alaska while serving the overseas dependent restricted tour
or
- 2.3.1.2.2. An Airman has been selected for ACSC and elects to leave his/her dependents in Germany pending subsequent PCS from school
or
- 2.3.1.2.3. An Airman stations at Elmendorf AFB, AK, has an assignment to Altus AFB with a 60 day TDY enroute at Little Rock AFB, AR and requests dependents remain at Elmendorf while attending training at Little Rock AFB, AR.

2.3.1.3. REQUIREMENTS

An Airman submitting a DRO application must have the following:

Note: Requirements are also listed in the vMPF

- 2.3.1.3.1. A DRO application may be obtained through the Vmpf (Self-Service Actions—Assignments—Dependents Remaining Overseas Application).
- 2.3.1.3.2. A *signed* benefits/entitlements fact sheet applicable to the country where dependents will remain after the Airman departs Benefits/Entitlement fact sheets are located at the AFPC web page (search for benefits/entitlements fact sheet). The signed entitlements fact sheet constitutes understanding of the limited logistical support offered to dependents in the overseas theater during the Airman's absence.
- 2.3.1.3.3. A copy of the PCS order for the projected Permanent Duty Station (PDS).
- 2.3.1.3.4. A statement specifying which allowances the Airman currently receives for dependents (OHA, COLA, BAH) and those which they are requesting to receive for a specified period of time should the DRO be approved.
- 2.3.1.3.5. A statement indicating where the dependents resides; on or off base.
- 2.3.1.3.6. A copy of the most current AF Form 1466, *Request for Family Member's Medical and Educational Clearance for Travel*, if any dependents are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). **Note:** The AF Form 1466 is not required if dependents are remaining at the old PDS for the duration of the Airman's overseas dependent restricted tour. However, an AF Form 4380, *Special Needs Screener*, is required.

2.3.1.4. PROCESS

- 2.3.1.4.1. Airman completes the DRO application.
- 2.3.1.4.2. Squadron Commander reviews, endorses and provides a recommendation. The application is then forwarded to the MPF/S Chief or Superintendent.
- 2.3.1.4.3. The MPF/S Chief or Superintendent verifies that the Airman has all the required documentation, endorses the application and considers the impact on support facilities if dependents remain overseas.
- 2.3.1.4.4. The MPF/S, Career Development element forwards the completed application via e-mail to AFPC.DPAPP@Randolph.AF.MIL or FAX to HQ AFPC/DPAPP., FAX DSN: 312-665-4323.

References:

Air Force Instruction, Family Member Travel, Paragraph 2.3.

The information above is of a general nature and is not intended as a substitute for legal counsel.

For more information, please contact your MPF/S.

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