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DIRECTED LETTER – INVOLUNTARILY SEPARATED STATUS FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL BEING ASSIGNED OVERSEAS. REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS.

1. Exceptional authority was granted on 23 Oct 20 to enable any Service Person (SP) who was due to be assigned from the UK to an accompanied assignment overseas and is either a CEA claimant or will have children¹ accompanying them, to serve unaccompanied. This exceptional authority to serve Involuntary Separated (INVOLSEP) was initially granted to the end of Apr 21 and then extended to the end of Aug 21.
2. This exceptional authority acknowledges the impact of COVID-19 and associated travel restrictions between the UK and overseas locations and/or the potential imposition of mandatory periods of quarantine or isolation by either the UK government or the governments of host nations overseas.
3. Those that decided to take up the offer to serve unaccompanied are entitled to INVOLSEP rates of LSA, unaccompanied rates of LOA, GYH(O) and retain eligibility for movement of Personal Effects (PE) at public expense² and the payment of Disturbance Expense³ (DE) for a delayed move in accordance with JSP 752. The immediate family will retain authority to be moved at public expense to the overseas location without the need to submit PACCC casework.
4. The exceptional authority granted will be withdrawn from 1 Sep 21. Any SP who has opted to serve INVOLSEP, will be expected to be accompanied by their immediate family at the earliest opportunity, but the SP will retain INVOLSEP status for 3 months from the date of this authority being removed (1 Sep 21) or until the SP is accompanied, whichever is sooner. Any CEA claimant who is not accompanied by their spouse/civil partner by the commencement of the Spring term 22 will be considered Voluntary Separated (VOLSEP) unless they have submitted casework to the PACCC to remain INVOLSEP.
5. Single Service enquiries should be directed initially to Unit HR staffs who, if necessary, should seek further guidance from their single Service allowance policy staff.

¹ JSP 752 para 02.0109.

² JSP 752 para 12.0419c(1) or (2).

³ JSP 752 para 12.0116.

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Air-COSPers-Pol SO2RewardAllces
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