# Introduction

Typhoons may have caused damage to your personal property, vehicle, or even food. This pamphlet is a guide to filing a claim to recover for damage or loss.

Your base legal office and the Air Force Claims Service Center (AFCSC) will try to make this process as easy as possible.

Please let us know what we can do to assist you!

# **Other Resources**

**Claims Service Center Website:** 

https://claims.jag.af.mil/legalassistance/ index.php

Legal Assistance Hours:

Walk in: M/T/TR 0900-1000

By appointment: W/TR 1300-1430

**Notary Hours:** 

Monday-Friday:

0900-1600

Late Night Legal Assistance:

3rd Thursday of the month

1600-2000

By appointment only!!



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# **TYPHOON CLAIMS**

## **This Brochure Includes:**

- What you can claim
- Filing your claim
- Air Force Claims Service Center website guidance
- Sister-service contact information



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

### What you can Claim

You can file a claim for the repair or replacement of personal property damaged by the typhoon. This may include food spoilage.

You cannot file a claim for charges to stay in billeting, pet care, temporary housing, or any expense which might be considered an inconvenience or incidental expense related to the typhoon. Some of these expenses may be covered by other entitlements.

#### Filing your claim

#### Step 1: Substantiate

To ensure your claim is processed in a timely manner, it is important to document your damaged property.

- Take pictures or videos of all damaged belongings, including spoiled food.
- Find receipts or proof of ownership for high-value items, if you have them.
- Put a value on each item. For spoiled food or damaged property, this can be as easy as going to the Commissary or Exchange to price out those or similar items on the shelf.

#### Step 2: File with Private Insurer

File a claim with your private homeowner's or renter's insurance. The Air Force Claims Service Center (AFCSC) will only cover any amount left unpaid by your private insurance.

#### Step 3: File with the Air Force Claims Service Center

Once you have received a settlement from your private insurer, or if you do not have a private insurer, go to the AFCSC website (https://claims.jag.af.mil) to file your claim. Prepare to upload all substantiating documents and photos, including any settlement documentation received from your private insurer, and add all applicable information. The more information you provide the better!

You must have a CAC or email the AFCSC to obtain username and password. Once you have a username and password, you can access the AFCSC website from any computer. If you need assistance using a CAC enabled computer, please contact the 35 FW legal office at DSN: 226-4022

### **Air Force Claims Service Center**

The AFCSC is the centralized processing center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

To file with the Air Force Claims Service Center:

- 1. Go to the AFCSC website (https://claims.jag.af.mil)
- 2. Click "File Non-Household Goods Claim."
- 3. Click "Proceed" on the next two screens.
- 4. If you need a username and password, email afcsc.ja@us.af.mil from your .mil account and request a username and password. The subject line should read "Request for Username and Password for Misawa Typhoon." You may also call (DSN) 312-986-8044 or (toll free) 1-877-754-1212 between 0730 and 1630 Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.
- 5. Fill out a profile screen.
- 6. Continue following all directions.
- 7. After you have added all applicable information and uploaded any substantiating documents /photos, submit your claim. Continue monitoring the status of your claim until it is adjudicated.

Required documents:

- PCS or TDY orders and/or housing lease.
- Estimated repair or replacement costs.
- Vehicle damage requires vehicle registration and insurance documentation. You must file with your insurance company unless you only have liability insurance. If you have liability only, you must upload a copy of your Insurance Policy Declarations page showing your coverage and two repair estimates.

There is a User's Guide link at the bottom of each page that should help you file your claim. All claims must be filed within two years from the date of the accident/ incident.

Please contact the 35 FW legal office if you are not able to scan your documents, need assistance with translation of repair estimates, or have questions about filing your claim.

If the AFCSC agrees to pay your claim, you will receive payment via direct deposit.

### **Sister Services**

The AFCSC only processes claims from Air Force personnel. If you are a sister service, please contact the following:

Army

U.S. Army Claims Service Attn: Claims 4411 Llewellyn Avenue Fort Meade, Maryland 20755 COMM: (301)677-9216 Email: usarmy.meade.hqda-otjag.mbx.claimsdpsclaimtransfers@mail.mil

Navy/Marine Corps

Claims should be filed with the Personnel Claims Unit Norfolk using the forms available in the "Packets & Forms" section of their website: http:// www.jag.navy.mil/organization/ code\_15\_packets\_forms.html

Mailing Address: Personnel Claims Unit Norfolk 9053 First St. Suite 102 Norfolk, VA 23511-3605

Phone Numbers: Toll Free: (888) 897-8217 Comm: (757) 440-6315 DSN: 312-564-3310

Fax: (866) 782-7297 Fax DSN: 312-564-3337

Email: NorfolkClaims@navy.mil