



WEASEL NOTAM – 35FW-16-29
Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Authorization Request
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PURPOSE: Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) Authorization Request.

COMMANDER'S INTENT: Delegate the approval authority to remove essential unit messing to the Mission Support Group Commander.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. In accordance with AFMAN 65-116 V1, chapter 25 and DODFMR Volume 7A, chapter 25, BAS policy states that for members, E1 through E6, permanently assigned to single government quarters, allows the commander to authorize full BAS, without meal charge deduction, when a member cannot utilize the mess for at least 80 percent of his/her meals on a regular basis.
2. When a member is assigned to such duties, commanders may recommend removal for the essential station messing (ESM) or exemption for the ESM if the installation, base, or station commander in charge of the dining facility and single quarters concurs with the recommendation. Commanders are required to demonstrate that members not subject to ESM are missing meals due to assigned duties on a consistent basis. The installation commander determines if the dining facility is in fact not available, and if meal collections for enlisted personnel should be stopped, because he/she is in the best position to know the facts and circumstances.
3. BAS verification is a monthly requirement. The Financial Services Office (FSO) provides each unit commander with a listing identifying individuals who are receiving full BAS. It is up to each unit commander, as the office of primary responsibility, to validate the received listing and notify the FSO of any action required.
4. I delegate the approval authority to start BAS to the Mission Support Group Commander.

POC: If you have questions relating to the NOTAM, please contact the 35th Comptroller Squadron Financial Services Office at 226-2274.

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