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SUBJ: COAST GUARD FOOD SERVICE MEAL RATE CHANGES A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 181408Z MAR 15/ ALCOAST 099/15 B. 37 U.S.

C. 1011(d) , Mess Operation: Reimbursement of Expenses C. 14 U.S.C. 830 , Availability of appropriations D. DOD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 12, DOD 7000.14 E. Coast Guard Food Service Manual, COMDTINST M4061.5 (series) F. Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series) 1. Cancel REF A.

2. Pursuant to REF B, when the Coast Guard (CG) is not operating as a service in the Navy, the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) shall establish rates for meals sold at CG Dining Facilities (CGDFs). The CG has received delegated authority from the DHS Secretary to set meal rates effective 01 May 2015. The Food Service Program (FSP) has worked with COMDT (CG-0944) to examine and analyze various patron groups authorized to subsist in the CGDF. The Commandant has established a CG Standard Meal Rate (CGSMR) that covers food costs and a CG Full Meal Rate (CGFMR) that covers food costs and operating expenses.

3. Authorized CGDF Patronage for the CGSMR and CGFMR are determined by law and subject to change on an annual basis. The 2015 CGSMR and CGFMR categories are as follows:

A. CGSMR Patrons include:

1. All active-duty Uniformed Service personnel in receipt of a subsistence allowance or meal portion of per diem (or both),
2. Coast Guard Reservists and other military Reserve Component (RC) members on inactive duty orders,
3. Coast Guard Federal civilian employees (Appropriated Fund and Non-Appropriated Fund Activity (NAFA)),
4. Dependents of active duty member E-1 through E-4,
5. Members and Chaperones of Non-Profit Youth Groups.

B. CGFMR Patrons include (but are not limited to):

1. Non-Federal civilians (i.e. State, Local, Tribal and Territory Partners),
2. Coast Guard Reservists and other RC members not on orders,
3. Coast Guard Auxiliaries not on orders or assigned to official duty,
4. Non Coast Guard Federal Civilian Employees,
5. Dependents of active duty members E-5 and above,
6. Uniformed Service retirees,
7. Contractors authorized by Commanding Officers/Officers-in- Charge (CO/OIC) to subsist in the CGDF

8. All others not listed in Subparagraphs 2.A. and 2.C. of this ALCOAST and authorized by Commanding Officers/Officers-in-Charge (CO/OIC) to subsist in the CGDF.

C. Enlisted recruits and service academy cadets and midshipmen are active duty patrons of CGDFs that are authorized to be subsisted-in-kind (SIK) without charge since both patron classes are not entitled to a subsistence allowance while on active duty. CG Auxiliaries under orders or on official duty in uniform are also a category of CGDF patrons that are authorized SIK without charge per REF C. However, cadets, midshipmen, and recruits that are performing temporary duty under orders that authorize a meal per diem are

considered CGSMR patrons for meal charge purposes. Cadets and midshipmen on authorized leave are entitled to a commuted ration allowance and when they patronize a CGDF while on authorized leave will be charged the CGSMR for meals consumed.

D. In cases where an approved CGDF patrons meal charge category is unclear, they will be charged the appropriate CGFMR.

4. CO/OICs of units with CG Dining Facilities (CGDF), either military-staffed or civilian-contracted, shall ensure all Uniformed Service members receiving a subsistence allowance or meal portion of per diem and all other authorized CGDF patrons not authorized subsistence-in-kind pay the meal rates in Paragraph 5 below when subsisting in a CGDF.

5. In accordance with REFS D and E, the 2015 Food Service CG Meal Rates are as follows:

Meal	CG Standard Meal Rate	CG Full Meal Rate
Breakfast	2.55	4.10
Lunch	4.65	7.70
Dinner	4.65	7.70
Midnight rations/snacks	2.55	4.10

6. The cashier/member receiving payment for a meal at a CGDF must ensure strict adherence to the CGSMR and CGFMR categories and will verify patron category by a Government, State or Photo Identification card. In the case of inactive duty RC members, the patron is responsible for providing evidence of CGSMR rate eligibility, otherwise these patrons will be charged the CGFMR rate. The patron will then sign the CGDF Meal Sign-in Sheet capturing the correct meal rate and patron category. This documentation is subject to audit by the Food Service Assistance and Training Team, the local Comptroller, or the Food Service Program at any time.

7. Effective 01 May 2015, all Coast Guard enlisted personnel subject to mandatory pay account deductions for meals due to assignment to Essential Unit Messing (EUM) and Essential Station Messing (ESM) policy in Section 2-C. of REF F will have meal deductions calculated using the CGSMR rate in effect at the time. Active duty members whose pay accounts are being automatically charged for meals at units designated as ESM or EUM will not have to pay the cashier or unit Food Service Officer when taking meals at their unit CGDF as their monthly pay account deductions are payment for government-provided meals.

8. COs/OICs are accountable for accurate financial management and record keeping for CGDFs. They will ensure all Food Service Officers and Food Service Contracting Officers Representatives receive a copy of this message and adhere to the requirements stated above.

9. These changes will be reflected in an upcoming revision of REF E.

10. POCs are COMDT (CG-1111), CWO4 Chad Adams (202)475-5149, Chad.A.Adams(at)uscg.mil or COMDT (CG-833), Mr. Monty Holcombe at (202) 372-3593, Monty.D.Holcombe(at)uscg.mil. Questions may also be directed to FoodServiceProgram(at)uscg.mil.

11. Released by RDML T. A. Sokalzuk, Assistant Commandant for Resources and RADM David R. Callahan, Assistant Commandant for Human Resources.