

Keeping It Legal

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Are you stuck?

Landlord-Tenant Issues after Stop-Movement Order

For Servicemembers who were expecting to receive (or had already received) Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, the current DoD stop-movement order may be causing headaches both here, and at the projected location. Many Servicemembers with PCS orders rely on the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to terminate their leases early. SCRA applies to PCS moves and deployments; the current stop-movement order is not covered.

To minimize financial impacts, Servicemembers should delay terminating their leases at this time. If you have already terminated your lease in the local area, you should contact your landlord immediately to seek a voluntary lease extension, with assurances from the landlord that you will be able to terminate the extension pursuant to SCRA upon receipt of modified PCS orders. These assurances should be in writing, and made part of your extension



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agreement. Upon request, the Legal Office will review lease extensions before Servicemembers sign.

If your landlord will not agree to an extension, you should immediately contact the local transportation office for assistance with determining any travel entitlements you may have. It is possible that Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) Chapter 5 will allow a short-distance HHG move in these

cases.

If you've already entered into a lease at your PCS location, you should immediately contact our office for assistance with asking your landlord to consider a rent abatement or lease termination. Please be aware that any agreement by a landlord will be on a voluntary basis. If your landlord does not agree to help you, it is possible you may be forced to pay for two households. — 43 AMOG/JA

Extension Approved for Tax-Filing Deadline

The Treasury Department and IRS have announced that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from 15 April 2020 until 15 July 2020. In addition, taxpayers can defer federal in-

come tax payments due on 15 April 2020 until 15 July 2020, without incurring penalties or interest. The deferment applies to all taxpayers. There is no need to file any additional forms to qualify.

MILITARY JUSTICE: Courts-Martial:

- **Sexual contact (2 counts)—SSgt red. to AB, 3 yrs confinement, DD***

Art. 15's:

- **Drunk driving, Other offenses (Art. 134) — SrA red. to A1C, reprimand, FF \$150x2**
- **Failure to go — A1C red. to Amn*, reprimand, FF \$75x2**
- **Wrongful appropriation, \$1000 or less — SSgt red. to SrA*, reprimand, FF \$75x2***
- **Willful dereliction (3 counts) — SrA red. to A1C*, reprimand**

**suspended
FF = forfeitures
Red. = reduction
DD = dishonorable discharge*

LEGAL ASSISTANCE:

Due to mission requirements, our office is currently providing legal assistance remotely.

We are currently unable to perform notaries, unless you are a mission-essential member who is deploying within the next 30 days.

For all other legal assistance, send an email to 43AMOG.JA.LegalAssistance.us.af.mil to request an appointment.

For after-hours emergencies, call the Command Post (394-9000) to reach a JAG.