

## CHAPTER 3 - HOSPITAL, REHABILITATION AND MEDICAL RECEPTION CENTRE MESSING

0301. **Hospital Daily Food Charge (HDFC).** The HDFC is designed to provide all food and non-alcoholic beverages for Service patients who are entered on the daily bed state. The HDFC is promulgated by DFS and may be claimed from the Defence Food Vote by the Defence Services Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DSMRC).

0302. **Sources of Food Supply.** All messing commodities are to be obtained from the CRL Industry Partner (IP). Items required for medical reasons are to be obtained through medical channels and charged to the Medical Vote.

0303. **Medical Comforts.** Non-alcoholic medical comforts, including beverages and snacks, are to be provided from the Daily Supplement (refer to para 0307).

0304. **Alcoholic Drinks.** Alcoholic drinks, whether prescribed for therapeutic purposes, or used as a component of liquid medicines, are to be obtained through medical channels and are to be charged to the Medical Vote.

0305. **Aeromedevac Patients.** The feeding of Aeromedevac patients is part of the hospital catering function. Although such patients will not normally appear on the daily bed state, the appropriate percentage of HDFC may be claimed for each meal taken. All claims are to be consolidated on a weekly certificate (see Annex A), raised to support the entries in the messing account. Where Aeromedevac patients are admitted overnight they are to appear on the daily bed state and the HDFC is to be claimed.

0306. **Specialised Food for Diet Supplement.** There is a wide range of specialised proprietary food items designed to supplement the diet of patients. They are to be obtained through medical channels and charged to the Medical Vote. Stocks of the more common proprietary foods should be held, but stock levels should be carefully controlled, as they are usually relatively expensive items. These foods should only be normally issued on the authority of the MOIC. Specialised proprietary foods are to be issued for specific medical conditions and not for routine dietary use.

### MEDICAL RECEPTION STATIONS, REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTRES, DISPENSARIES AND REGIONAL REHABILITATION UNITS

0307. **MRS and RMC Daily Supplement.** The MRS/RMC Daily Supplement is to be claimed, in addition to the Daily Food Charge (DFC), for Service patients who are entered on the **Daily Bed State** of the MRS and RMC. The Supplement calculation includes all food and non-alcoholic medical comforts (beverages) for patients. The IP may claim the actual value of provisions issued up to the value of the Daily Supplement. Expenditure records are to include the type of provisions issued, cost and number of personnel on the Daily Bed State. This cost is not permitted to exceed the number of entitled personnel multiplied by the Daily Supplement value. Records are to be retained with the Crown Account for audit to support the claim for each Trading Period. The MRS / RMC Supplement is promulgated by ACDS.

**Note:** Medical and support staff working within the MRS/RMC are not catered for under these arrangements.

0308. **Regional Rehabilitation Units (RRU).** Personnel, who are required to be continuously accommodated at a RRU whilst undergoing a course of treatment, are categorised as in-patients and are fed at Crown expense using the prevailing Daily Food Charge.

**Note:** If Individuals are accommodated in the host unit Service Mess they will still be liable for Mess fees/charges.

0309. **Issues to Medical Dispensaries.** If required by the MOIC, sugar, salt, and syrups may be issued to a dispensary. The cost is to be charged to the Medical Vote and a miscellaneous credit shown in the Crown account.

0310. **Reserve Rations - Medical Reception Station (MRS) / Regional Medical Centre (RMC).** Reserve rations may be held in MRS/MRCs to the scale shown below, and are to be used for the benefit of patients in an emergency.

Coffee	200 gm
Drinking chocolate	500 gm
Sugar	2 kg
Tea Bags	1 pkt
Milk UHT	5 ltrs

**Note:** A record of items issued is to be retained with the Crown account for audit to support the claim for each Trading Period.

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