<u>FAQ</u>

CILOCT REBATE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

1. What is the Council Tax rebate?

HMG announced on 3 Feb 22 that qualifying households would receive a £150 rebate of Council Tax (CT) to assist with the increase in the cost of living caused by sharp rises in energy bills. The council tax rebate will provide a payment of £150 to households living in council tax bands A - D. Local councils are responsible for determining who is eligible and making payments.

To ensure that SP are not disadvantaged by their Service the framework of the national policy was used to devise a MoD scheme to mirror the intent for those paying CILOCT.

2. Will I be eligible for the rebate?

SPs paying for Service Family Accommodation (SFA) and Substitute SFA (SSFA) rates of CILOCT on 1 April 2022, for Type A, B, C, D, DS, 5 or 5S accommodation are eligible.

3. Do I have to apply for the rebate?

No, it will automatically be paid to the SP who are paying CILOCT through their pay.

4. When will I receive it?

You will receive it in the July 2022 payroll, no later than 31 July 2022.

5. Do I have to repay the £150?

No, it is a one-off payment.

6. How do I know what Type of SFA I am in?

The information is recorded on JPA and is on your pay statement and if you do not know how to find it, contact you unit administration staff for assistance.

Information on SFA Type can be found at https://modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/defnet/HOCS/Pages/JSP464.aspx

7. I am not eligible, why?

Those <u>not</u> eligible are SP not paying for Type A, B, C, D, DS, 5 or 5S as at 1 April 2022.

8. What if I was not paying for an eligible SFA Type as at 1 April 2022 yet moved and was shortly afterwards; will I receive the rebate?

No, unfortunately not. Similar to the national scheme it is determined as at 1 April 2022.

9. What if I am occupying an SFA that is considered ineligible, yet paying for a SFA that is eligible; can I get the rebate?

The methodology is based on what SFA Type you are paying for as at 1 April 2022 not what you are residing in. This is because there are some SP occupying SFA different to their entitlement due to lack of availability. Those paying for Type A, B, C, D, DS, 5 or 5S SFA as at 22 April 22 are eligible.

10. How many SP will benefit and what is the cost?

It is estimated that 28,000 SP will receive a rebate of £150 at a cost to HMT of c.£4,500,000.

11.I have read the information and believe I am eligible but did not receive the £150 in the Jul 22 payroll; who do I seek support from?

You should contact your unit Administrators who manage your pay in the first instance and if required they can escalate to the sS Housing points of contact.

12. Where can I get further information?

- Government information can be found at
 - o https://www.gov.uk/council-tax-bands
 - <u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-support-for-the-cost-of-living-factsheet/government-support-for-the-cost-of-living-factsheet</u>
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