

A Veteran participating in training under the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31) program that is also eligible for VA benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) may elect to receive a different monthly allowance than what is traditionally paid under Chapter 31.

The following instructions may help you estimate the monthly allowance you could receive if you meet the criteria described above.

A. For training at a U.S. facility associated with a U.S. zip code:

1. Identify the appropriate zip code where the Veteran is enrolled in training.
2. Go to the Department of Defense website:
 - <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>
 - Enter year (“2013”), zip code of training facility and pay grade of “E-5”
 - Click “calculate”
3. Use rate for E-5 with dependents to determine the BAH full-time rate.
4. Multiply BAH full-time rate by the training time certified for the enrollment period as follows:
 - Full-time = BAH x 1.00
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ time = BAH x 0.75
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ time = BAH x 0.50

B. For training at a facility in a U.S. Territory associated with a DoD location code:

1. Identify the appropriate location code where the Veteran is enrolled in training at one of the United States Territories: American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, Philippines.
2. Go to the Department of Defense website:
 - <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm>
 - Identify the designated locality code for the Territory using the locality code query: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/locCodeCalc.cfm>

Location Code Query

A **Location Code** is required to compute the COLA and OHA. Please select a country from the list below to find the Location Code of a city. Make a note of it and enter in LC field below.

CHOOSE THE UPDATE PERIOD		
YEAR:	MONTH:	DAY:
2013	March	1st
SELECT A COUNTRY		
SELECT LOCATION BY NAME:		
Virgin Islands (10/16/12 - Present)		
<input type="button" value="FIND"/>		

- Enter year (“2013”), Month (“November”), Day (“15”), locality code of facility and Pay Grade (“E-5”) and Dependents (“Yes”)
- Click “calculate”

3. Use rate for E-5 with dependents to determine the OHA full-time rate.

4. Multiply OHA full-time rate by the training time certified for the enrollment period as follows:

- Full-time = OHA x 1.00
- $\frac{3}{4}$ time = OHA x 0.75
- $\frac{1}{2}$ time = OHA x 0.50