

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you take advance applications for housing?

Yes, with assignment orders.

When can I apply for housing?

Upon receipt of PCS orders.

Can I select the area where I want to live?

Yes

Can I live off-post?

Yes

How long does it take to find housing?

If renting in community 1-2 weeks.

What size are the houses (on-post, off-post) and where can I get/see the floor plan?

On post: 3-4 bedroom single family homes. Off post: All sizes, but less availability in 4+ bedrooms.

Will military members still have the option to live off-post?

Yes

What is Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) entitlement?

A pay entitlement to cover rent, utilities and insurance.

How and who is starting and stopping my BAH and/or Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)?

The housing office issues assignment or termination orders to the Military Pay Office to start or stop BAH.

Are there any restrictions on bringing our pets?

Yes

Restrictions on the number of pets?

No more than 2

Restrictions on the type/breed of dog?

Yes. "Residents may not board, in government owned housing any dog of a breed (including mixed breed) that is deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer. For the purposes of this policy, aggressive or potentially aggressive breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweiler, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, and wolf hybrids."

Restriction on the type of pet, i.e., “Can I have my pet snake/iguana/ferret/pot-bellied pig?”

The keeping of the following is prohibited without consent from the Chief of Family Housing:

1. Domestic food animals and beasts of burden (cattle, goats, swine, rabbits, fowl, horses).
2. Monkeys, skunks, raccoons, squirrels, prairie dogs or other wild animals that are potentially dangerous sources of injury and communicable disease.
3. NO MORE THAN 2 PETS. This restriction does not apply to the keeping of tropical or other small fish in an aquarium.
4. Animals or pets that are or become vicious or become a nuisance. Such animals will be removed from the Family Housing unit or facility by or at the expense of the owner.
5. The keeping or breeding of animals or pets for commercial purposes is prohibited.

What schools are in the area?

Sparta School District: <http://www.spartan.org/>

Tomah School District: <http://www.tomah.k12.wi.us/>

What is the loaner furniture program?

Army Community Services has a lending closet.

May I keep the loaner items for my tour of duty?

Lending closet items are for temporary use up to 10 months.

Do you issue furniture/appliances on a permanent basis?

Appliances provided in family housing are; refrigerator, range, and dishwasher. Unaccompanied Personnel Housing is fully furnished with furniture and appliances.

Where do I stay while I wait for housing?

Fort McCoy Lodging has temporary Family Housing for 30 day increments.

Do I get credit if I’m coming from a dependent restricted tour?

Yes

How much credit (months) do I get from being on a dependent restricted tour?

Up to 14 months depending on length of tour and date returned.

Do I need renters insurance for on-post, partner or private rental housing?

Yes for all

Who is eligible for Family housing?

Active Duty and Active Guard Reserve on PCS orders.

What is the waiting time for housing?

Varies, contact the Housing office for latest info at 608-388-3704.

What determines the list I am placed on and my placement on the list?

Size of family and eligibility.

What is a waiting list?

Soldiers waiting to be offered government housing.

Once placed on the wait list, may I transfer to a different list?

If family size changes or you agree to take a smaller home.

What happens if someone has the same eligibility date as me?

Then date of rank applies.

What does it mean if my wait list position moves up and down?

Other applicants above you moved into housing or removed themselves from the list. New applicants may have an eligibility date earlier than yours.

May I request placement on more than one wait list at one time?

No

How long will my application remain active once submitted?

Until you move into housing, or remove yourself from the waitlist or PCS.

What is military Family housing privatization?

A long term lease agreement between the military and a private corporation to provide housing for the military.

How does military housing privatization affect a Service Member's BAH?

It has no affect.

How will rent be paid to the privatized community housing partner and what does it cover?

Your BAH will be paid to the privatized partner covering rent and utility allowances. Excess utility usage may be charged to the Soldier.

How does privatization affect the service I receive?

No change in service.

Will/is there to be a Self-Help program?

Yes

What are the requirements for vacating my home?

Inform Family Housing Office of your move date at 608-388-3704, and then contact the Transportation Office at Fort McCoy to coordinate your move by calling 608-388-3060. A preliminary inspection needs to occur 30-45 days prior to departure so that Housing may hire any needed contractors to do repairs after your departure.

When I move, do I have to clean?

The resident is responsible for cleaning, but may contract a cleaner. Contact the Housing Division for an up to date list of approved cleaners.

Under privatization, will the partner handle the clearing process, or will it remain with housing?

Fort McCoy does not have privatized housing.

I have two children, one female and one male; how many bedrooms do I qualify for?

3 Bedrooms except O6 is 4 bedrooms.

I have a Family member enrolled in EFMP, how will that affect my on-post housing assignment and waiting time?

You may be moved up the waiting list to minimize waiting time.

If I live on post, what type of housing can I expect?

Single family 3 and 4 bedrooms.

I am a dual military household, whose name will my privatized (on-post partner) housing lease be under?

Fort McCoy does not have privatized housing.

I have a dual military household and my wife is stationed at another installation. Can I apply for housing?

Yes

Can my spouse or someone else accept a home on my behalf?

Yes

I currently live on post but would like to move to a different house. Can we apply for another wait list?

Only if your family size has changed.

In privatized on-post housing will I be responsible for utilities?

Fort McCoy does not have privatized housing.

Can I accept on-post housing before I sign into the installation?

Yes, with assignment PCS orders.

I am a single Service Member with one child, am I eligible for on-post housing?

Yes

I'm TDY in route, when can I be put on the housing list?

When you receive PCS orders to Fort McCoy.

What will my eligibility date be?

The date you sign out of your old unit.

Does it start when I depart my permanent duty station, or when I finish the course or when I arrive at my new permanent duty station?

When you depart your permanent duty station.

What amenities are included with the privatized on-post community housing?

Fort McCoy does not have privatized housing.

My Family was assigned to a 4-bedroom home at my last duty station. Will I automatically qualify for a 4-bedroom home?

Housing is assigned based on rank and family size.

Once I am offered a home, how long do I have to accept/decline?

1 week

What happens if I decline a home?

Depends on the reason for declination. If declining due to a restrictive lease you are by passed and retain your waitlist position. If you decline because you do not like the floor plan you will be moved to the bottom of the list.

Will my BAH/OHA cover my rent and utilities?

Yes, usually.

If I get married after I have been living off post with a certificate of non-availability (CNA) do I have to apply for on post housing?

No

How much is the rent for off-post housing?

Averages for Fort McCoy Rentals

	BEDROOM(S)	SQ FEET	DEPOSIT	RENT
APARTMENT	1	680	475	475
APARTMENT	2	990	600	600
TOWNHOUSE	3	1230	850	850
HOUSE	2	865	615	615
HOUSE	3	1470	885	885
HOUSE	4	2160	1135	1135

Are there any off limit Landlords?

Not at this time.

How do I get a list of available rentals in the area?

At <https://www.homes.mil> or call Fort McCoy HSO 608-388-4169.

I just received Deployment Orders. Can I terminate my lease before I depart?

Yes

I received notification that my Family can move on-post, but I just renewed my lease. Can I break the lease and move?

Depends on the terms in your lease. You would need to discuss this with your landlord or consult the Legal Office.

I'm unaccompanied; do I have to live on-post?

E1-E5 must live on post if unaccompanied Single Soldier.

My roommate and I both signed a lease, but she has moved out. Can I get out of the lease?

Depends on the terms in your lease. Recommend consulting the legal office.