

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you take advance applications for housing?

You can provide an advanced application, but you cannot be placed on a waiting list until you have cleared your current duty station.

When can I apply for housing?

You can supply an informational application when you receive your orders, and be placed on the respective waiting list as of your eligibility date when you have cleared your current duty station.

Can I select the area where I want to live?

No. Tobyhanna Army Depot has a total of 42 family housing units located in one general area.

Can I live off-post?

If you are a Single or Married Service member you can reside off-post.

How long does it take to find housing?

Most soldiers who seek to live off post find suitable quarters within one week.

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

Pictures and floor plans of on post housing are available on this (AHOUS) site, including square footage. Off post housing varies as does the availability of their respective floor plans.

What are Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) entitlement and rent allotments?

You can check the rates for your rank at this location using the link provided on this (AHOUS) site.

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

Your Finance Office will handle this. You will need to provide them with a copy of your assignment order. This is covered during your in processing.

Are there any restrictions on bringing our pets?

Exotic pets are not allowed.

Restrictions on the number of pets?

There is a limit of two pets.

Restrictions on the type/breed of dog?

None at this time.

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

There are restrictions on exotic pets as noted earlier. Please contact the Housing Office at 570-615-7970 with any specific questions.

What schools are in the area?

The school district for the depot is Pocono Mountain.

Do you issue furniture/appliances on a permanent basis?

Appliances are supplied. These include the refrigerator, range, and dishwasher.

Where do I stay while I wait for housing?

You have numerous choices. The recommended location is on post in the Villa's.

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

Yes. Typically, your eligibility date for housing here will be the date you left on your dependent restricted tour.

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

That is not required, but recommended. It would be at your expense.

Who is eligible for Family housing?

Soldiers who are assigned for duty within a 60 minute/60 mile radius of the installation with accompanying dependents are authorized family housing.

If you are unsure if you are eligible you can contact the Housing Office at 570-615-7970.

Due to the limited number of family housing units we do not house civilians.

What is the waiting time for housing?

There is currently no waiting time.

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

As per AR 420-1, Chapter 3, your authorized bedroom requirement is used to determine the correct waiting list that you will be assigned to. Your placement on the list is determined by your eligibility date.

What is a waiting list?

This is a numerical list with the names of soldiers eligible and waiting for a family housing unit on post. It is maintained in an order determined by the eligibility date of each respective soldier.

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

Normally, you can request to be transferred to another list. However, your eligibility date and position on the new list is likely to change.

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

As determined by regulation AR 420-1, Chapter 3. All things being equal, senior rank would be first.

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

It means you are either getting closer or farther from being offered a set of quarters on post. Generally, you will move up if someone ahead of you has been removed from the list. You can be moved down, if you are not in the freeze zone, if someone with an earlier eligibility date should apply for housing.

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

Applicants cannot be on more than one adequate waiting list at a time.

How long will my application remain active once submitted?

You will typically remain on the waiting list until you are offered quarters unless you choose to be taken off the list.

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

There is a Self-Help Program. It is explained during your in-processing.

What are the requirements for vacating my home?

You must provide 30-45 days notice of your intent to vacate. A pre-inspection will be performed by appointment, and a final inspection checklist provided. A final inspection will be performed by appointment.

When I move, do I have to clean?

Yes. You do have an option to hire someone, but it is your responsibility that the unit is cleaned.

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

Our smallest unit is three bedrooms, so you would get a three bedroom unit.

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

There is a possibility that can happen. If you make a request, a committee will review your request and make a recommendation to the commander.

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

An Adequate, three or four bedroom housing unit with attached garage, either a duplex or townhouse style.

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

If you have dependents that will be living full time with you. Generally, housing is assigned at the location that the family members will reside.

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

Your spouse is authorized to sign for quarters in your absence.

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

Depending on several factors, you may be allowed to apply for another wait list.

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

No, you must be signed in to your duty location.

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

Yes, you are authorized family housing if you have a dependent child.

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

When you clear your current duty station.

What will my eligibility date be?

The date you have cleared your previous duty station.

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

No, it will be based on your authorized bedroom requirement.

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

While offers to service members on a waiting list are usually accepted immediately, a window of 30 days would be used at this time since there is no existing waiting list. However, it is unlikely that a period of 30 days would be necessary unless there are unusual circumstances.

What happens if I decline a home?

You will be moved to the bottom of the wait list if you chose to remain on the list.

Will my BAH/OHA cover my rent and utilities?

Yes, if you live on post.

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?

You do not have to apply for on post housing, it is not required. You can continue to live off post.

How much is the rent for off-post housing?

Please check the information provided on this AHOUS site for this location. Rents vary depending on multiple variables.

Are there any off limit Landlords?

Not at this time.

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

The Automated Housing Referral Network (www.ahrn.com) is a great source. For additional assistance please contact the Housing Office at 570-615-7970.

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

I understand the Service member Civil Relief Act allows you to terminate your lease. Please contact your Legal Office for assistance in this matter.

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

You need to ensure you had a military lease clause. You may not be able to break your lease; it would have to be reviewed.

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

No, you can live off post.