

Annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Survey 1 January - 31 March 2022



Germany's annual OHA Survey will be conducted on-line from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2022. Completing the survey is critical to ensure OHA rates for the Utility and Recurring Maintenance Allowance and Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA) are properly set for Service Members (SM) assigned throughout Germany. The survey results directly impact the amount of OHA each SM receives.

If you receive Overseas Housing Allowance and meet the following qualifications, you should participate in the survey:

- Assigned to Germany for at least three months
- Reside in Privately leased quarters (not a homeowner or sharer)

Sharers are SMs sharing rent with another SM or with a civilian in receipt of Living Quarters Allowance.

Spouses are encouraged to complete the survey with the SM or if the SM is unavailable.

This year's survey will capture actual utility expense and recurring maintenance expense amounts provided by participants, referencing utility bills and receipts or estimates for maintenance expenses. Move in expenses can be reported from the date of occupying private rental since 2019, referencing receipts or estimates of these costs.

Reportable Utility/Recurring Maintenance expenses include the following:

Electricity; Natural gas for heating and cooking; bottled gas; Other household fuels such as kerosene, heating oil, coal, firewood; Sewer; Trash; Running water for residence; Bottled water for drinking; Rental insurance required by custom, law or lease; Maintenance and repair costs (excluding yard or lawn maintenance)

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Reportable Move-In expenses include the following:

Air conditioners and/or fans; Air purifiers; Burglar alarm; Cabinets; Carbon monoxide detectors; Clothes dryer; Curtain and/or shower rods; Dishwasher; Door locks and keys; Electricity hook-up fees; Freezer; Fumigation; Heating hook-up fees; Home inspection; Humidifiers and/or dehumidifiers; Insulation material; Permanent fixtures; Plumbing hook-up fees; Refrigerator; Security doors; Shelving; Sinks and/or toilet seats; Smoke detectors; Space heaters; Stove; Telephone hook-up fees; Transformers and/or voltage regulators; Trash and/or recycling containers; Wallpaper and/or painting; Wardrobes (i.e. clothing storage); Washing machine; Water heater; Water purifier; Window and/or door screens; Window bars; Window coverings; Other move-in expenses may be reported in the comments section at the end of the survey.

The OHA Survey web link will be available from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2022.

<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm>

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