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As you will see, I am now distributing the monthly newsletter by link rather than by document. This saves on internet traffic and allows to me to store previous copies on EJSU.net and avoid repeating information on later versions of the Newsletter.

If any information is repeated, it's probably what I consider to be 'hot-topics' and things that are generating questions for us from you.

## **EJSU.NET**

As you will all be aware <u>www.EJSU.Net</u> is an excellent source of information for all locations around Europe. There is now a way for you to subscribe to any section of EJSU.Net to receive notifications when something new has been uploaded and you can choose either a location specific feed or a full EJSU feed which will notify you of all new uploads.

If this is of interest to you the FEEDER app works really well with EJSU.Net and a guide on how to set it up can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

We are in the process of adding links to this website for all of your locations with information provided by <a href="https://ihiveinfo.blogspot.com/">https://ihiveinfo.blogspot.com/</a> if you can think of anything else that would be beneficial to others please pass it through and we can upload it.

## **LEAVE TRAVELLING TIME**

In order to compensate those SP who spend a significant amount of time travelling when proceeding on leave, a re-credit of leave may be granted to SP. Travel time will be permitted under the following conditions:

- a. The journey is to a registered address (NOK, parents or privately maintained home).
- b. The leave period must be for a minimum of five working days (not including any days to be credited).
- c. The journey must be beyond the borders of the country of assignment.
- d. In any period of leave, no more than one day will be credited to leave accounts for SP stationed within NWE, and two days for SP stationed outside of NWE.
- e. Travel time claims will be limited to a maximum of three per year for each SP. Whilst not restricted to specific periods, this is designed to compensate for travel for normally recognised block leave periods (Easter, Summer, and Christmas).
- f. The policy applies to SP only.

Leave is to be applied for as normal via JPA; on return from leave SP should request to their NSE to re-credit their JPA leave balance with the appropriate permitted travel time.

## **APPROACHING RESETTLEMENT?**

All Regular Service, FTRS and MPGS personnel are entitled to resettlement support on discharge from the Armed Forces, regardless of their length of service or their type of discharge. Specific entitlement and categorisation or the resettlement support available is given in <u>JSP 534 Pt 1</u> Sect 2.1. In addition, all serving personnel are entitled to access both Resettlement Information Staff (RIS) and Service Resettlement Advisers (SRA) at any stage of their career for advice.

The point of contact for 1st line resettlement support for EJSU AOR is:

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## **CEA SUMMER 2022 MAIN RUN**

The CEA cut-off for the Main run is as follows:

Manual 19:00hrs 17th March 2022

Online 19:00hrs 22nd March 2022

Claims must be submitted and authorised by this time.

See Ops Bulletin 2202-003

## **QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL**

Following the publication of the <u>Defence Instruction Notice</u> regarding The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal (QPJM) on 13 January 2022, we are aware that there will be a lot of enquiries regarding how and when this medal will be distributed.

The majority of Armed Forces personnel entitled to the QPJM will be identified between 7-19 Feb 22. Service personnel will also have their JPA Honours & Awards record automatically updated to enable them to update their medal ribbon bar.

The MOD Medal Office will then ensure the physical medals are distributed to the appropriate Units from March until July 22 for onward issue to those entitled personnel.

Full details regarding the Administration, Distribution and Issuance of the QPJM will be published on the Defence Intranet in due course

## **CARRIAGE OF MODNET IT**

J6 have just pushed out a notification on EJSU.net about the carriage of MODNET IT and how to apply for the relevant certificates. For those of you constantly on the move I would advise looking this up and completing the application.

MOD IT Equipment Carriage Authority – European Joint Support Unit (ejsu.net)

#### **COVID CASES**

If you test positive for Covid, please complete the following -

https://www.ejsu.net/covid19-reporting/

This allows me to report to the COVID cell the number of cases we have in and around the ISODET.

#### LOA – 2<sup>nd</sup> CAR ALLOWANCE

It seems that some of our AoR didn't get the full brief on the changes to LOA wef 1 Jul 21. A major addition was the 2<sup>nd</sup> car allowance. Quite simply any accompanied personnel running more than 1 car are entitled to an additional allowance alongside their usual LOA. What we need from you is evidence that the cars are registered using your local scheme and once we're happy we can backdate to the date of registration (no earlier than 1 Jul 21).

Please note that this doesn't apply to serving couple who are based in the same location. This rule is being challenged and I will update if any change is made.

## **RESPITE PROVISION**

Following the recent introduction of the above-mentioned allowance, to try and alleviate any confusion please see below links to relevant information –

The guides cover the following topics:

Submitting RP Application Approval
RP Calculator for comparing Actual and Notional expense
Submitting RP Claim on JPA

These three guides are found here on EJSU.net under Respite Provision Guides.

In the meantime, please check your Respite balances on JPA and if you think yours is incorrect please let your clerk know and we can investigate for you.

#### **SOFA FORMS**

Due to a change in the SOFA card process, a new link has been issued for all applications

DOB\_GSO\_SOFA\_Status\_Admin - Power Apps

Please note that SOFA cards are to be applied for no more than 3 months before arriving in location.

#### **MOVE AND TRACK**

If on temporary duty away from your parent unit for in excess of 24 hours, please ensure you advise your support clerk by email with all the relevant information to enable correct JPA action to be carried out. Failure to do so may result in incorrect allowances being allocated.

#### **WIN10 LAPTOPS**

As the WIN10 laptop rollout continues please note ISODET staff will no longer submit claims, leave applications etc on behalf of the service person by ZOOM. Advice and guidance will be offered in the interim, but individuals are to self-action.

#### **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

For those of you with UIN's not covered by the Travel Office, please ensure your Global Business Travel accounts (formerly HRG) are active. They need to remain current to allow you to book your own travel & accommodation.

Using the link below can ensure your personal information and accounts remain current - https://uk.hrgisuite.com/dtd/Logon?returnurl=%2fdtd

Once logged in, updating your profile is easy – click the 'Person' icon at the top right and then click 'Manage Profile'. Make sure your personal and contact details are up-to-date and amend as necessary.

To ensure others can book on your behalf, navigate to 'Authorised arrangers' and type **DT Travel Cell** into the 'Arranger group name' field. Click select – this is now complete.

The EJSU Travel Cell cannot reset or amend your profile for you. If you have any problems or queries relating to your profile, you should contact the HRG/GBT online support team 0044 207 949 4812.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

I have recently sent an email to all requesting information for your 21/22 annual report. If you have failed to complete this and send back to me then you run the risk of information being incorrect.

If you would like me to resend this email to you, please let me know.