



# Changes to bond and rental advances policy

With the implementation of Defence One, bond and rental advances will be processed differently. As a result, changes will be made to policies surrounding these advances.

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Under Defence One, the process for the payment of Rental Allowance (RA) bond and rental advances will change. You will be able to apply for, and have advances deposited into your bank account as soon as Defence Housing Australia have advised you that you are eligible for RA.

Previously, bond and rental advances would only be provided on application, after securing a place of residence.

### Benefits of the change:

Under the new process bond and rental advances will be up to 100% of your rental ceiling for your rank and location.

By making the advances available as soon as your eligibility has been confirmed, you will now have funds readily available to help you secure properties. This will allow you more time to apply for assistance and receive the payment when it is required.

You will know with certainty the amount of your expected advance, the date of payment and when your repayments will commence.

**Payment and repayment:** In the past, it has been possible to make an "out-of-cycle" payment for bond and rental advances. With the implementation of Defence One this will no longer be possible. Advance payments will **only** be made on a payday. Please be aware that it may take up to 19 days for your advance to be paid into your account depending on the day within the pay cycle your application is approved.

Bond and rental advance recoveries will commence from the first pay period following receipt of the advances and will be paid back in 26 fortnightly instalments. You may choose to pay it back sooner. Under the new process, you will still be required to provide receipts for acquittal, and to repay any unused advances.

## Further information

For further information on the Defence One project, visit the [Defence One](#) homepage.

Further information on this policy is outlined in [PACMAN Chapter 7 Part 8 Div 6](#). Further information on other policy changes under Defence One can be found on the [Pay and Conditions](#) website.

For further information on bond and rental advances, visit [dha.gov.au](http://dha.gov.au).

