

DOD Deployed or Overseas Civilians

Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees on a Temporary Change in Duty Station or Temporary Duty assignment in Iraq or Afghanistan, and who develop physical or psychological illnesses or injuries while forward deployed in support of U.S. military forces engaged in hostilities, are eligible for health care treatment and services. This includes routine care, at a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) at the same level and scope provided to military personnel. Care for DOD civilians in theater is at no cost to the employee. DOD civilian employees who work overseas and become ill or sustain injuries are also entitled to receive medical care at an MTF at no cost or at another facility of their choosing.

As a deployed or overseas DOD civilian Federal employee, you may be eligible for certain benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) if the illness or injury relates to your performance of duties during your time overseas. The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers FECA. OWCP, not DOD, decides whether you qualify for medical treatment and compensation under FECA. It is important that you file a FECA claim as soon as possible. The Cleveland District Office of the OWCP adjudicates workers' compensation claims for deployed and overseas civilians.

How to File a Claim: Notify your supervisor as soon as possible that you wish to make a claim. Deployed civilians should inform the supervisor in country and the supervisor stateside that an injury has occurred. Supervisors should then follow the steps outlined in the Supervisor's Guide for Processing Injured Workers' Claims. There are **special details for overseas claims** that are critical in this process.

What is the Claims Process? Claim filing basics for Federal deployed or overseas civilian employee.

What Happens After You File? Explanation of procedures involved in processing your claim.

Death Gratuity: Eligibility and an explanation of procedures.

For non-DOD Federal civilian employees, contact your agency representative or the [International/Expeditionary Policy Office site](#) for guidance.

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