

# Follow-on Assignments after Remotes

If active duty members are selected for an unaccompanied overseas assignment of 15 months or less, AND they have or are eligible to obtain retainability in the Air Force, then they may request their follow-on assignment. Retainability requirements depend on many variables; check with your Military Personnel Flight for what these are. Members may request up to 8 continental US (CONUS) locations and 8 overseas locations for a follow-on assignment.

- If the member is currently on an accompanied overseas assignment (but not currently assigned in Alaska or Hawaii), he or she may ONLY request Alaska or Hawaii as a follow-on *overseas* assignment. The member can NOT request any other overseas assignment unless the spouse is a citizen of that country. Family members are not command sponsored at overseas assignments and are not eligible for any base or military benefits when the active duty member is not assigned there. In some cases, the gaining command MAY approve command sponsorship while the member is on the remote assignment; check with your MPF for more information.

The Air Force will only pay for the family to relocate to the follow-on location. The member may elect to move the family at his or her own expense to a different place (such as, close to parents). The AF will then pay to move the family from this new location, but will not pay more than the maximum amount it would have cost to move the family from the previous base. The Air Force will not pay any storage fees of household goods, but the member may elect to do that at his or her own expense. If the member asks for the Air Force to pay for a move to a different (not follow-on) location, or for storage expenses, then the follow-on assignment will be canceled.

The family may or may not be permitted to remain in on-base family quarters at the previous location, depending on the base policy. If the family is NOT permitted to stay in on-base family quarters, then they are authorized to move off-base (but within the local base area) at government expense.

The family may move at government expense to the follow-on assignment *before* the active duty member leaves for the remote, but there are limitations to this when the follow-on assignment is overseas. The family will NOT be command sponsored at an overseas location until the member arrives, and regulations may not permit the family to move unless command sponsorship is pre-approved.

The needs of the Air Force always come first. The follow-on assignment may be cancelled for certain reasons, such as promotion, change in mission, the base was closed or the unit was deactivated, etc.

If the member elects NOT to have a follow-on assignment, they are authorized to relocate their families to any place in the CONUS that they wish before they leave for the remote assignment, and storage of household goods is also authorized, all at government expense. They may also elect to relocate their families to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States; however, because these locations are considered overseas, the member must apply for Family Member Travel, and the family members must be medically cleared before they move.

To get more information about remote assignments and family moves, call Outbound Assignments at the Military Personnel Flight on your base. The regulation that governs assignments is AFI 36-2110.