



INITIATE REQUEST FOR EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENTS

REFERENCES:

- a. AR 614-30, Overseas Service.
- b. AR 55-46, Travel Overseas.
- c. USAREUR Supplement 1 to AR 55-46, Travel Overseas.
- d. Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) Volume I paragraph U5900.

PROCEDURES:

- Early Return of Dependents (ERD) as prescribed in the JFTR covers situations in which dependents' early return travel, before the member's PCS under certain circumstances, is in the Government's best interest, for official or personal reasons.
- Garrison commanders may authorize early return of command sponsored family members to a designated place in CONUS for extreme situation that have developed after arrival at the overseas permanent duty station (PDS).
- If the family members are foreign nationals, they may be authorized travel to a place in the spouse's country of origin.
- The approval authority for early return of dependents should consider recommendations from applicable religious advisor; mental health agencies; financial management counselors; and medical, educational, and financial experts, as applicable or appropriate.
- Family members who return under this provision are no longer entitled to dependent student travel to the sponsor's overseas location during the current tour.
- Soldiers who return family members to the overseas location at personal expense and obtain command sponsorship are entitled to travel and transportation allowances at Government expense from the permanent duty station (PDS) on the subsequent PCS.
- In USAREUR, before approving early return of dependents, it must be determined that the family's problem cannot be resolved in the overseas command.
- Early-return authorization will not be used in place of a Soldier's family-care plan during temporary duty (TDY) or deployment.

Early Return of Dependents (Cont'd)

- Soldier action will be initiated using a DA Form 4187 and forwarded to the BN S1 with the following source documents:
 1. DA Form 4187.
 2. BN Commanders endorsement.
 3. Recommendation from pertinent religious, mental health, financial management, family counseling, or legal agencies as applicable.
 4. DD Form 93 or DD Form 1172 (as applicable).

- Section IV, DA Form 4187 will include the following information:
 1. Current address of Soldier.
 2. Current address of dependents.
 3. Destination of dependents.
 4. Requested departure date.
 5. Is dependent command sponsored?
 6. List each dependent, relationship to sponsor, and DOB.
 7. Has Soldier cleared quarters?
 8. Date dependents arrived in country.
 9. Request shipment of HHG/POV.
 10. Date departed U.S. (DDUS).
 11. Date Eligible Return from Overseas (DEROS).
 12. Expiration Term of Service (ETS).
 13. Is Soldier on Assignment instructions?

- The unit commander completes Section IV, DA Form 4187, indicating verification of data and recommending approval or disapproval. If recommending disapproval, give reasons.

- BN S1 reviews application for accuracy and completeness.

- BN S1 forwards packet to the supporting Garrison Command for approval.

POC for this action is the BDE S1.