



Co-Location Policy

Brief to DACOWITS

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Co-Location of Military Couples

- **Governing Directive: DoDI 1315.18 (Procedures for Military Personnel Assignments)**
 - Implementing Guidance: MCO 1300.8 (Marine Corps Personnel Assignment Policy)
- **Goal:** Provide military couples a reasonable opportunity to establish a joint household with due regard to the requirements of the service
- **Assumptions:**
 - A valid Marine Corps staffing requirement must exist and match Marine's qualifications
 - Accompanied tour of duty/tour length/retainability must be authorized and within parameters established by DoDI 1315.18
- **Applicability:**
 - Applies when both active duty/active reserve service members of the couple are married to each other, and either one or both are Marines
 - Service members must complete basic training requirements before assignment overseas as part of a military couple
 - Policy crosses service branches through coordination with monitor counterpart
- **Plans to Expand Policy:**
 - USMC is prepared to review and comment on any official, specific DoD-proposed changes to policy regarding dual military parents who share custody of a dependent child(ren)
 - Current policy provides latitude to reasonably accommodate, on a case-by-case basis, co-location requests from dual military parents who share custody of a dependent child(ren)
- **3,717** -- Number of dual military couples in USMC
- **1 to 1.04** -- Ratio of servicemen to servicewomen
 - **3,639** -- Servicemen
 - **3,795** -- Servicewomen