

What is the compensation for a new military officer?

Today's benefits for military dietitians are very competitive with the civilian sector's compensation for dietitians. Compensation includes non-cash benefits such as full healthcare and dental benefits, subsidized childcare, housing allowance and education and training amongst other benefits. Additionally, several benefits are tax exempt which is another advantage to be noted when comparing compensation packages with other sources of employment. Salaries and compensation packages are set across the entire Department of Defense based primarily on years in service, therefore new Army officers to this Program would earn the same amount and receive the same benefits.

Below is an example of what a newly commissioned officer could expect to earn as an entry level officer (a Second Lieutenant) living in the San Antonio, Texas area. These numbers are revised each calendar year and can be verified with Defense Finance and Accounting Service or their web site at <http://www.dfas.mil>. Applicants with previous military experience or professional experience as a Registered Dietitian may qualify for "constructive credit" and should discuss how this experience may enhance their date of rank and pay.

	Single	w/dependent(s)*
Monthly Base Pay	3,287.35	3,287.35
Monthly Housing	1,503.00	1,596.00
Monthly Subsistence	256.68	256.38
Total Monthly	5,047.03	5,139.73
Total Annual	60,564.36	61,676.76

*A dependent is typically defined as a civilian spouse or dependent child of the military member.