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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Ordered Departure – Afghanistan

The Department of State (DOS) has approved an Ordered Departure from Mission Afghanistan, which includes all of Afghanistan, for eligible family members (EFM), including DoD EFMs, and non-emergency civilian employees, effective April 27, 2021.

DoD EFMs and non-emergency civilian employees are ordered to depart Afghanistan. The designated safe-haven for departing DoD EFMs is anywhere in the 50 United States, District of Columbia, or non-foreign areas (U.S. territories and possessions). The designated safe haven for departing DoD non-emergency civilian employees is Arlington, VA. The designated alternate safe haven for departing DoD non-emergency civilian employees is the United States and its territories.

Stop Forward Movement: U.S. Government-funded travel to Afghanistan for all DoD EFMs and non-emergency civilian employees is suspended.

The Ordered Departure will remain in effect until terminated by DOS, and the Stop Forward Movement Order will remain in effect until terminated by me.

DoD EFMs of Service members will be processed for safe-haven allowances in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Chapter 6 (Evacuation Travel), paragraph 0602. DoD civilian employees and their EFMs will be processed for allowances in accordance with the JTR, Chapter 6, paragraph 0604.

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