BACKGROUND: A miscellaneous payment occurs as a result of a claim for payment or reimbursement of a valid, non-recurring, non-contractual expense of the DoD (that is not payroll related) for a military or civilian member. This includes payments under special authoritative arrangements and may include specific payment authorities pursuant to legislation or Executive Orders. Because there was no central source that provided regulatory guidance on how to make these payments, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)) and Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC) (formally Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy) formed a joint team to develop centralized guidance for miscellaneous payments. The result was the Department of Defense Guidebook for Miscellaneous Payments. This guidebook provides authoritative guidance on how to correctly process 80 different types of miscellaneous payments. It is currently maintained by the Defense Finance and Accounting Services.


DATA STANDARDS: The data standards for accomplishing the different types of miscellaneous payments are addressed in the DFARS and DoD FMR.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE: Submission and processing of claims for miscellaneous payments must be accomplished electronically, per DFARS Subpart 232.70, with limited exceptions as prescribed by DFARS 232.7002(a). Electronic submissions of miscellaneous payments may be submitted via the Invoicing, Receipt, Acceptance, and Property Transfer (iRAPT) part of the DoD eBusiness Suite, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, or other approved electronic methods.

IMPACT: Prior to the publication of the Department of Defense Guidebook for Miscellaneous Payments, there was no central source to determine the authority and requirements to correctly make miscellaneous payments, which negatively impacted payment processing. In publishing this guidebook, standards were developed that result in faster, more accurate payments and auditability.

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