

Early Return of Dependents

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REFERENCES

- **AFI 36-3020 – FAMILY MEMBER TRAVEL**
- **AFI 33-328 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS**
- **JFTR, VOL 1, CHAPTER 5**

Overview

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- **Who is eligible?**
- **Reasons for an early return**
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What is an ERD?

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- Military members assigned to an overseas location can **RETURN** their dependents back to the CONUS at the government's expense.

- **NOTE:**

*This program must be used as a **LAST RESORT***

Who is eligible?

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- Must be stationed overseas; unless dependents home is overseas, then it can be from a CONUS location
- Cannot have an approved PCS, Separation or Retirement
- Individually sponsored and/or acquired command sponsored dependents
- Non-command sponsored dependents are **not eligible**

Reasons for Early Return

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- **For Medical Treatment not available at overseas location**
- **Divorce or Separation**
- **Financial Difficulties**
- **Lack of adequate educational facilities or housing for dependents**

How to Apply

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- **The following documents are required for the package to be processed at the MPS**
 - Request letter signed by SQ CC
 - PCS orders to Elmendorf (must list the dependents being ERD'd)
 - ✦ If dependents are not listed on the orders, proof of Command Sponsorship must be provided
 - Back copy of ERD order (will be provided when package is turned in)
 - Statement of Understanding (will be provided)
 - AF Form 965 Overseas Tour Election Statement (will be provided)
 - 1 Supporting document (acceptable documents include; Final Divorce Decree or Dissolution of Marriage)
OR
 - 1 Statement of Support (from Medical Authority, Legal Authority, Family Support Center or Chaplain)
 - ✦ Required If request is for reasons other than a finalized divorce

Approval Authority

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The 673d MSG/CC is the final approving authority

- The approving official may authorize the ERD when the member has clearly shown:
 - The existence of a valid need to return dependents early.
 - The problem or situation occurred AFTER arrival at the OS duty station
 - Local resources (on and off base) cannot resolve the problem

Notification of Approved/Disapproved ERD Packages

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Once the 673d MSG commander has approved/disapproved orders, member will be notified by the Career Development office via email or phone call.

Time frame to process orders varies depending upon the situation