# UNDERSTANDING THE INSPECTION PROCESS

This process is for your awareness only, but you might wish to understand what goes into helping you find adequate and affordable housing in the local community. If your house had been previously inspected and there have been no changes to the property, this process is skipped and your lease will be signed. On the other hand, if the house you have selected is new to the service member rental market or if the previous house inspection was done several years earlier, this process must be completed before finalizing your lease.

**Policy:** The AFIMSC policy on inspections and rental calculations is found on pages **2-3** of this section. This policy does not constrain a service member's or civilian's ability to select a house or improperly impact their appropriate allowances. The policy determines the parameters by which housing allowances are paid in order to create a safe, fair, and equitable real estate market for everyone assigned to Aviano AB. The attachments include the Minimum Adequacy Standards Checklist (pages **4-5**), Housing Inspection Procedures (page **6**), and the Rental Calculation Worksheet (pages **7-8**).

**Inspections:** Inspections ensure members obtain minimum adequacy standards and the requested rent reflects fair rental market pricing. When the Housing Office receives a lease agreement for a newly listed unit, an inspection will be scheduled as soon as possible. Units will also be inspected at any time upon request from the tenant or landlord for issues related to damages, maintenance, unhealthy/unsanitary conditions, or any other matter that warrants a need to re-inspect a house.

**Fair Market Price:** A Housing Counselor measures the house and determines the fair market value based on this guidance ensuring the prudent and efficient expenditure of DoD housing-related allowances. This standardized process minimizes uncontrolled rental market inflation and provides reasonably-priced housing in the local community. Before Aviano AB implemented this rental calculation process, determining rental prices was left to the subjectivity of each housing inspector. Often different prices were paid for same type or size of houses, generating tenant and landlord complaints. The current process removes and subjectivity and significantly contributes to a fair, objective, and repeatable rental calculation process.



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#### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: AFIMSC DET 4 Unit 3122 APO AE 09094-3122

SUBJECT: Guidance on Community Housing Inspections

1. Department of Defense regulations and Air Force instructions permit installation housing offices to "put certain sets of quarters or neighborhoods off limits and refuse approval of a lease because the rental amount is excessive or not reflective of available housing" (Atch 1) or because the quarters do not meet minimum adequacy standards (Atch 2 & 3). The purpose of these regulations is to ensure our housing customers (both military and civilian) obtain adequate, reasonably-priced housing and to ensure the prudent and efficient expenditure of DoD housing-related allowances. This letter establishes guidance and procedures for enacting these regulations and instructions.

2. Applicable Guidance:

- a. Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), Appendix M
- b. DoD Housing Management Manual 4165.63-M
- c. AFI 32-6001, Family Housing Management, Ch.7

3. Per the JTR, USAFE housing offices will act as the approving authority for defining Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) payment parameters. In so doing, each housing office will establish an inspection procedure consisting of a detailed checklist of minimum standards to determine the adequacy of the housing and to ensure the rental amount is not excessive, but is reflective of available housing in the subject area. The intent of this guidance is not to direct a standardized command process, but to ensure our housing offices have the flexibility to address their specific local needs. The housing offices shall regularly review the base housing list to ensure retention of adequate, reasonably-priced housing.

4. If a housing unit does not meet the minimum adequacy standards, the housing office will not approve the lease until all identified deficiencies are corrected. Similarly, if the rental amount requested by a landlord is determined to be unreasonable or excessive in comparison with available housing the subject area, the housing office will not approve the lease, even if the landlord's requested amount is below the member's OHA ceiling.

NOTE: The rental amount asked by the landlord in the Enterprise Military Housing (eMH) system or other real property listings is not necessarily the rental amount approved by the

installation housing office. The amount calculated and approved by the housing office is the amount of rent authorized for a particular property.

5. The purpose of this guidance is to facilitate the judicious expenditure of government funds for housing and to ensure adequate, reasonably-priced housing remains available to our military members and civilian employees.

6. Installations should utilize their community engagement forums to communicate this guidance with their respective local community agencies and officials as they apply to community housing rental properties. This can be done in concert with the local host nation/community relations advisors. Please ensure mayors and/or local government officials are aware of the minimum standards set forth above, enabling them to effectively communicate with landlords should they elevate their concern about no longer being considered by the Housing Referral Office. Please engage our collective AFIMSC Det 4 staff for support, as desired.

7. This is a jointly-coordinated AFIMSC Det 4 CE/FM and HQ USAFE-AFAFRICA/JAA memo. Should you have any questions, please contact my POC, Mr. Benjamin Hizon, AFIMSC Det 4 CEH at DSN 480-6547 or benjamin.hizon@us.af.mil.

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3 Attachments:

- 1. JFTR Appendix M Part I.B.2.c.
- 2. DoD 4165.63-4, Enclosure 3
- 3. AF32-6001 Chapter 7, Section 7.9

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HOUSE / APARTMENT LISTING AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 8013. PRINCIPAL PURPOSES: To document basic information for the purpose of listing owners' property for possible rental to military			
and other authorized users. ROUTINE USE(S): Address and telephone numbers are used to locate property owners and customers. DISCLOSURE IS MANDATORY: Failure to do so will result in the property not being listed by the Housing Office.			
City:	Floor: Stories: Net SM:		
Address:	Civic: Apt.: Bedrooms		
Amenities       Ceiling Fans       Screens       Air Cond.         Curtains       Curtain Rods       Light Fixt.       BBQ         Fireplace       Satellite Dish       Sat Auth.       Elevator         Built-in Kitchen       Combo din/kitc.       Dining Room       Living Room         Study Room       Laundry Room       Storage       Awnings         Costs (Euro)       0       1       2       3         Rent       0       1       2       3       4         Remarks       0       1       2       3       4         YEAR BUILT:       Stairs       Sewage       0       0       0       1       2       3         YEAR BUILT:       FULLY REFURBISHED:       Yard       0       0       1       2       2       1       2       2       1       2       2       1       2       2       1       2	Bathrooms:       Full       3/4       1/2         Unit Type:       Single house       Town house       Row house         Apartment       Duplex       Triplex       Fourplex         Basement:       Yes, heated       Yes, not heated       None         Attic:       Yes, heated       Yes, not heated       none         Parking:       Garage 1 car       Garage 2 cars       Garage 3 cars       Carport         Parking:       Garage 1 car       Garage 2 cars       Garage 3 cars       Carport         Parking:       Garage 1 car       Garage 2 cars       Garage 3 cars       Carport         Parking:       Garage 1 car       Garage 2 cars       Garage 3 cars       Carport         Parking:       Garage 1 car       Garage 2 cars       Garage 3 cars       Carport         Parking:       Garage 1 car       Garage 2 cars       Garage 3 cars       Carport         Parking:       Sorage 1 car       Off street       Driveway       None         Furnished:       Furnished       Partially furnished       Unfurnished         Pets:       No pets       Cats only       Small dogs only       Pets allowed         Yard:       No yard       Shared       Fenced-in       Unfenced		
4 - Upon presentation of the bill.	School bus: In school bus route Out of school bus route Mandatory requirements:		
Landlord/Agent or POC - (WEB) Last name First name Phone 1	Yes       No       Yes       No         Ground fault circuit interrupter       Image: State authorized       Im		
Phone 2	Foglio:		
E-mail	Part.:		
English speaking Yes No	Sub.:///		
I undersigned owner/agent of the above mentioned qtrs, state that all the information regarding rental price and description are correct, and that I was briefed about the non-discrimination clause and I agree also not to hold in lieu of debts incurred by the tenant, any U.S. Government property. Io sottoscritto proprietario/agente dell'immobile sopra descritto, dichiaro che tutte le informazioni riguardanti l'affitto e la descrizione dei locali, sono corrette e che sono stato informato sulla clausola di non discriminazione e di non trattenere alcuna proprieta' del Governo degli Stati Uniti in caso di controversie con l'inquilino. FORMULA DI CONSENSO In base all'articolo 10 della legge 675/96 sulla tutela delle persone e di altri soggetti rispetto al trattamento dei dati personali, io sottoscritto acconsento al trattamento dei dati personali per: - La locazione di beni immobili al personale USAF, come da me richiesto senza impegno alcuno - Sono stato informato che: - I dati saranno disponibili su supporto cartaceo e diffusi attraverso la rete informatica della Base USAF di Aviano - I dati saranno a disposizione di chiunque abbia accesso alla rete informatica delle Basi USAF - Dei diritti di cui all'articolo 13 della legge 675/96			

MINIMUM ADEQUACY STANDARDS			
Yes No 1. General 1.1 - Is the unit located within a reasonable commute – no greater than 60 minutes or 20 miles by privately-owned vehicle from the installation?			
1.2 - Does the home meet AF minimum net square footages for dwelling sizes standards? (2 BR=950 SF/3 BR=1200 SF/4 BR = 1350 SF)			
1.3 - Does the unit have sufficient sanitary and sewage disposal facilities?			
1.4 - Does the unit have hot and cold running potable water?			
1.5 - Does the unit have a private lockable (Dead Bolt) entry door, and is it illuminated? Are any other side/back entrances doors Dead Bolt?			
1.6 Does front door have a viewer if there are no adjacent windows?			
1.7 Is unit with private lawn equipped with exterior perimeter lighting operated by Manual, Motion Detector, Timer, Day/Light sensors?			
1.8 - Do all windows including basement areas have some type of locking mechanism, and provided with shutters, rolladens, or metal grates?			
1.9 - Does the landlord have access to the furnace room, utility room, fuse box, etc. without entering the living area of the unit? If not, explain he/she may not enter without permission from the resident.			
110 - Dees unit construction meets Host Nation standards (code) Landlord should provide habitability certificate			
1.11 - Does the heating system meet Host Nation standards (code)? Landlord should provide a copy of most recent boiler inspection.			
1.12 - Does unit have and adequate heating system? Electrical space heaters are not considered adequate.			
1.13 - Does the unit have adequate air conditioning in living/sleeping areas? At least one unit per area, basements non-livable attic excluded			
2. Exterior			
2.1 - Does the roof and chimney look complete and secure? Any lose or missing roof tiles?			
2.2 - Do gutters and downspouts appear free of debris and draining properly?			
2.3 - Do all exterior walls look in good condition?			
2.4 - Is the driveway/parking area in good condition?			
<ul> <li>2.5 - Does the unit have permanent steps and walkway? Are sidewalks/pathways in good condition?</li> <li>2.6 - If unit is on a main road and where access to the property can be difficult or even dangerous, is an electric gate installed?</li> </ul>			
2.7 - Is the exterior of the unit complete (rental reduction if not)?			
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2.9 -Is the yard generally in good condition (shrubs are trimmed, holes in yard are filled,			
□ □ 2.10 -Do all balconies and stairs have safety railings?			
2.11 -Is all fencing around the property in good repair?			
3. Interior			
3.1 - Does unit meet minimum ceiling height of 2.50 meters?			
3.2 - Are ceilings in good condition?			
<ul> <li>3.3 - Are there light fixtures in every room?</li> <li>3.4 - Does the unit have washer and dryer connections? Are there two separate outlets?</li> </ul>			
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3.7 - Does each room listed as living space have at least one window with exterior view large enough to ease exit in case of an emergency?			
3.8 - Can all bedrooms be accessed directly without going through another room? If a room is accessed through another room, it cannot be			
listed as a bedroom.			
3.9 - Do all rooms listed as living space contain built-in heated space?			
3.10 - Do all interior stairs have safety railings?			
4.1 - Is the kitchen located within the confines of the unit (accessed only after entering through the unit's private entry)?			
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4.3 - Does the kitchen have stove and refrigerator connections?			
4.4 - Is there sufficient space for food preparation (1.5 linear meters)			
4.5 - Is there sufficient kitchen storage (3.2 linear meters)			
4.6 - Are all kitchen cabinets, cupboards, shelves secure?			
5. Bathroom(s)			
5.1 - Is the bathroom(s) located within the confines of the unit (accessed only after entering through the unit's private entry)?			
<ul> <li>5.2 - Does at least one bathroom have a shower or bathtub, lavatory and flushable toilet?</li> <li>5.3 - Does the bathroom(s) have a window or exhaust fan?</li> </ul>			
5.3 - Does the bathloom(s) have a window of exhaust ran?     5.4 - Are all floor and wall tiles free from cracks?			
5.5 - Are al toilets and sinks free from cracks?			
5.6 - Are all seals around bathtubs and sinks completely intact?			
Inspector's name Date			
PASSED FAILED			
Property Manager (Signature) Date			

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## Aviano AB Community Housing Inspection Procedures

The 31st Fighter Wing Housing Office is responsible for ensuring that each housing unit, as a minimum, provides a healthy, safe, private, and fairly priced environment for each member assigned to Aviano AB. Therefore, before approving a lease for community housing, the Housing Office will inspect the unit in question to determine that it meets minimum adequacy standards and that the requested rent is not excessive.

After a member finds a potential property, he/she notifies the Housing Office who schedules a housing inspection with the landlord. The housing inspection is performed by trained and experienced Housing Office Counselors and will be conducted at the first available date.

### Adequacy Standards

The Housing Office maintains a checklist of minimum requirements that a housing unit must meet in order to be considered adequate for Aviano member occupancy. These requirements include things such as minimum ceiling height, minimum kitchen size, and adequate water and sewer connections. These items will be verified by the Housing Office Counselor during the housing inspection.

In order to pass the adequacy standard checklist, all items must be passed. If any deficiencies are noted, the landlord will be given the opportunity to correct them. If, however, all deficiencies are not corrected, the unit will not be deemed acceptable and the lease will not be approved by the Housing Office.

### **Rental Amount**

The Housing Office will not approve a lease if the rental amount is excessive and not reflective of available housing. The four-step procedure for establishing a rental amount for community housing at Aviano Air Base is escribed below. The procedure utilizes an official Italian publication called the Borsino Immobiliare. The Borsino Immobiliare is produced by the Pordenone Chamber of Commerce, Real Property Associations, and Small Property Owners. It lists the average square-meter unit rental rates (minimum - maximum) for properties in the Aviano/Pordenone area. It is an impartial, third-party publication, and is representative of the local real property market.

<u>Step 1:</u> At the housing inspection, Housing Office Counselors will ensure that the property in question meets minimum adequacy standards and will measure the property to determine its total area in square meters. Living spaces such as living rooms and bedrooms receive 100% credit toward the final area determination. Basements, attics, garages, and similar non-living spaces receive 50% credit if heated (unheated areas will receive 25% credit). For example, a room in a basement measured at 10 SM will count as 5 SM (or 2.5 SM if unheated) in the overall area determination. The yard receives 15% credit and may not exceed the total amount of the net livable area. This practice conforms to local Italian practices in municipalities around Aviano AB.

<u>Step 2:</u> Using the relevant square-meter rate taken from the Borsino Immobiliare, the Housing Office will calculate the rental amount by multiplying that rate by the area found in Step 1 above. Example: A property in the center of the city of Aviano is determined to have an area of 150 square meters. Based on its age, location, and condition, the Borsino Immobilare gives a rate of €6.00 per square meter. Therefore, in this example, the calculated rental amount would be €900 per month.

<u>Step 3:</u> A standardized rental calculation worksheet is used to perform and record the calculations described in Steps 1 and 2. The Rental Calculation Worksheet is attached.

<u>Step 4:</u> The Housing Office will approve the lease only if the requested rental amount indicated on the lease is equal to or less than the rental amount calculated in Step 3 above.

#### AVIANO AB HOUSING OFFICE COMMUNITY HOUSING RENT CALCULATION SHEET

Address		
Community		
Owner		
Conventional area (Livable + Non Liv	vable Areas) (1) Sq. Mt	
Age (2)		
Level (3, 3.1)		
Rental Value x sq.m. (See real estate	trading desk average) €	
Monthly Rental Fee (Rental Val	ue/sq.m. X Conventional Area) €	
(1) Conventional area calculation		
Livable Net Area $sq.m.$ x 1, 35 (Less than 50 sq.m.)       = $sq.m.$ x 1,25 (Between 50 and 70 sq.m.)       = $sq.m.$ x 1,00 (Over 70 sq.m.)       =		=
	TOTAL Livable Net Area	=
Private garage Carport, parking space in a common gar parking space assigned in uncovered are Balconies, terraces Unfinished/Unheated Basements/attic	ea sq.m. x 0,25	=
Finished heated basement/attic areas *Private lawns or uncovered area *Common lawn areas (Condominiums)	sq.m. x 0,25 sq.m. x 0,50 sq.m. x 0,15 sq.m. x 0,10 llation may not exceed the total sq.mt	=
<ul> <li>(2) Premises Age</li> <li>New or Restored New (15 Years or</li> <li>Used (16 to 29 Years)</li> <li>Old (30 Years or more)</li> </ul>	TOTAL Non Livable Area	=
<ul> <li>(3) Level: Single unit, duplex, row how</li> <li>Higher = New or Restored New and</li> <li>Medium = Used units</li> <li>Lower = Used units over 30 years</li> </ul>	nd historical center	
<ul> <li>(3.1) Level: Apartment</li> <li>Higher = New or Restored New and</li> <li>Medium = Used apartment</li> <li>Lower = Apartment in buildings =&gt;</li> </ul>		

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1	Living room	x 1.00
2	Dining room	x 1.00
3	Kitchen	x 1.00
4	1st Bedroom	x 1.00
5	2nd Bedroom	x 1.00
6	3rd Bedroom	x 1.00
7	4th Bedroom	x 1.00
8	1st Bathroom	x 1.00
9	2nd Bathroom	x 1.00
10	3rd Bathroom	x 1.00
11	Entrance Hall	x 1.00
12	Hall	x 1.00
	Other specify:	Total Sq mts:
13	heated / not heated	x
14	heated / not heated	x
15	heated / not heated	х
16	heated / not heated	x
17	heated / not heated	x
18	heated / not heated	x
19	heated / not heated	x
20	heated / not heated	Х
21	heated / not heated	Х
22	heated / not heated	Х
23	Yard/Garden	х
Remarks		TOTAL SQ MTS :
		CALCULATION VALUE: €
		TOTAL: €

# **Community Housing Rental Calculation Worksheet**

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