

United States National Support Element Larissa: Housing

The Housing Office provides high quality customer service in a professional manner to military and civilian members seeking assistance with all housing issues during their tour of duty in Greece.

The Housing office is located in the USNSE Headquarters. The staff is available:
Monday - Thursday 0700 – 1630 and Friday 0700 - 1530.

Contact information:

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Check-In

All arriving service members are required to check-in at the housing office within 2 days of arrival. Failure to do so may result in loss of Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) entitlement. An information package with available housing and local maps will be provided.

House Hunting

A housing referral specialist will assist you in your search for housing on the economy from the day you check-in until you have found a suitable unit by assessing your housing requirements, recommending locations, making appointments, assisting with negotiations, arranging transportation and other services.

Ongoing Support

Once housed on the economy, the Housing Office will continue to provide each member with help and support if required, to move to a new home, re-negotiate a lease, interpretation of utility bills, landlord dispute resolution.

Loaner Furniture

When you are ready to move into your home, the Housing office will provide beds, tables, chairs and other items of furniture until your HHG shipment arrives (up to 90 days). Appliances will be supplied for the duration of your tour. Appliances include, washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator and microwave.

TLA Accomodation

Several hotels are available in Larissa. They vary enormously in size, location and cost. Verify with the housing office that your hotel rates are within the limits of your lodging allowance. TLA payments are made in blocks of ten days. This means that each ten-day period, you will need to submit a TLA claim form, together with an appropriate receipt or invoice from your hotel. The USNSE has a list of hotels that accept the VAT forms. Be sure to verify with your sponsor that your hotel accepts the VAT form. You may request VAT forms from the USNSE Customs office.

Allowances

You will receive Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) while assigned to the Larissa area. You can access the Per Diem Committee website at: <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/> if you wish to get an idea of how much you will receive.

Utilities

Utilities are typically not included in rent so you will need to arrange connection of your water, electricity, heating oil and phone. The housing agent will assist you. Expect your utility bills to higher than what you normally pay in the US.

Small Appliance Usage

If you want to use small electrical appliances such as televisions, stereos or blow dryers you will need to use a transformer. The voltage in Greece is higher (220v vice 110v US) and the cycle is a different frequency (50HZ vs. 60HZ). USNSE Larissa will issue transformers to you for the duration of your tour.