

One-Time Payment for Military Housing Mulled

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Military personnel should get at least 3 million rubles (\$93,000) each as a subsidy for purchasing a home, a deputy defense minister said.

The proposal, by Deputy Defense Minister Ruslan Tsalikov, involves a differentiated one-time payment to help those in the armed forces purchase a residence, depending on their family status, years of service and the average nationwide price per square meter, lenta.ru reported, citing RIA Novosti.

For example, a person who served 15 years should get 4.5 million rubles. A military person who has three dependents should get twice as much.

The deputy minister said that between 2010 and 2012 approximately 139,000 members of the armed forces received permanent housing. As of Jan. 1, 55,000 people were waiting to receive that benefit. The mechanism for making the one-time payment should be worked out by 2014,

and by the middle of 2015 the list of those waiting for housing should be cleared. Legislation to create this mechanism should be reviewed by the government in the near future.

Currently, to resolve the housing problem for service personnel, the Defense Ministry buys apartments from developers at a fixed price, hires firms to build on ministry-owned land, distributes housing coupons and has a program of "military mortgages."

All military personnel should have their housing needs satisfied by 2017, the deputy minister said.

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