

WAIT LIST EXPLAINED

We understand that the process of moving into a new home can often be overwhelming. We aim to provide as much information and transparency with our application process as possible. As always, if you have any additional questions or concerns, the staff at the Welcome Home Center is happy to help.

What determines my position on the waitlist?

There are two important factors in determining the position on the waitlist – activation date and priority.

How is an activation date determined?

Your activation date is determined by your completion of the Activation Acknowledgement. This date can be within a window of time as early as 90 days out from your report date on your orders to Fort Drum. If an applicant is already within the 90 day window prior to report date, the activation date will be the date their application packet is complete (unless a later date is specified on the Activation Acknowledgement). For anyone 60 days past their report date on their orders to Fort Drum, the activation date is when their application packet is complete. For questions on your activation date, do not hesitate to ask your counselor.

What are the different priorities?

After activation date is established, the next factor in your position on the wait list is priority. Our priority is a four-tiered system (See Chart 1). For questions on your priority, please see our website www.fortdrummch.com or call the Welcome Home Center at 315.955.6644 to speak to your counselor.

Will my number go up and down?

The only time that your wait list number would go down is if someone with a higher priority has activated their application. Any additional waitlist changes you may experience would be due to homes being leased or added to our availability (based on the current resident giving 'notice' to move out). For the most up to date information on your waitlist location, we encourage you to contact your leasing consultant.

When you call or come in to check your position on the wait list you will be given two numbers. The first is the number you are on the list. The second number is the number you are to be offered. Anyone who has been offered a home remains on the list until they accept a home offer. The second number is the important number as it tells you how many people above you are also waiting on a home offer.

Example:

If **Ralph** calls to check his position, he would be **3** on the list and **2nd to be offered** (See Chart 2).

Kathy and Sam are lower on the list, even though their eligibility dates are better, because their priority is lower. As a lower priority, priority 3 and priority 4, anyone who applies as a priority 2 or higher will go above you on the wait list, regardless of your eligibility date.

Chart 1

Key & Essential	As determined by Commanding General
Priority 1	Soldiers not currently living with Mountain Community Homes assigned to the Warriors In Transition Unit (WTU) as a "direct result of armed combat" or those who have a "serious physical disability" as determined by WTU command
Priority 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any Soldier newly assigned to Fort Drum 90 days prior and 60 days after report date on orders to Fort Drum (receives 60 days of priority 2 status) -Dual military and single parents who previously cleared their home on post due to military orders to deploy -Current residents who must have more than 2 people in a bedroom due to gain in family member -Single pregnant Soldiers for 60 days effective the date they become eligible to receive BAH -Newly married Soldiers for 60 days effective the date of their marriage -Soldiers who are arriving within 90 days of deploying have the option to apply before, during or after their deployment and receive their 60 days of Priority 2 status when they go active on our wait list. -Soldiers TDY en route to Fort Drum can choose to go active for 60 days once signed out of their last duty station and during TDY (Activation date is the date of sign out from last duty station), or defer until they are within 90 days of their report date on their orders to Fort Drum
Priority 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -First time applicants currently living on the economy -Service Members who are newly arrived to Fort Drum, newly married and single expectant Soldiers AFTER day 61 of their activation date - Newly arrived Service Members 60 days after the report date on their orders to Fort Drum -Current residents with a gain in rank structure
Priority 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Previous residents who moved out due to any reason other than PCS and ETS -Current Residents of Army Community Housing Domestic Lease requesting to move on post with no other qualifying event. -Current residents with a gain in family member
Priority 5	- Non-military applicants

Chart 2

Name	Activation Date	Priority	Status
1. Tom	10/1/17	2	Offered
2. Sally	10/5/17	2	Waiting
3. Ralph	10/6/17	2	Waiting
4. Kathy	7/5/16	3	Waiting
5. Sam	6/5/16	4	Waiting