



Defense Department Updates Equipment Reimbursement Policy

The DoD announced the revision of a memorandum on the policy and procedures for the reimbursement of privately purchased protective equipment for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



The full reimbursable equipment list now includes complete ballistic vests; most component parts of ballistic vests, including side-plate body armor; helmets; ballistic eye protection; hydration systems; gloves; knee pads; elbow pads; bed insect netting; insect repellent; and reflective vests.

The eligible purchase period is now Sept. 11, 2001, through April 1, 2006, as required by the fiscal 2006 National Defense Authorization Act.

To be reimbursed for equipment, service members must complete DD Form 2902, "Claim for Reimbursement for Privately Purchased Protective, Safety or Health Equipment used in Combat." This form must be submitted to the service member's chain of command or, for former members, to an authorizing official designated by their former service at an address on the form. All claims must be submitted by Oct. 3, 2006.

Reimbursement for any one item is limited to \$1,100, and any equipment that service members are reimbursed for becomes the property of the U.S. government and must be turned in to the unit logistics officer.