purposes of reporting and paying the employee tax and employer tax with respect to such wage payments.

(b) The provisions of this section apply to any cash payment for domestic service in a private home of the employer made on or after January 1, 1994.

For rules applicable to any cash payment for domestic service in a private home of the employer made prior to January 1, 1994, see §31.3121(i)–1 in effect at such time (see 26 CFR part 31 contained in the edition of 26 CFR parts 30 to 39, revised as of April 1, 2006).


§ 31.3121(i)–2 Computation of remuneration for service performed by an individual as a member of a uniformed service.

In the case of an individual performing service after December 31, 1956, as a member of a uniformed service (see section 31.3121(n)), to which the provisions of section 3121(m)(1) (see §31.3121(m)) are applicable, the term "wages" shall, subject to the provisions of section 3121(a)(1) (see §31.3121(a)–1), include as the individual’s remuneration for such service only his basic pay as described in section 102(10) of the Servicemen’s and Veterans’ Survivor Benefits Act (38 U.S.C. 401(1), 403; 72 Stat. 1126).

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§ 31.3121(i)–3 Computation of remuneration for service performed by an individual as a volunteer or volunteer leader within the meaning of the Peace Corps Act.

In the case of an individual performing service in his capacity as a volunteer or volunteer leader within the meaning of the Peace Corps Act (see section 31.3121(p)), the term "wages" shall, subject to the provisions of section 3121(a)(1) (see §31.3121(a)–1), include as such individual’s remuneration for such service only amounts paid pursuant to section 5(c) or section 6(1) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2501; 75 Stat. 612).

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§ 31.3121(i)–4 Computation of remuneration for service performed by certain members of religious orders.

In any case where an individual is a member of a religious order (as defined in section 3121(r)(2) and paragraph (b) of §31.3121(r)–1) performing service in the exercise of duties required by such order, and an election of coverage under section 3121(r) and §31.3121(r)–1 is in effect with respect to such order or the autonomous subdivision thereof to which such member belongs, the term "wages" shall, subject to the provisions of section 3121(a)(1) (relating to definition of wages), include as such individual’s remuneration for such service the fair market value of any board, lodging, clothing, and other perquisites furnished to such member by such order or subdivision or by any other person or organization pursuant to an agreement (whether written or oral) with such order or subdivision. Such other perquisites shall include any cash either paid by such order or subdivision or paid by another employer and not required by such order or subdivision to be remitted to it. For purposes of this section, perquisites shall be considered to be furnished over the period during which the member receives the benefit of them. (See example 4 of this section.) In no case shall the amount included as such individual’s remuneration under this paragraph be less than $100 a month. All relevant facts and elements of value shall be considered in every case. Where the fair market value of any board, lodging, clothing, and other perquisites furnished to all members of an electing religious order or autonomous subdivision (or to all in a group of members) does not vary significantly, such order or subdivision may treat all of its members (or all in such group of members) as having a uniform wage. The provisions of this section may be illustrated by the following examples of the treatment of particular perquisites:

Example 1. M is a religious order which requires its members to take a vow of poverty and which has made an election under section 3121(r). Under section 3121(r)(4), M must include in the wages of its members the fair market value of the clothing it provides for