

**THE PROBLEMS OF HOUSING FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL  
AND THEIR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS**

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**Abstract.** *This scientific article discusses the role and prestige of military personnel in society, social protection, in particular, the problems of realizing their right to housing and its international legal framework, innovative aspects of housing issues, scientific and theoretical views of scientists, as well as an analysis of national legislation, final suggestions, and conclusions.*

**Key words:** *Armed Forces, military personnel, military service, housing, right to housing, innovation, social protection, long-term mortgage.*

Today, New Uzbekistan is being built based on the important idea of a "society with human dignity and a people's state." Based on this noble goal set by the Head of State, our people are becoming the real author of new reforms. In this regard, we have adopted the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026, which contains the necessary political, legal, socio-economic, scientific, and educational framework for reforms to be implemented in the country in the next five years based on the principle "From strategy to action - development strategy" [1].

It is common knowledge that every country in the world wants its military personnel to be always on high alert and ready for any threats to peace and security. Naturally, this, in turn, requires patriotism, courage, pride, military prowess and spirit, professionalism, and devotion to the profession, which are characteristic of a true warrior in high spirits.

Today, reforms are constantly being carried out in our country aimed at increasing the prestige of military service, increasing the combat readiness and capabilities of personnel, providing the Armed Forces with modern weapons, military equipment, and other means. At the same time, the issues of training highly professional military personnel in the Armed Forces and providing them with adequate social protection, guarantees, and benefits to achieve this goal have always been considered as the most important areas of our military reforms.

Each state must ensure a worthy place for its serviceman in society, in particular his adequate social protection, in order to achieve peace and security. In his congratulatory message to the military on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Commander-in-Chief Sh.M. Mirziyoyev said: We will continue to work to strengthen the social and legal protection of military personnel, their families and veterans of our Armed Forces. emphasized that [2]. As a logical continuation of this, in our New Uzbekistan Development Strategy for 2022-2026, the main goal to strengthen the social protection of military personnel and their families is the annual provision of housing and medical care to the military personnel of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan. on preferential mortgage terms, a quality improvement was revealed [3].

On this occasion, N.A. Vinogradov said: “The stronger the army of the country, the stronger the state itself. The strength of the army depends not only on its military equipment and weapons but also on the morale of the servicemen serving in it. The level of military discipline and combat capability of servicemen depends on their adequate living conditions, in particular, satisfaction with housing,” he said[4].

Having chosen the path of military service, our citizens will face various difficulties and hardships in the service. Military service is a special type of public service that citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan perform in the ranks of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other military formations based on universal military duty and contract [5].

By the Charter of the Internal Service of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- military personnel enjoy the rights and freedoms established for citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, with restrictions established by the conditions for military service, subject to current legislation;

- they are assigned general service and special duties, as well as constitutional and other civil duties and obligations;

- By the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the scope and content of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of military personnel depend on the performance of their military duties;

- military personnel are representatives of state power and are under the protection of the state in the performance of military service duties [6]. The specifics of military service and the imposition of official duties and special duties on military personnel, along with civil duties, require the provision of special social protection and benefits from the state, as well as the benefits, compensations, and guarantees provided for by law for such military personnel. The charter of the internal service of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan stipulates that the state must ensure social and legal protection of military personnel, take measures to create for them a decent and decent standard of living, improve service and living conditions [7]. Of particular importance here are the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [8] and the provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights [9]. Because the concept of a person living a decent and prosperous life was reflected in these international documents for the first time.

In particular, the Declaration provides that every person has a standard of living necessary to ensure the health and well-being of himself and his family, including clothing, food, housing, medical care, and necessary social services, as well as unemployment, illness, disability, widowhood, old age or other circumstances in which there is no means of subsistence due to circumstances not related to this [10 article 25].

The International Covenant on the Rights of the Person recognizes the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living, including adequate food, clothing, and housing for himself and his family, and to take appropriate measures to ensure the exercise of these rights, as defined in [11 articles 11].

The essence of these international legal provisions is that each state is responsible for creating conditions and taking all necessary measures to ensure the well-being of its citizens.

One of the most important and basic needs in the life of a soldier is housing. Currently, the state provides housing for military personnel with the help of long-term mortgage loans. In accordance with the Regulations on the procedure for providing long-term preferential mortgage loans and individual housing plots for the acquisition (construction) of housing for military personnel of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated August 11, 2017 No. 619 National Guard, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Internal Affairs Affairs, the Ministry of Emergency

Situations, the Ministry of Development of Information Technologies and Communications, the State Security Service with a work experience of at least 5 (five) calendar years and an extension of a long-term preferential mortgage loan agreement for the purchase (construction) of housing for military personnel in need of assistance, as well as having the right to provide housing or improve housing conditions at the expense of the state, in accordance with the law, the right to provide land plots for individual housing construction [12]. Over the years, positive work has been carried out on the social protection of servicemen, especially in providing housing for servicemen and their families. For example, in 2017-2019, 275 high-rise buildings were built to provide more than 8,000 military families with comfortable and cozy apartments [13]. However, despite these tangible results, today the issues and problems of providing housing for the servicemen of our Armed Forces remain topical. Therefore, it is necessary to adopt state targeted programs for the implementation of the rights of military personnel to housing, create alternative sources of housing, conduct research in this area and non-standardly eliminate shortcomings in the field. Scientists from many CIS countries have conducted extensive research on solving housing problems and questions of military personnel.

In particular, D.M. Kondratenko believes that the problem of providing housing for servicemen by the state can be solved in a modern market economy only based on new innovative systems, technologies, and programs. Critically, the scientist emphasizes that the relevant state programs and investments in providing housing for military personnel are not targeted, and new innovative changes are not being implemented in practice [14].

Maleeva T.V. and Sokolova O.L. believe that the most optimal solution is the Accumulative Mortgage System (NIS), which is being introduced as a new innovative project as an alternative form of housing for military personnel. These scientists say that the accumulative-deposit mortgage system allows servicemen to acquire (purchase) housing not only after the end of their service but also much earlier with the help of savings in special accumulative personal accounts, which are formed at the expense of budgetary funds [15].

In our opinion, by the opinion of these scientists, it is necessary to conduct scientific and practical research on alternative innovative solutions and mechanisms for solving the problems of providing housing for military personnel in our country. It should be noted that today, given the conditions of the modern market economy in our country, public-private partnership in the housing system of military personnel, as well as various socio-economic and innovative projects aimed at solving these problems by ministries and departments. Cooperation of the Armed Forces with state and non-governmental scientific-research institutions, banking institutions, and financial institutions, especially with private sector participants, to attract investment is practically non-existent. In this regard, the experience of the Armed Forces of the advanced countries of the world, in particular, the United States, France, Germany, Russia, and other developed countries, has been little studied. In our country, today our military personnel use a system of long-term preferential mortgage loans, which are usually offered only to our citizens. Scientific research, social grant projects, programs, and developments in the field of legal, financial, economic and information and communication technologies in the field of considering and solving alternative forms and solutions to the housing problems of military personnel were not carried out at all. There is no legal or financial mechanism for alternative forms of housing for military personnel. In the process of providing housing for military personnel, the automated system for the provision of public services was not introduced or integrated into existing state portals, and the system was based on "documentation", i.e. on the "human factor". Such cases can lead to violations of the rights of military personnel on the ground, various censuses, and cases of corruption.

To apply new innovative methods and approaches to the housing provision of military personnel and the introduction of alternative forms of housing construction, we offer:

- First, an overhaul of the military housing system with a thorough in-depth analysis;
- Secondly, a consistent and in-depth study of the experience of advanced foreign countries in improving the existing system of housing construction for military personnel and introducing other alternative forms;
- Thirdly, registration and improvement of the current legislation on housing for military personnel, as well as the abolition of regulations that do not meet today's requirements;
- Fourthly, the widespread introduction of automated systems in the field of information and communication technologies in the provision of public services for the accommodation of military personnel;
- Fifth, conduct research and studies on housing for military personnel;
- Sixth, to establish interaction with banking and financial institutions of the republic to create alternative forms of housing for military personnel, focusing on the search, discovery, or attraction of additional financial resources;
- Seventh, the introduction of social, legal and economic, and financial mechanisms aimed at improving the system of housing for servicemen.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the introduction of alternative options, forms, and sources based on innovative ideas to address the issues and problems of providing housing for military personnel, as well as the lack of public-private partnership in the process of providing housing for military personnel and the fact that land provision issues are tied to a single form, having no other alternative and not being solved in practice, does not give its sufficient positive result and effectiveness.

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