MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: CTD for CAP 101-16(I) -- Short Distance Transfers

1. **SYNOPSIS:** This item clarifies that a short distance transfer may be authorized when the new PDS is at least 50 miles further from the employee’s current residence than the old PDS is from the same residence. Typically, a short distance transfer is within the same city or area, but that is not always the case. The deciding factor must the 50 mile distance criteria ICW the current residence and not the distance from old PDS to new PDS.

2. The attached revision is forwarded for information purposes only. No coordination or comments are required.

3. This revision was initiated by PDTATAC Staff.

4. These changes are scheduled to appear in the JTR, dated 1 August 2016.

5. This determination is effective when printed in the JTR.

6. Action Officer: Lynn Wawrzyniak (tracie.l.wawrzyniak.civ@mail.mil).

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5566 SHORT DISTANCE TRANSFERS

5556 FIRST DUTY STATION TRAVEL ELIGIBILITY

A. General

*3. The restrictions in par. 5566 (Short Distance Transfers) do not apply to first duty station travel. When first duty station travel is involved, the hiring DoD Component may or may not, at its discretion, authorize/approve payment of applicable first duty station travel and transportation allowances in par. 5558-E without regard to the distance between the employee’s actual residence and the first PDS.

5562 RETURN FROM MILITARY DUTY

C. Real Estate Expense

1. Ch 5, Part B16, allows reimbursement for real estate expenses required to be paid by the employee ICW residence:

   *b. Purchase at the new PDS (the criteria in par. 5566 concerning short distance transfers applies).

*5566 SHORT DISTANCE TRANSFERS (FTR §302-2.6)

5908 GENERAL

D. Transfer from a Foreign PDS to a CONUS/Non-foreign OCONUS PDS

2. Applicability

   *b. The distance between the residence and the old and new CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS PDSS must meet the criteria in par. 5566-C for a short distance transfer.

5910 EXCLUSIONS

The following individuals are not eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of Ch 5, a/an:

*5. Employee performing RAT and returning to a different non-foreign OCONUS PDS that does not meet the short distance transfer requirements in par. 5566-C for old and new PDS’s that are both in a non-foreign OCONUS area; and

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SHORT DISTANCE MOVE

*B. Employees Only. A PCS (usually between PDSs within the same city/area) when the new PDS is at least 50 miles further from the employee’s current residence than the old PDS is from the same residence. See par. 5566 for authorization/approval and exceptions to the 50 mile rule.
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5556 FIRST DUTY STATION TRAVEL ELIGIBILITY

A. General

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5562 RETURN FROM MILITARY DUTY

C. Real Estate Expense

1. Ch 5, Part B16, allows reimbursement for real estate expenses required to be paid by the employee ICW residence:

* 3b. Purchase at the new PDS (the criteria in par. 5566 concerning change of station within the same city or area short distance transfers applies).

5566 SHORT DISTANCE TRANSFERS (PCS WITHIN SAME CITY/AREA) (FTR §302-2.6)

5908 GENERAL

D. Transfer from a Foreign PDS to a CONUS/Non-foreign OCONUS PDS

2. Applicability

* 3b. The distance between the former residence and the old and new CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS PDSs must meet the criteria in par. 5566-C for change of station within the same city/area short distance transfer.

5910 EXCLUSIONS

The following individuals are not eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of Ch 5, a/an:

* 5. Employee performing RAT and returning to a different non-foreign OCONUS PDS that does not meet the short distance transfer requirements in par. 5566-C for old and new PDS’s that located less than 50 miles from the old PDS in a non-foreign OCONUS area. There is authority when return is to a different PDS that is at least 50 miles from the old PDS (par. 5566) and the old and new PDSs are both located in a non-foreign OCONUS area; and

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* B. Employees Only. A PCS (usually between PDSs within the same city/area) when the old and new PDS are is at least 50 miles further from the employee’s current residence than the old PDS is from the same residence apart. See par. 5562-5566 for authorization/approval and exceptions to the 50 mile rule.