



PER DIEM, TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: CTD for CAP 93-11(E) -- Clarify Per Diem Rate Used for TQSE
(LS)

1. SYNOPSIS: Adds CBCA decision 2189-RELO, dated 12 September 2011 clarifying what per diem rate should be used when calculating Lump Sum reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses (TQSE) (LS).
2. These changes are scheduled to appear in JTR change 555, dated 1 January 2012.
3. This determination is *effective on 30 November 2011*.

//Approved//

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Attachment:

Rev 2

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JTR REVISIONS

C5380:

**TQSE(LS) is a fixed amount payment that is always based on the PDS location maximum per diem that is to be in effect on the date that the fixed offer was accepted. Apply the per diem for the season in which the employees travels that is in effect on the day the employee accepts the fixed rate offer (e.g., offer accepted in November for the following June – uses the per diem rate in effect the following June) ([CBCA 2189-RELO, 12 September 2011](#)).*

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3. Cost Considerations

**a. TQSE(LS) is limited to no more than 30 days, with no extensions under any circumstances.*

**b. TQSE(LS) is based on either the old or new PDS location maximum per diem rate that is to be in effect on the date that the fixed offer was accepted. Apply the per diem for the season in which the employees travels that is in effect on the day the employee accepts the fixed rate offer (e.g., offer accepted in November for the following June – uses the per diem rate in effect the following June) ([CBCA 2189-RELO, 12 September 2011](#)), or a combination, depending on where temporary quarters will be occupied.*

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*6. TQSE(LS) is a fixed amount payment based on the old or new PDS locality per diem rate, or a combination (see par. C5382-B3b) in effect when the TQSE(LS) offer is accepted by the employee. The fixed amount payment amount is not changed by any revised PDS per diem rates effective after the date the employee accepts the offer. The [per diem rates](#) used in the following example(s) are for illustrative purposes only.

***Example 1.** An employee accepts the TQSE(LS) payment method on 1 February, during the winter season, with a travel date of 18 June, during the summer season. The new PDS rate at the time of the offer acceptance was \$173. The summer rate that was in effect on 1 February for 1 May to 30 September, during the offer acceptance was \$282. The employee TQSE(LS) rate should be paid based on the summer per diem rate of \$282 that was in effect on the date that the fixed offer was accepted ([CBCA 2189-RELO, 12 September 2011](#)).

***Example 2.** An employee accepts the TQSE(LS) payment method on 1 August, with a travel date of 9 October. The new PDS per diem rate at the time of offer acceptance was \$173. A new rate was published on 1 October, changing the rate from \$173 to \$200. The employee per diem rate should be paid based on the rate of \$173 that was in effect on the date that the lump sum offer was accepted. TQSE(LS) is a lump-sum payment based on the PDS locality per diem rate in effect when the TQSE(LS) offer is accepted by the employee. The lump-sum payment amount is not changed by any revised PDS per diem rates effective after the date the employee accepts the offer.