

**JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOL. 1 (JFTR)****CHANGE 315****1 MARCH 2013**

- A. Authorized Personnel. These regulation changes are issued for all persons in the Uniformed Services.
- B. New Regulation Changes. Material new to this change is indicated by an asterisk (\*) and is effective 1 March 2013 unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Uniformed Service Principals. The following are the current Uniformed Service Principals:

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**DR. RUSSELL BELAND**  
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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force  
(Air Force Management Integration)

**CURTIS B. ODOM**  
Director of Personnel Management  
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RADM, NOAA  
Director, NOAA Corps

**SCOTT F. GIBERSON**  
RADM, USPHS  
Director, DCCPR

- D. Applicable MAP Items and Brief of Revisions. This change includes all material and revisions written in the following MAP Items:

**MAP 151-12(E) -- POV Transportation to and from OCONUS**. Clarifies the circumstances for which a member may be authorized a transoceanic shipment of a POV. There has never been legislative, Congressional, or JFTR intent to ship a member's POV from a CONUS location (e.g., at which the member left the POV while stationed overseas) to the new CONUS PDS, *unless* that POV was being stored at GOV'T expense because it could not be transported to the OCONUS PDS IAW JFTR, par. U5466. Affects par. U5405-A.

**MAP 168-12(E) -- Extend Temporary BAH Increase**. Extends SECDEF authority to prescribe a temporary increase in BAH rates in an area declared as a major disaster area by the President, or at an installation experiencing a sudden increase in the number of members assigned. Affects par. U10018-A.

**MAP 005-13(I)/CAP 004-13(I) -- Surcharge for Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) Use as Reimbursable Expense**. Authorizes the surcharge for GTCC use as a reimbursable expense. According to GSA Smart Bulletin 17, dated 17 January 2013, merchants in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas are allowed to include a surcharge (up to 4%) when a customer uses a credit card, including the GTCC, beginning 27 January 2013. Affects APP G.

**MAP 007-13(I)/CAP 006-13(I) -- Definition of CONUS**. Standardizes the definitions of the acronym CONUS/OCONUS to reflect the definition to be 'Contiguous' vice 'Continental' United States throughout JFTR/JTR. This hopefully eliminates periodic inputs that 'continental' also includes Alaska. Affects APP A1 and A2.

**MAP 11-13(I)/CAP 10-13(I) -- TDY Lodging**. Rewrites information in JFTR, par. U4129 and JTR, par. C4555 ICW lodging with a friend/relative and multiple lessees involving leased/rented lodging. Affects pars. U4125, U4127, and U4129.

**MAP 012-13(I) -- Change “Navy Annex” to “Naval Support Facility”.** Changes the wording in JFTR, Table 2D2 from “Navy Annex” to “Naval Support Facility”. This change was requested by the Navy MAP as the Navy Annex is in the process of being razed.

**MAP 13-13(I)/CAP 11-13(I) -- TDY Mileage Expenses.** Deletes erroneous information ICW TDY mileage and reimbursable expenses. Aligns JFTR, par. U4935 and JTR, par. C4740.

**MAP 014-13(I) -- COLA Unique -- Remove Gibraltar and United Kingdom.** Removes Gibraltar and United Kingdom as locations authorized a COLA-unique expense reimbursement. Affects APP J2, par. C.

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Part 4C	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304		
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## PART D: TRAVEL STATUS

### U2250 GENERAL

A. Authorized Allowances. A traveler is authorized travel and transportation allowances only while in a "travel status". See APP A1 for TRAVEL STATUS definition.

B. Conditions. Travel status (except as a traveler of a ship's crew) is:

1. Time spent away from the PDS on public business under competent travel orders, including necessary delays en route;
2. Travel ICW necessary TDY including time spent at a TDY station, without regard to whether duty is performed while traveling, and without regard to the length of time away from the PDS;
3. PCS travel;
4. Necessary delay(s) while awaiting further transportation after travel status has begun;
5. Travel to and/or from a hospital for observation or treatment (for travel to/from a medical facility in the local travel area, see par. U2800-C);
6. Travel by GOV'T or other aircraft, including:
  - a. Flights for training purposes made under orders of competent authority that require one or more landings away from the starting point; and
  - b. All necessary delays incident to the transportation mode;
7. Flights for training purposes made in the absence of a travel order when it is necessary to remain away overnight; and
8. Other circumstances determined jointly by the Secretaries concerned before, during, or after occurrence to constitute a travel status.

C. Starting and Ending Travel. Travel status starts when the traveler leaves the PDS, residence, office, detaches from/signs out of a unit, or other departure point, and ends upon return to the residence, office, PDS; arrival at the new PDS, defined as reporting to or signing in to the new unit, or other arrival point at the trip conclusion.

D. Exclusion. Travel status does not include administrative absence. See [DoDI 1327.06, Leave and Liberty, 16 June 2009, incorporating change 1, 30 September 2011, Encl 2, par. 6, subpar. \(a-e\)](#)

U2255 TRAVEL STATUS START AND END

A. Aircrew Traveler or Courier

<u>Aircrew Traveler or Courier</u> <sup>1</sup>				
Table U2D-1				
Travel Status Chart				
Travel Status Start				
Rule	When Traveler Departs	And Proceeds To	And Then To	Travel Status Starts When Traveler Departs From
1	Home	Office	Flight ops/terminal at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	Terminal <sup>4</sup>
2	Home	Flight ops/terminal at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	N/A	Terminal <sup>4</sup>
3	Home	Office	Flight ops/terminal not at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	Office <sup>2</sup>
4	Home	Flight ops/terminal not at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	N/A	Home
Travel Status End				
Rule	When Traveler Returns To	And Proceeds To	And Then To	Travel Status Ends When Traveler Returns To
5	Flight ops/terminal at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	Office or home	N/A	Terminal <sup>4</sup>
6	Flight ops/terminal not at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	Office	Home	Office <sup>2</sup>
7	Flight ops/terminal not at the PDS <sup>3</sup>	Home	N/A	Home

<sup>1</sup> A traveler performing TDY as an aircrew traveler includes a traveler for whom aircrew duty is an additional duty. Also includes an Armed Forces courier and other traveler whose primary duty makes the air terminal a regular duty place. This does not apply to an RC traveler for first and last day when called to active duty. Aircrew status for an RC traveler only applies after the traveler arrives at the active duty location and terminates when the traveler departs upon relief from active duty.

<sup>2</sup> Disregard travel to and from office if no duty was performed there.

<sup>3</sup> "At PDS" means within the limits of the PDS as defined in APP A.

<sup>4</sup> 'Departs from/returns to terminal' refers to "wheels up/wheels down."

B. Other than an Aircrew Traveler or Courier

<b><u>Other than an Aircrew Travelers or Courier</u></b>					
<b>Table U2D-2</b>					
<b>Travel Status Chart</b>					
<b>Travel Status Start</b>					
<b>Rule</b>	<b>When Traveler Departs From:</b>	<b>And Proceeds to:</b>	<b>And Then To:</b>	<b>And Then To:</b>	<b>Travel Status Starts When Traveler Departs From:</b>
<b>1</b>	Home <sup>6</sup>	Transportation Terminal	N/A	N/A	Home <sup>6</sup>
<b>2</b>	Home	Office <sup>1</sup>	Transportation Terminal	N/A	Office <sup>2/5</sup>
<b>3</b>	Home	Office <sup>1</sup>	Another duty/ departure point within the PDS <sup>5</sup>	Transportation Terminal	Another duty/ departure point within the PDS <sup>3/4</sup>
<b>Travel Status End</b>					
<b>Rule</b>	<b>When Traveler Returns To:</b>	<b>And Returns To:</b>	<b>And Then To:</b>	<b>And Then To:</b>	<b>Travel Status Ends When Traveler Returns To:</b>
<b>4</b>	Terminal	Home <sup>6</sup>	N/A	N/A	Home <sup>2/6</sup>
<b>5</b>	Terminal	Office <sup>1</sup>	Home	N/A	Office <sup>1/2/ 5</sup>
<b>6</b>	Terminal	Another duty/ arrival point within the PDS <sup>3/4</sup>	Home	N/A	Another duty/ arrival point within the PDS <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Disregard travel to/from office or other duty point if no duty was performed thereat.

<sup>2</sup> Applicable even though terminal is located at the PDS.

\*<sup>3</sup> Example: A traveler departs from the Naval Support Facility (Arlington, VA) and proceeds to Pentagon (Arlington, VA) for a briefing prior to departing on TDY. The Pentagon then becomes “another duty point.” The traveler departs the Naval Support Facility and proceeds to a restaurant for lunch and after lunch proceeds to the terminal. The restaurant becomes the “other departure point.”

<sup>4</sup> “Another departure/arrival point” is never a transportation terminal.

<sup>5</sup> Does not prevent reimbursement of transportation between home and PDS on travel days IAW JFTR, pars. U3310-B, U3315-B, and U4925.

<sup>6</sup> The AO may permit the traveler to start/end official travel from the location at which the traveler maintains the family residence if it is not the residence from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS. If to the GOV'T’s advantage, POC use may be authorized/approved to start/end at the:

- a. Traveler's residence (from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS),
- b. Location at which the traveler maintains the family residence if it is not the residence from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS, or
- c. Place near the traveler's residence where the POC is garaged/stored.

*Relative cost should be a consideration.*

**Example:** The traveler's PDS is Alexandria, VA. The traveler resides in Alexandria during the workweek and commutes daily to the PDS. The traveler maintains the family residence in Norfolk, VA. The traveler may be permitted to start and/or end official travel on TDY at Norfolk, VA.

C. Traveler Assigned to a Two Crew Nuclear Submarine (SSBN). Travel status ends and the traveler starts a training and rehabilitation status when:

1. The traveler arrives at the submarine's home port, and
2. No further travel away from the home port is required by the PCS order before reporting on board the submarine,

whether or not the submarine is at the home port ([57 Comp. Gen. 178 \(1977\)](#)).

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## PART B: PER DIEM

### U4100 GENERAL

Per diem is designed to offset lodging and M&IE costs incurred while performing travel, and/or TDY away from the PDS. Per diem is payable for whole days, except for PDS departure/return days that are reimbursed IAW par. U4147. *The per diem rate is determined based on the TDY location, not the lodging facility location.* See par. U4129-G if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available at the TDY location.

**NOTE 1:** *When the TDY point or new PDS is a reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., Pentagon, McGuire AFB, and Ft. Dix) that falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky)), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. See [DOHA Claims Case No. 2009-CL-080602.2, 7 July 2010](#).*

**NOTE 2:** *When the location (reservation, station or other established area) is not specifically listed in the per diem table, the applicable per diem rate is based on the front gate location for the reservation, station or other established area. Refer to the U.S. Census Bureau website at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup>, which can help determine in which county a destination is located.*

**NOTE 3:** *If the specific location (e.g., city or town) is not listed in the per diem list, but the county is, then the county per diem rate is the rate for all cities and towns in the county. If neither the city/town nor the county is listed, that area is a [Standard CONUS](#) per diem rate location (par. U2025).*

### U4101 WHEN IS PER DIEM AUTHORIZED

Unless otherwise specifically provided for or restricted in JFTR, the per diem prescribed in this Part applies for all TDY periods, and related travel, including but not limited to the following:

1. Periods of necessary delay awaiting further transportation,
2. Periods of delay at POEs and PODs ICW a PCS,
3. TDY periods directed in a PCS order,
4. Delays to qualify for reduced travel fares (par. U4326-E).

### U4102 CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PER DIEM IS NOT AUTHORIZED

A. When Not in a Travel Status. A member is not authorized per diem for any day that is not a day in a travel status (see par. U2255-A), except as noted in par. U4102-B.

B. Day of Leave or Administrative Absence (e.g., proceed time). A member is not authorized per diem on any day not in a travel status or any day classified as leave or administrative absence ([DoDI 1327.06, Leave and Liberty, 16 June 2009, incorporating change 1, 30 September 2011, Encl 2, par. 6, subpar. \(a-e\)](#)). See par. U7225 when on leave during a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY or par. U7226 when on leave from a TDY site to visit evacuated dependents at a safe haven location.

**NOTE:** *A day used in a constructed PCS mixed mode travel computation does not make that day a travel day (par. U5160).*

C. When PCS 'MALT Plus' Per Diem Is Paid. A member is not authorized 'Lodging Plus' per diem for any day that PCS 'MALT Plus' per diem is paid.

D. Travel or TDY within PDS Limits. Except as authorized in par. U4105-H, per diem is not authorized for travel or TDY performed within the PDS limits. This does not preclude per diem payment on the departure day from or

return day to the PDS ICW TDY away from the PDS. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances. Reimbursement under par. U4510 is permitted for occasional meals and lodging necessarily procured within the PDS limits by a member escorting an arms control inspection team/a member while engaged in activities related to the implementation of an arms control treaty or agreement during the in-country period referred to in the treaty or agreement ([37 USC §434](#)). Except as indicated below, per diem is not payable at the old or new PDS for TDY en route ICW PCS travel. This applies even if the member vacated the permanent residence at the old PDS and was in temporary lodging during the TDY. **Exception:** A member who detaches (signs out PCS) from the old PDS, performs TDY en route elsewhere, and returns TDY en route to the old PDS is authorized per diem at the old PDS ([B-161267, 30 August 1967](#)). **Example:** A member departs the Pentagon (Arlington, VA) PCS on 15 June, performs TDY en route at Ft. Leavenworth 1 to 31 July, returns TDY en route to the Pentagon 5 to 15 August, and then completes PCS to Ft. Polk on 31 August. The member is authorized per diem at the Pentagon (old PDS) 5 to 15 August. If the member had detached on 15 June but performed TDY in Arlington, VA, first, no per diem is payable for the TDY in Arlington immediately after detachment. This does not preclude per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1245 for a member hospitalized at the PDS.

E. TDY within the PDS Local Area (Outside the PDS Limits). A member is not authorized per diem for TDY performed within the PDS local area (outside the PDS limits) as defined in par. U2800-B, unless overnight lodging is required. Occasional meals may be paid under par. U4510 when the member is required to procure meals at personal expense outside the PDS limits. See par. U3040 for transportation allowances. This does not preclude per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1245 for a member hospitalized within the PDS local area.

F. Round Trip within 12 Hours. A member is not authorized per diem for TDY that is performed entirely within 12 hours. Occasional meals may be reimbursed IAW par. U4510 when the member is required to procure a meal(s) at personal expense outside the PDS limits. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances.

G. Members Traveling Together with No/Limited Reimbursement. Members traveling together under an order directing no/limited reimbursement (par. U4102-O) are not authorized per diem except as noted in par. U4102-P. Occasional meals or QTRS necessarily procured are paid under par. U4510.

H. Navigational and Proficiency Flights. *A member is not authorized per diem for a navigational and proficiency flight when the flight is authorized/approved at the member's request.*

I. Assigned to Two Crew Nuclear Submarines. A member under a PCS order is not authorized per diem after 2400 on the day the member, assigned to a two crew nuclear submarine (SSBN), arrives at the ship's home port and no further travel is performed away from the home port under that order ([57 Comp. Gen. 178 \(1977\)](#)).

J. TDY or Training Duty aboard a GOV'T Ship. A member is not authorized per diem for any TDY period or training duty aboard a GOV'T ship when both GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day aboard and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. *There is no per diem paid for the first and/or last travel day by GOV'T ship when it departs from the port at the member's PDS and/or returns to the port at the PDS.* The TDY training duty is unbroken when a member transfers between GOV'T ships at the same place and the transfer is made within a 10-hour period. When lodging is required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the lodging cost is IAW par. U4135.

K. Aboard Ship Constructed by a Commercial Contractor. A member is not authorized per diem for the period aboard a ship constructed by a commercial contractor during acceptance trials before commissioning when both QTRS and all meals are furnished without charge. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day aboard and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. When lodging is required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the lodging cost is made under par. U4135.

L. Field Duty. A member on field duty is not authorized per diem except when the:

1. Exercise senior commander (or designated representative) for each operating location issues a statement to the member indicating that either GOV'T QTRS at no charge and/or GOV'T meals at no charge for an enlisted member, were not available during stated field duty periods.

2. Member is participating in the operation advance planning or critique phase.
3. Secretary Concerned authorized per diem payment to a member who is performing field duty while in a travel status IAW par. U4105-D.

The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the day on which field duty begins and ends at 2400 on the day before the day on which it ends. Par. U4510 permits reimbursement for occasional meals or lodging necessarily procured. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a COCOM or JTF AOR.***

M. TDY aboard Foreign (Non government) Ship. A member is not authorized per diem for any TDY period aboard a non government foreign ship when both QTRS and all meals are furnished without charge. The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day on board and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. If a member is required to retain unoccupied lodging at the location where TDY was performed just before performing duty aboard a non government foreign ship, reimbursement for the lodging cost must be made under par. U4135.

N. Member in a Missing Status. A member is not authorized per diem after 2400 of the day the member is officially carried as, or determined to be, absent in a missing status under the Missing Persons Act (44 Comp. Gen. 657 (1965)).

O. Members Traveling Together. 'Members traveling together' refers to travel away from the PDS during which the mission requires the travelers to remain together as a group while actually traveling. Ordinary travel reimbursements apply unless the members' order(s) direct(s) limited or no reimbursement, in which case transportation, food, lodging, and other items ordinarily reimbursed, must be provided without cost to the members. ***No per diem is payable on days members travel when the order(s) direct(s) limited or no reimbursement for members traveling together.*** The restriction applies to per diem payment only on the travel days between duty locations and does not include per diem for full days at the duty locations. The per diem prohibition begins when the member departs the PDS and ends at 2400 the day the member arrives at the TDY location. The prohibition begins again at 0001 the departure day from the TDY location and continues until arrival at the PDS. ***Directing several members to travel together with limited or no reimbursement must never be done simply to save travel funds.*** If meals or lodging are not available, occasional meals and lodging are paid IAW par. U4510. Limited reimbursement refers to reimbursement for occasional meals and lodging.

P. Straggler. A member, who becomes separated from the others while traveling as one of several members traveling together under an order directing limited or no reimbursement, must be provided for in the manner prescribed in Ch 7, Part N.

Q. Ordered to Active Duty with PDS Not Designated in the Order. TDY per diem is ***not*** authorized for a member whose order to active duty does not designate a PDS after the TDY is completed. (***NOTE: TDY per diem becomes authorized from the date the member receives an order naming a PDS other than the TDY station unless par. U4102-S applies.***)

R. Service Academy Graduates. See par. U7000-B.

S. Undergoing Processing

1. Per Diem Not Authorized. Per diem is not payable before reporting to the first PDS for an enlisted member (newly inducted or enlisted) undergoing:
  - a. Processing,
  - b. Indoctrination,
  - c. Basic training (including follow-on technical training and/or home station training for an RC member), or
  - d. Instruction in a TDY status

at a place at which both GOV'T dining facility/mess and GOV'T QTRS (other than temporary lodging facilities) are available.

2. Per Diem Authorized. Per diem is authorized during:

a. Travel to/from/between places for:

- (1) Processing,
- (2) Indoctrination,
- (3) Training, or
- (4) Instruction;

b. Delay/processing incident to:

- (1) Travel to a designated PDS, or
- (2) While awaiting transportation to PDS; or

c. TDY under instruction following initial technical/specialty training after basic training, if a PDS has been assigned, and per diem during the course of instruction is authorized, through the Secretarial Process.

T. NOT USED

U. Inpatient

1. A member is not authorized per diem while an inpatient in a hospital.
2. Per diem is payable for days of travel to, from, or between hospitals, and when subsisting out (APP A1).
3. When a member must retain lodgings at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement is IAW par. U4510.
4. Par. U4102-W clarifies a "hospitalized member".

V. Assignment to Rehabilitation Center/Activity. A member is not authorized per diem for a TDY period when assigned to a rehabilitation center/activity for rehabilitation training and/or treatment when both GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available.

W. Hospitalized Member (***NOTE: This does not conflict with subparagraph U above.***)

1. A hospitalized member is not authorized per diem unless the member is authorized the per diem 'IE' under PAC IAW OUSD(P&R) memorandum, dated 15 May 2008, [DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Ch 13](#), and (par. U1245).
2. For this subpar., the term "hospitalized member" is defined under the above-referenced memorandum and the [DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Ch 13](#).

X. Member of a Mission. A member of a military, naval, air, or another mission authorized to receive additional pay or allowances from a foreign government or U.S. agency other than the respective Service, or from other sources, is not authorized per diem except when:

1. Specifically authorized jointly by the Secretaries Concerned;
2. Traveling under an order on duty for any of the Uniformed Services;

3. A per diem allowance is not authorized by the foreign government; or
4. Traveling under an order ICW foreign government duties, if specifically provided for in the executive agreement between the U.S. and the foreign government concerned.

#### U4105 PER DIEM PAYABLE IN SPECIFIC CASES

A. TDY ICW Fitting Out or Conversion of a Ship or Service Craft. A member, assigned to TDY ICW fitting out or conversion of a ship (or service craft) is authorized per diem during each fitting out or conversion period. This period includes the day the ship is commissioned or service craft is placed in service and day the ship is decommissioned or service craft is placed out of service. Per diem authority ends on the date the member's assignment is changed from TDY ICW fitting out or conversion of a ship (or service craft) to permanent duty aboard that ship (or service craft), even if that status change is effected prior to the ship commissioning or service craft placement in service date. Par. U4102-K applies after a ship, or service craft, under construction is delivered to the GOV'T.

B. Travel by U.S. or Foreign Government Ship for 24 or More Hours

1. Member Not Charged for Meals. A member is not authorized per diem when traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship when meals are furnished without charge, except on days of embarkation and debarkation if otherwise authorized under par. U4105-C.
2. Member Charged for Meals. A member traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship, other than an oceangoing car ferry, of 24 or more hours as a passenger (except those aboard for TDY or training) who is charged for meals is authorized per diem equal to the furnished meals cost, except on the embarkation and debarkation days.

C. Travel, TDY Aboard a Commercial Ship or a U.S. GOV'T Ship Totally Leased for Commercial Operation. Except for the days of arrival/embarkation and departure/debarkation, for travel aboard a commercial ship, a per diem rate equal to the anticipated expenses should be set. The AO should state in the order the circumstances warranting the rate.

D. Field Duty. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a per diem rate in a lesser amount for a unit deployed OCONUS away from the unit's PDS. This rate is paid in lieu of the prescribed rate regardless of the OCONUS location and may be paid during a period that would otherwise be field duty, taking into account the reduced expenses, if any, a member would have while performing field duty during the period covered by the order. The authorized rate should be paid for the specified time period and be such that the total per diem paid during the entire period that the member is subject to the authorized rate is about equal to the per diem rate that would have been received for the same period, calculated IAW the computation procedures in this Part and excluding the time during which the member performs field duty. The Secretary Concerned may delegate this authority to prescribe such a rate to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate Department headquarters or to a commander of an appropriate naval systems command headquarters, but there may be no further re-delegations. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member TDY within a COCOM or JTF AOR.***

E. Member Dies while in a TDY Status. When a member dies while in a TDY status, per diem accrues through the date of death. Reimbursement for transportation, TDY mileage, or MALT, accrues from the PDS, old station, or last TDY station (as appropriate) to the place of death NTE the ordered travel official distance.

F. Ordered to TDY while on Leave. ***This paragraph applies only if the need for the TDY is unknown to the member prior to the member's departure on leave.*** If the TDY is known by the member before departure on leave, the member is reimbursed actual travel expenses NTE the constructed round trip cost between the PDS and TDY location. ***City pair airfares are not authorized for use to/from the leave point if the TDY requirement is known before leave is begun (See APP P2).***

1. TDY at Leave Point. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY order to perform TDY at the leave point, is authorized per diem for the TDY performed in compliance with the order.

2. TDY at other than Leave Point

a. Authorized to Resume Leave upon TDY Completion. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY order to other than the leave point, is authorized round trip transportation and per diem for travel between the leave address (or the place at which the order is received, whichever applies), and the TDY location (see par. U2165). TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

b. Directed to Return to PDS upon TDY Completion. A member away from the PDS, who receives a TDY order at other than the leave point, is authorized:

(1) Transportation and per diem for travel from the:

(a) Leave address (or place at which the order is received, whichever applies), to the TDY station (par. U2165), and

(b) TDY station to the PDS.

(2) TDY allowances at the TDY location.

c. Directed to Proceed to New PDS upon TDY Completion. A member directed to proceed to a new PDS upon TDY completion is authorized:

(1) PCS travel and transportation allowances for travel performed from the:

(a) Old PDS to the leave address or to the place at which the order was received, whichever applies, NTE in either case the official distance from the old PDS to the new PDS; and

(b) Leave address or place at which the order is received, as applicable, to the TDY station; and

(c) TDY station to the new PDS.

(2) TDY allowances at the TDY location.

G. Order Canceled while the Member Is en route to a TDY Station. If a TDY order is canceled while a member is en route to a TDY station, round trip travel and transportation allowances are authorized from the PDS (or residence, as appropriate) to the point at which the cancellation notification was received (includes a leave point) and return to the PDS, NTE the round trip distance from the PDS to the TDY station. *Per diem is not authorized for any day on which member was in a leave status (51 Comp. Gen. 548 (1972)).*

H. TDY within the PDS Limits. *The allowances in this par. are authorized when such duty is performed under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to human life or damage to Federal GOV'T property provided overnight accommodations are used by reason of such duty.* Travel and transportation allowances are authorized for a member performing TDY (other than at the member's residence or normal duty location) within the PDS limits when authorized by competent authority. See Ch 3 for transportation allowances. Per diem ICW transportation delays at the PDS may be paid in certain extremely limited weather related circumstances beyond the traveler's control after return to the PDS vicinity from the TDY location. See [CBCA 2371-TRAV, 18 May 2011](#).

I. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Flat Rate Per Diem. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem for a member assigned TDY to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION for more than 180 consecutive days at one location. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem is equal to 55% of the applicable maximum locality [per diem rate](#). Retroactive application of this authority to an existing order dated prior to 1 February 2008 violates par. U2205. Except to correct or to complete an order to show the original intent, an order must not be revoked or modified retroactively to create, deny, or change an allowance ([24 Comp. Gen. 439 \(1944\)](#)) (See APP A).

1. Limitations. The following circumstances may affect per diem reimbursement.

- a. Retained lodging expenses during a member's authorized absence (pars. U7225 and U7226).
  - b. CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem applies to TDY at the specified location. If a member is sent TDY to another location, the appropriate per diem, computed using the 'Lodging Plus' method, for that area applies.
  - c. Dual lodging (par. U4135).
2. Delegation Authority. The Secretary Concerned may delegate authority to prescribe a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat per diem rate via the Secretarial Process to an official at the O-6 or GS-15 level with no further re-delegation authorized.
3. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Per Diem Exception. The Secretary Concerned or authorized delegated authority may adjust the CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem when the 55% rate is determined to be insufficient or overly generous. ***Per diem rate adjustment must be authorized before travel.*** For example, the Secretary Concerned or the authorized delegated authority, before travel begins, may authorize the following per diem rate adjustments:
- a. Lower the 55% to 50% to accommodate slightly lower than expected anticipated expenses; or
  - b. Increase the 55% to 60% to accommodate slightly higher than anticipated expenses; or
  - c. Increase the per diem in 10% increments above 60% (NTE 100%) if 60% is insufficient.
  - d. Full locality per diem rate (and 'Lodging Plus' computation) continuation when reduced cost long term rental or lease facilities are not available at the specified location.
4. Per Diem Computation. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate is rounded up to the next higher dollar and paid in a fixed amount NTE 55% of the applicable TDY locality per diem rate, plus lodging tax (par. U4105-I4c). ***A lodging receipt is not required for lodging reimbursement (par. U2710); however, a lodging receipt may be necessary to support a lodging tax reimbursable expense (APP G) if required by a Service issuance.*** Ensure the member has asked about and taken advantage of any tax exemption that may exist.
- a. Pay 55% (or the appropriate percentage) of the locality per diem rate (plus CONUS lodging tax as a reimbursable expense (APP G) if applicable on the 55% or appropriate percentage) except for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS (par. U4147).
  - b. Pay 75% of the M&IE rate plus the lodging cost if applicable on the arrival date at the TDY location and 75% of the M&IE on the return day at the PDS.
  - c. Lodging tax in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to the 55% (or appropriate percentage) per diem. ***Lodging tax in a FOREIGN AREA is part of the per diem lodging ceiling and is not a reimbursable expense.***
  - d. If authorized travel requires more than one day en route to the TDY CONTINGENCY OPERATION location where a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat per diem rate is authorized, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover locality per diem rate and is not at the 55% rate (par. U4145-B). The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem rate is effective the day after the member reports to the TDY location (pars. U4149 or U4151).
  - e. For multiple TDY assignments between the CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location and other locations such as a uniformed service facility where GMR or PMR or similar deductible meals are available (par. U4165) or commercial lodging the locality per diem applies for the official travel days. When dual lodging is authorized, pay NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate (not the flat rate per diem amount) for the CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location (par. U4105-I1c). The applicable per diem

rate is effective the day after the reporting date to the TDY location (pars. U4149 or U4151).

5. **Example.** A member is ordered TDY to a CONUS location for two years ICW a CONTINGENCY OPERATION. The Secretary Concerned authorizes 55% CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem in the TDY order at the onset. The locality per diem rate for the location is \$259 (\$198/ \$61). The actual long term lodging cost is anticipated to be \$95/night (on a monthly or yearly lease) and the daily lodging tax is \$15, a reimbursable expense (APP G).

The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem is set at 55% or \$143 ( $\$259 \times 55\% = \$142.45$ , rounded up to \$143), plus lodging tax of \$15/night.

Pay the reduced flat rate per diem of \$143, plus \$15 lodging tax/night. **NOTE: If the \$95/night rate is known before the fact, the flat rate percentage could be reduced to 50% (or  $\$198 \times .5 = \$99$ ) plus the appropriate lodging tax.**

Pay the first TDY day - \$140.75 (Lodging \$95 + M&IE \$45.75 ( $\$61 \times 75\% = \$45.75$ )) plus lodging tax of \$15.

Pay the second TDY day up to the day before departure from the TDY location \$143/day plus \$15 lodging tax.

Pay the departure TDY day to the PDS \$45.75 ( $\$61 \times 75\% = \$45.75$ ).

#### J. TDY Station Becomes PDS

1. Change Effective Immediately. A member, who receives a PCS order while at a TDY station designating the TDY station as the new PDS **effective immediately**, is not authorized per diem beginning on the date the member receives the order.

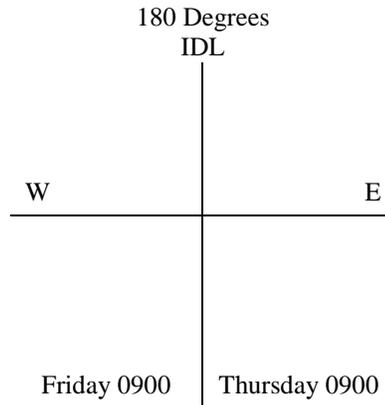
2. On a Specified Future Date. A member, who while at a TDY station receives a PCS order or information indicating that the member will be transferred to the TDY station on a **specified future date**, is authorized payment of otherwise proper TDY allowances for the TDY involved and return travel to the old PDS.

3. Return Travel to PDS. See Par. U5120-B.

**U4115 INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE**

A. International Date Line (IDL). The IDL is a hypothetical line along the 180th meridian where each calendar day begins. For example, when it is Thursday east of the IDL it is Friday west of the IDL.

B. Computing Per Diem when Crossing the IDL



C. Computation. The following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under this paragraph:

<b>Example 1</b>			
<b>TDY Travel Involving IDL with a 'Lost' Day</b>			
The TDY location lodging cost is \$135/night. The per diem rate is \$225 (\$135/ \$90).			
The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/20.			
When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the dates 8/18 & 8/19 are treated as one day for per diem computation purposes because the traveler did not arrive at the TDY location until 8/20. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for two 8/25 dates.			
<b>A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.</b>			
<b>ITINERARY</b>			
Date	Depart	Arrive	At
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
20 to 24 Aug (Friday to Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	
<b>REIMBURSEMENT</b>			
<b>(Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)</b>			
18 Aug Wednesday		75 % x \$90 =	\$67.50
19 August Thursday		NO PER DIEM	
20 to 24 Aug (Friday to Tuesday)		\$135 + \$90 = \$225/day x 5 days =	\$1,125.00
25 Aug Wednesday		\$90 (M&IE) =	\$90.00
25 Aug Wednesday		75 % x \$90 =	\$67.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,350.00</b>

<b>Example 2</b>			
<b>TDY Travel Involving IDL without a 'Lost' Day</b>			
TDY location lodging cost is \$140/night. The per diem rate is \$218 (\$146/ \$72).			
The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/19.			
When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the date 8/19 (Thursday) is treated as a full day for per diem computation purposes as the traveler arrived on 8/19. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for one 8/25 date.			
<b>A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.</b>			
ITINERARY			
Date	Depart	Arrive	At
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
19 to 24 Aug (Thursday to Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
18 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$72 =		\$54.00
19 to 24 Aug (Thursday to Tuesday)	\$140 + \$72 = \$212/day x 6 days =		\$1,272.00
25 Aug Wednesday	75 % x \$72 =		\$54.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,380.00</b>

B. Foreign Area. The [per diem locality lodging](#) ceiling in a foreign area includes lodging tax. *Lodging tax in a FOREIGN AREA is not a reimbursable expense when per diem (or Ch 4, Part C AEA) is paid.*

**\*U4129 TDY LODGING**

A. General

1. The lodging component of per diem establishes the maximum per diem amount the GOV'T will reimburse to the traveler for lodging. It does not limit, in any manner, what a lodging facility may charge to a traveler.
2. The amount allowed for lodging is the expense actually incurred or the maximum [TDY locality lodging](#) ceiling, whichever is less.
3. Lodging reimbursement may not exceed actual lodging costs, or the applicable maximum amount unless an AEA is authorized/approved.
4. A traveler must adhere to the prudent traveler rule for official travel funded by the GOV'T. See par. U2010.
5. A lodging availability situation may require a traveler to accept lodging that is more spacious than is needed but must not a traveler must not purposely accept more spacious lodging to provide lodging for other nonofficial travelers.
6. See par. U4129-D for multiple occupancy.

B. 'Lodging Plus' Computation

1. Requirements

- a. Per diem computed under this Part is based on the 'Lodging Plus' computation method.
- b. Per diem for each travel day is the actual amount the traveler pays for lodging NTE the locality lodging ceiling, plus M&IE; the total of which may not exceed the applicable maximum per diem rate for the TDY location.
- c. The 75% rule must be applied to the M&IE rate on the first and last travel days when computing per diem using 'Lodging Plus' computation.

2. Exceptions. Per diem for all official TDY travel must be computed under the 'Lodging Plus' method except when:

- a. A reduced per diem rate is authorized for the TDY (U4177);
- b. A per diem for a TDY assignment in the vicinity of, but outside, the PDS area is authorized/approved under par. U4102-E;
- c. A per diem rate for travel by ship applies;
- d. Meals and lodging are furnished without cost to the traveler;
- e. Per diem is not payable for TDY ICW or in support of a military unit while on field duty (par. U4102-H);  
or
- f. An AEA is authorized for some/all of the TDY assignment.

C. Receipts

1. General. See par. U2710 and the [DoDFMR 7000.14-R, Volume 9](#) concerning receipts.
2. CONTINGENCY OPERATION Flat Rate Per Diem. A lodging expense receipt is not necessary when par. U4105-I4 applies unless to validate related expenses such as lodging tax or a parking fee.

D. Lodging Tax

1. General

- a. Unless exempted by State/local jurisdiction, a traveler is required to pay lodging tax while traveling on GOV'T business.
- b. Federal traveler tax exemptions and the form required to claim the exemption vary from location to location.
- c. See the [GSA Travel Homepage](#) for a list of jurisdictions in which [lodging tax exemption](#) may be offered at the option of the lodging facility.

2. CONUS and Non Foreign OCONUS Area. Lodging tax in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area is:

- a. Not included in the [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling, and
- b. A reimbursable expense (APP G) when per diem/AEA is paid.

3. Foreign Area. Lodging tax in a foreign area is:

- a. Included in the [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling, and

- b. Not a reimbursable expense (APP G) when per diem/AEA is paid.

E. GOV'T QTRS

1. A fee/service charge paid for GOV'T QTRS use is an allowable lodging expense.
2. Reimbursement for GOV'T QTRS use is NTE the maximum locality lodging ceiling.
3. See par. U2560 for reimbursement computation and limitation for commercial lodging cost incurred when a member is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION, and GOV'T QTRS on that U.S. INSTALLATION are available and directed on the order.

F. Single and Multiple Occupancy of a Room

***NOTE: The following presumes the member is not TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and ordered to use available GOV'T lodging on that U.S. INSTALLATION.***

1. Occupancy. Each official traveler is authorized lodging up to the authorized lodging rate.
2. Official Travelers Share a Room
  - a. Each official traveler is responsible for their portion of the room rate. Example: 2 official travelers share a room –each is responsible for 50% of the room cost; 3 official travelers share a room–each is responsible for 33% of the room cost).
  - b. Multiple occupancy of a single room ***DOES NOT LIMIT*** a traveler's lodging per diem ceiling eligibility. Official travelers who share lodging are each authorized lodging costs NTE the single room rate for the TDY locality. **Example**: Two official travelers who share a room in a \$100/night lodging area have \$200 total with which to pay for a room.
  - c. Examples of Room Charge Allocation:
    - (1) Locality per diem lodging ceiling is \$100/night. Two official travelers share a \$250/night room. Each official traveler is responsible for \$125/night (but without an AEA, each only receives \$100 reimbursement since the locality maximum lodging ceiling is \$100/night).
    - (2) Locality per diem lodging ceiling is \$100/night. Two official travelers share a \$170/night room. Each official traveler is responsible for, and receives, \$85/night – which is payable since it is below the locality lodging ceiling rate of \$100/night.
3. Official Traveler Shares a Room with a Non-GOV'T Traveler(s). If an official traveler shares a room with a person(s) who is/are not a GOV'T traveler(s) on official travel, then the official traveler is authorized the locality single room rate.

G. Lodging with a Friend or Relative

1. Lodging reimbursement ***is not authorized*** for a member who lodges with a friend/relative at the friend's/relative's residence.
2. A member, who lodges at the friend's/relative's residence, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.
3. A member cannot be directed to lodge with a friend/relative.
4. Lodging with a friend/relative applies to lodging reimbursement for official travel to include an attendant/escort, evacuation, extended TDY, limited evacuation and other circumstances.

5. The official traveler is not reimbursed the cost of comparable conventional lodging in the area, or for a flat or 'token' amount paid to the friend/relative.

6. **Example:** A member (outpatient) and a DoD civilian employee (attendant), each traveling under an official TDY order to Location A, reside together with family members who live at/near Location A during the TDY. They commute daily to the TDY location. The member is not authorized lodging reimbursement, but the DoD civilian employee may be eligible for reimbursement of some lodging costs. See [JTR, par. C4555-B3](#).

#### H. Multiple Lessees Involving Leased/Rented Lodging

1. Leased/rented lodging (e.g., apartment, house, condo, etc.) that is shared with another person(s) whose name is on the lease/rental agreement/contract is split equally among the lessees. ***This includes nonofficial travelers whose name(s) is/are on the lease/rental agreement/contract.*** Official travelers are not authorized reimbursement for more than their equal share of the lodging payment.

2. Long term (i.e., not daily) lodging cost is split equally among lessees indicated on a signed lease/rental agreement/contract before the daily reimbursement rate is computed, even though a daily lodging rate is computed for TDY reimbursement.

3. The prorated lodging reimbursement per person is limited to the applicable locality or the reduced per diem lodging rate prescribed by the Secretarial Process authority on the TDY travel order.

4. The applicable daily M&IE rate is not prorated.

5. AEA must be:

- a. Authorized/approved by the AO and
- b. In the GOV'T's interest. See par. U4205.

I. Lodging in other than Commercial Facilities. When no commercial lodging facility is available (i.e., in remote areas) or when there is a room shortage because of a special event (e.g., World Fair or International Sporting Event), the cost of lodging obtained in other than a commercial facility is allowed. Such facility may include college dormitories or similar facilities as well as rooms made available to the public by area residents in their homes. In these cases, the traveler must provide a written explanation that is acceptable to the AO.

J. Lodging Not Available at a TDY Location. If lodging is not available at a TDY location (i.e., where neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available) and lodging must be obtained in an adjacent locality where the per diem rate is higher, the AO may, on an individual case basis, authorize/approve the higher per diem rate of the adjacent locality. If the higher rate is not authorized in advance, the traveler must furnish a written statement with the travel voucher satisfactorily explaining the circumstances to validate an AEA based on the TDY location rate.

#### K. Online Booking Tool

1. General. A traveler should:

- a. Follow Service/DoD COMPONENT procedures for making lodging reservations, and
- b. If authorized by the Service/DoD COMPONENT, reserve a room directly with the hotel/chain. This includes using the hotel's online website.

2. Limitations. Reimbursement for lodging obtained through an online booking agent is authorized only when the traveler can provide a documented itemized receipt for room costs from the hotel/online booking agent showing the following charges ([CBCA 2431-TRAV, 13 September 2011](#)):

- a. Daily hotel room costs;
- b. Daily hotel taxes; and
- c. Daily miscellaneous fees, if applicable.

L. Advance Lodging Deposit. A traveler:

1. May be reimbursed an advance room deposit when it is required by the lodging facility to secure a room reservation prior to official TDY travel.
2. Is financially responsible for advance deposit repayment if the deposit is forfeited because TDY travel is not performed for reasons unacceptable to the Service.

**U4131 APARTMENT, HOUSE, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT WHILE TDY**

A. General. An apartment, house, or recreational vehicle (includes a mobile home, a camper, a camping trailer, or self-propelled mobile recreational vehicle) leased or rented ICW official TDY qualifies as lodging. Par. U4129-D applies for multiple occupancy involving official travelers; par. U4129-E for lodging with a friend/relative at the friend's or relative's residence; and par. U4129-I for multiple lessees of rented/leased TDY lodging.

B. Expenses. In determining the daily amount of expense items which do not accrue on a daily basis such as cost for connection/disconnection of utilities, dumping fees, shower fees, cleaning charges, monthly telephone use fee, etc., these expenses are averaged over the number of days the traveler is authorized per diem during the entire TDY trip. Allowable lodging expenses are:

1. Apartment, house, or recreational vehicle rent;
2. Parking space for the recreational vehicle rent;
3. Appropriate and necessary furniture rental, such as a stove, refrigerators, chairs, tables, beds, sofas, television, and a vacuum cleaner;

***NOTE 1:*** *Some rental agreements (i.e., furniture rental agreements) include option to buy clauses that result in the renter owning the rented item (i.e., furniture) at the contract term end. A traveler may be reimbursed for the cost of such a rental agreement (i.e., cost of furniture rental as part of the lodging cost) while on TDY if the traveler has no other choice but to enter into such an agreement. However, if the traveler exercises the purchase option, the amount that is being credited toward the purchase must be returned to the GOV'T by the traveler if paid to the traveler as part of the travel claim settlement (B-259520, 7 December 1995). When a dwelling of any kind (to include a recreational vehicle) becomes purchased under some form of rent to buy provision, all associated costs previously claimed must be repaid.*

***NOTE 2:*** *A member who rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from a previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished TDY lodging, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. Adopted from GSBICA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005 at <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/travel/u1669917.pdf>.*

***NOTE 3:*** *Some furniture rental agreements may require a damage waiver fee for damage protection as part of the rental cost. A traveler may be reimbursed for the cost of such a fee as part of the cost of the furniture rental while on TDY if the traveler has no other choice but to enter into such an agreement. Adopted from CBCA 1961-TRAV, 20 JULY 2010.*

4. Connection, use, and disconnection costs of utilities including electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil and sewer charges;
5. Dumping fees;

6. Shower fees;
7. Maid fees and cleaning charges;
8. Monthly telephone use fees (*does not include installation charges and unofficial long distance calls. When a personally owned cellular phone is used in lieu of an installed phone, the monthly cell phone fee may not be claimed. See APP G for official communications.*);
9. The costs of special user fees such as cable TV charges and plugin charges for automobile head bolt heaters, if ordinarily included in the price of a hotel/motel room in the area concerned; and
10. Exchange fee (but not the annual maintenance fee) paid by a member to acquire use of timeshare lodging at the TDY point ([B-254626, 17 February 1994](#)).

### U4133 LODGING COST UNDER THE BARTER SYSTEM

A member, TDY in a remote location at which there are no GOV'T QTRS or other suitable commercial lodging facilities, may be reimbursed the cost of barter goods used in exchange for lodging obtained in private dwellings. Reimbursement may not exceed 20% of the locality per diem lodging ceiling. *As an exception to the \$75 or more receipt rule, the traveler should be prepared to provide receipts for the barter goods together with the traveler's certification that the barter goods were delivered to the householder for lodging received if required by finance regulations.*

### U4135 DUAL LODGING REIMBURSEMENT ON A SINGLE DAY

A. General. Dual lodging may only be authorized/approved in limited circumstances when it is necessary for a traveler to retain lodging at one TDY location (Location A) for other than personal convenience and procure lodging at a second TDY location (Location B) on the same calendar day. *Dual lodging exists to cover lodging expenses that arise because of unexpected circumstances beyond the traveler's control during TDY travel. Except as provided in par. U4135-B2, dual lodging must be approved after the fact by an amended order or by the AO on the travel voucher.* Any period of dual lodging reimbursement is limited to a maximum of 7 consecutive days, with extensions beyond 7 consecutive days only if approved (after travel) by the Secretarial Process.

B. AO Considerations. The AO must verify that the traveler acted reasonably and prudently. Dual lodging may only be authorized/approved when:

***NOTE: Dual lodging must not be authorized/approved for the traveler's convenience (e.g., traveler does not want to pack up items and store at the facility at no additional costs or the traveler does not check to see if the GOV'T QTRS would be available upon return).***

1. The inability to occupy lodging at the first TDY location was due to conditions beyond the traveler's control ([60 Comp. Gen. 630 \(1981\)](#)) (e.g., traveler TDY to another location intending to return that night, but was forced to remain overnight due to mechanical problems);
2. Economical impact (daily, weekly, monthly room rate, availability, storage charges, or shipment costs) ([GSBCA 15321-TRAV 26 October 2000](#); [GSBCA 15482-TRAV 18 October 2001](#)) (e.g., traveler told if she checked out of GOV'T QTRS for 2 nights, no room would be available upon return); or
3. Practicality of checking out ([B-257670, 10 January 1995](#)) (e.g., traveler staying in recreational vehicle (RV) forced to move to motel due to extreme weather).

### C. Lodging Cost

1. Per Diem. The lodging cost incurred at the second TDY location (Location B) at which the traveler remained overnight is used for computing the member's per diem for TDY at that location (Location B) for that day.

2. **Reimbursable Expense.** The lodging cost incurred at the first location (Location A) is reimbursable as a reimbursable expense (APP G) if approved by the AO ([60 Comp. Gen. 630 \(1981\)](#)).

D. **Maximum Reimbursement.** Actual lodging cost reimbursement at the first TDY location (Location A) is NTE the amount of per diem or AEA plus lodging tax that would have been paid had the traveler remained at Location A overnight. *Lodging receipts are required for dual lodging claims.*

E. **Long Term Dual Lodging Occupancy.** *Reimbursement for long term dual lodging is not permitted and an order may not authorize long term dual lodging.*

F. **Examples.** An order is prepared to direct TDY at Location C for 150 days. The AO knows the member is to spend limited time at Location C and is also going to one or more other locations for lengthy periods during the TDY period. *Using par. U4135 to authorize multiple long periods (or a single all-encompassing period) of dual lodging reimbursement for lodging retained at Location C violates the intent of this authority and is not authorized. The known TDY locations must be named in the order.*

<b>Example 1</b>			
<b>NOTE: Lodging tax is not a reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.</b>			
A traveler, who leased an apartment while TDY at Location A, was required to perform additional TDY in Location B for 5 days. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the Location A apartment while TDY in Location B and authorized/approved the \$45/day Location A apartment cost as a reimbursable expense (APP G). The Location B lodging cost (\$95/day) was used for computing the traveler's per diem while TDY in that location.			
<b>Per Diem Rates</b>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Max Lodging</u>	<u>M&amp;IE</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	\$130	\$46	\$176
B	\$119	\$46	\$165
<b>Reimbursement for the Location A Apartment for 5 days</b>			
Lodging Cost	Number of Days		Total
\$45	5		\$225
<b>Per Diem for the TDY Assignment in Location B</b>			
<b>First Day</b>			
(Departure day from Location A and arrival day in Location B):			
Lodging	M&IE		Total
\$95	\$46		\$141 plus lodging tax ( <b>NOTE</b> )
<b>Second thru Fifth Day</b>			
(Lodging cost + M&IE)/day x 4 days			
Lodging	M&IE		Total
\$95	\$46		\$141/day x 4 days = \$564 plus lodging tax ( <b>NOTE</b> )
<b>Return day to Location A</b>			
(Lodging cost + M&IE)			
Lodging	M&IE		Total
\$45	\$46		\$91

<b>Example 2</b>			
<b><i>NOTE: Lodging tax is not a reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.</i></b>			
A traveler occupied GOV'T QTRS while on a training assignment at a U.S. INSTALLATION in Location C. The traveler was required to perform additional TDY for 3 days in Location D. If the traveler vacated the GOV'T QTRS (daily cost \$25) while on the 3-day TDY assignment, the QTRS might not be available upon return. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the GOV'T QTRS while TDY in Location D and authorized/approved the cost of those QTRS as a reimbursable expense (APP G). The Location D lodging cost (\$110/day) was used to determine the traveler's per diem while TDY there.			
<b>Per Diem Rates</b>			
Location	Max Lodging	M&IE	Total
C	\$109	\$38	\$147
D	\$130	\$46	\$176
<b>Reimbursement for GOV'T QTRS for 3 Days</b>			
Lodging	Number of Days	Total	
\$25	3	\$75	
<b>Per Diem for the TDY Assignment in Location D</b>			
<b>First Day</b>			
(Departure day from Location C and arrival day in Location D):			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$110	\$46	\$156 plus lodging tax ( <b><i>NOTE</i></b> )	
<b>Second and Third Day</b>			
(Lodging Cost + M&IE)/day x 4 days			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$110	\$46	\$156/day x 2 days = \$312 plus lodging tax ( <b><i>NOTE</i></b> )	
<b>Day of Return to Location C</b>			
(Lodging Cost + M&IE)			
Lodging	M&IE	Total	
\$25	\$38	\$63	

**U4137 ALLOWABLE EXPENSES WHEN A RESIDENCE IS PURCHASED AND USED FOR TDY LODGING**

*Effective with an order issued on/after 1 January 2012, mortgage interest and property taxes associated with the purchase of any dwelling (to include a recreational vehicle) purchased at a TDY location may not be claimed as substantiation for payment of per diem while TDY. Effective 10 January 2012 utilities on a dwelling purchased on/after 1 January 2012 (including a recreational vehicle) may not be reimbursed. **Example:** Order issued 29 December 2011 and dwelling purchased 2 January 2012 = no lodging payments for purchase costs. Personnel who were issued orders before 1 January 2012 and had already purchased a dwelling at the TDY location before 1 January 2012 may continue to claim lodging costs related to the purchased dwelling until the expiration of the current TDY order including any extensions to that order limited to the following:*

A. **Purchased Residence.** For those eligible (see above), allowable expenses are prorated based on the number of days in the month, rather than by the actual number of days the member occupied the residence ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)), and include the monthly:

1. Mortgage interest;
2. Property tax; and
3. Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hookup charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges, not to include entertainment utilities (e.g. cable, TV, telephone).

B. Limitation. *In no case may the total lodging per diem payable exceed the applicable TDY maximum locality lodging ceiling unless an AEA (Ch 4, Part C) is authorized/approved. Par. U4141 does not apply when the residence is purchased.*

**NOTE:** *A member who purchased and occupied a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for any cost associated with rental, purchase or shipment of furniture.*

#### U4139 COST FOR LODGING JOINTLY OCCUPIED BY MEMBER AND DEPENDENTS

The cost for lodging jointly occupied by a member and a dependent(s) is 50% for the member and 50% for the dependent(s) (regardless of the number of family members) when a member in a per diem status receives TLA for a dependent(s) (par. U9160-C). When a dependent(s) is not traveling at GOV'T expense, the member is authorized the single room rate.

#### U4140 LODGING WHEN TDY AT ONE LOCATION FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS

If a traveler is TDY at one location for more than 30 days, lodging reservations should be made on a weekly, monthly, or other long term basis, if possible. Follow Service/Agency procedures for making lodging arrangements (pars. U4131, U4137, and U4141).

#### U4141 LODGING OBTAINED ON A WEEKLY, MONTHLY, OR LONGER TERM BASIS

When a traveler obtains lodging on a weekly, monthly, or longer term basis, the daily TDY lodging cost is computed by dividing the total periodic (e.g., weekly, monthly) lodging cost by the number of days the member is authorized the lodging portion of per diem (62 Comp. Gen. 63 (1982)).

This computation presumes that the member acts prudently in renting by the week or month, and that the GOV'T cost does not exceed the cost of renting conventional lodging at a daily rate. **NOTE:** *This does not apply when a residence is purchased* (par. U4137).

<u>Example</u>
1. A traveler is TDY at a location at which the per diem is \$136 (\$80/ \$56).
2. Lodging (apartment & utilities) are obtained on a long term basis for \$900/month.
3. The daily lodging cost per month is \$30 (\$900/30 days).
4. In June the traveler took leave for 10 days and is authorized per diem for only 20 days.
5. The daily lodging rate during June is computed to be \$45/day (\$900/20). Since the \$45/day lodging cost does not exceed the authorized \$80/day locality lodging ceiling, the traveler is reimbursed \$45/day for 20 days of lodging in June.

**NOTE:** *See par. U7225 if lodging is obtained on a daily basis and a member takes an authorized absence while on TDY in support of a CONTINGENCY OPERATION or par. U7226 if a member takes leave ICW an authorized/ordered evacuation to visit dependents at their safe haven.*

#### U4143 LODGING AND/OR MEALS OBTAINED UNDER CONTRACT

When a contracting officer contracts for rooms and/or meals for a member traveling on TDY, the total daily amount paid by the GOV'T for the member's lodging, M&IE is NTE the applicable per diem authorized in this Part (60 Comp. Gen. 181(1981) and 62 Comp. Gen. 308 (1983)) unless an AEA is authorized/approved under Ch 4, Part C. **NOTE:** *There is NO reimbursement for any items rented for contract QTRS that are rented with an "option to buy" (GSBCA 15890-TRAV, 29 July 2003).*

#### U4145 PER DIEM COMPUTATION

A. General. Ordinarily, per diem is based on the member's TDY location at 2400. There are occasions, however,

when the member is en route to a TDY location and does not arrive at the lodging site until 2400 or later. In that case, lodging is claimed for the preceding calendar day and the maximum per diem for the preceding day is determined as if the member had been at the stopover point or TDY location at 2400 of the preceding day. If no lodging is required, the per diem rate is still determined as if the member had been at the stopover point or TDY location at 2400 of the preceding day.

B. Stopover Point. If authorized travel requires more than 1 day and a stopover for the night that includes lodging (***NOTE: Lodging does not include sleeping in the transportation terminal.***) is required, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover point locality per diem rate.

C. M&IE Payment. The M&IE rate is payable to the member without expense itemization and without receipts. Box lunches, inflight meals and rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft are not a GOV'T dining facility/mess for per diem computation purposes. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a COCOM or JTF AOR.***

D. Meal Rate. The meal rate established by the order cannot be reduced after the ordered travel has been completed except for a deductible meal (GOV'T meals paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess are not deductible meals). See par. U4165. However, an AO/schoolhouse commander may amend an order to direct immediate and/or future meal rate changes.

**U4147 PER DIEM FOR DEPARTURE FROM AND RETURN TO PDS**

A. Rate. 75% of the appropriate locality M&IE rate is paid for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS ICW TDY, regardless of what time the member departs or returns. ***On these days, the GMR, PMR, \$3.50 OCONUS IE, or reduced per diem rate do not apply.***

***NOTE: As an exception, USCG members assigned to detached duty at USCG Stations (small), USCG Search and Rescue Detachments, USCG Air Facilities, USCG Auxiliary Operated Stations, and OPBAT Sites may be paid 75% of the reduced M&IE (if any) prescribed for the site.***

B. Departure Day. The per diem rate for the PDS departure day is based on the member's TDY/stopover location at 2400 on that day. If the member is traveling and lodging is not procured for that night, the locality M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) is the applicable M&IE rate.

C. Return Day. For the day travel ends (return day to the PDS, home, or other authorized point), the per diem is based on the M&IE rate applicable to the preceding day (last TDY or authorized delay point). Any TDY en route locations, on the day travel ends, do not affect the M&IE rate for the return day unless overnight lodging is required. ***NOTE: For USCG only: For the day travel ends (return day to the PDS, home or authorized delay point), the per diem is based on the M&IE applicable to the last TDY or authorized delay point, whether or not overnight lodging was required there.***

<u>Example</u>	
01 Sep	Depart PDS
01 Sep	Arrive TDY A (\$50 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY A
10 Sep	Arrive TDY B (\$60 M&IE)
10 Sep	Depart TDY B
10 Sep	Arrive PDS
Pay 75% of \$50 (TDY A M&IE for preceding day) on 10 Sep	

**U4149 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR CONUS FULL DAYS**

A. Locality Rate. The applicable per diem rate for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official

CONUS travel. Use the [M&IE rate](#) for the locality concerned.

B. GMR. The standard GMR paid for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess plus \$5 IE is paid. This rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4149-D),
2. The GMR is directed,
3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
4. The member is not traveling.

C. PMR. The PMR plus \$5 IE is paid. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4149-D),
2. At least one meal is available and directed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
3. The member is not traveling.

D. Member Directed to Procure Private Sector Lodging off the U.S. INSTALLATION. When adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodging off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the GOV'T QTRS are *not available* and is *authorized the locality meal rate* instead of the GMR or PMR and \$5 IE. Just because GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodging off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality meal rate to the GMR or PMR.

#### **U4151 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR OCONUS FULL DAYS**

A. Locality Rate. The applicable [per diem rate](#) for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official OCONUS travel. Use the [M&IE rate](#) for the locality concerned.

B. GMR. The Standard GMR paid for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess plus the appropriate IE rate is paid. This rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4151-E),
2. The GMR is directed,
3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and
4. The member is not traveling.

C. PMR. The PMR plus the IE rate is paid. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY (par. U4151-E),
2. At least one meal is available and directed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess on the U.S. INSTALLATION to

which the member is assigned TDY, and

3. The member is not traveling.

D. OCONUS IE

1. Except for USCG members and other members traveling under USCG funds, the OCONUS locality IE rate is the applicable rate, or \$3.50 when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. ***Regardless of the location at which the member is lodged, the \$3.50 must be stated on the travel order for it to be paid for travel beginning on or after 1 July 2009. The \$3.50 IE rate does not apply on any day the member is traveling.***

2. For USCG members and other members traveling on USCG funds, the OCONUS locality IE rate is the applicable rate when the member is not ordered TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>), or \$3.50 when the member is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS are available (par. U4151-E) on that U.S. INSTALLATION. Two exceptions are noted below. The AO may determine that \$3.50 is:

a. Adequate when the member *is not lodged* on a U.S. INSTALLATION. ***The OCONUS IE rate of \$3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the order.***

b. ***Not adequate when the member is lodged on a U.S. INSTALLATION. The locality IE rate (<http://http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>) may be authorized and must be stated in the order.***

E. Member Directed to Procure Private Sector Lodgings off the U.S. Installation. When adequate GOV'T QTRS are available but a member is directed to procure private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION, the member is treated as though the QTRS are ***not available*** and is ***authorized the locality meal rate*** instead of the GMR or PMR plus the locality IE rate unless the \$3.50 IE rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. Just because QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality M&IE to the GMR or PMR.

**U4153 PER DIEM ON ARRIVAL AT OR DEPARTURE FROM A TDY POINT**

The M&IE rate payable on the days of arrival at and departure from the TDY point is the M&IE rate for that location, unless the member is in a different TDY location at 2400 on that day. On a ship, the embarkation/debarkation port M&IE rate applies.

**U4155 SCHOOLHOUSE TRAINING (FORMAL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION)**

A schoolhouse commander is authorized to determine the appropriate meal rate (GMR, PMR or locality meal rate) regardless of what the AO may put in a TDY order to the contrary. See pars. U4149-B/U4149-C for CONUS and pars. U4151-B/U4151-C for OCONUS. If there is information about the course that provides the appropriate meal rate, that information, and its source, should be documented in the order. If that information is not available prior to order issuance, it must be provided to the member by the schoolhouse commander (or designee) upon arrival at the school and submitted with the travel voucher.

**U4157 LODGING PER DIEM COMPUTATION**

Lodging reimbursement while on TDY or at a delay point, is NTE the locality per diem lodging ceiling for the TDY or delay location. The lodging cost or the locality lodging ceiling, whichever is less, is added to the M&IE rate for that location to determine that day's per diem rate. The total amount is NTE the maximum per diem rate for the TDY (or stopover) locality unless an AEA is authorized/approved IAW Ch 4, Part C. When lodging has been obtained at a location other than the TDY location the per diem rate for the lodging facility location may apply if par. U4129-G applies.

**U4159 PER DIEM COMPUTATION FOR TDY OF MORE THAN 12 BUT LESS THAN 24 HOURS**

M&IE of 75% of the [M&IE rate](#) for the TDY location is payable for each travel day. If more than one TDY location is involved and lodging is not required, M&IE of 75% of the highest M&IE rate is payable on each day (e.g., 15-hour trip covering 2 days with three stops on day 1 and two stops on day 2 – the highest of the three rates on day 1 for day 1 and the highest for the 2 on day 2 for day 2). If lodging must be obtained, the rules for travel of more than 24 hours apply. ***Per diem is not authorized under par. U4159 when travel is performed in the local area unless overnight lodging is required. If overnight lodging is required in the local area these rules or rules for over 24 hours apply.*** See par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.

#### U4160 PER DIEM FOR TDY TRAVEL BY CAR FERRY

A. General. When a member on TDY travels by POC partly by road and partly by car ferry (circuitously or otherwise), the member is authorized per diem while traveling on the ferry. See Ch. 3, Part I for transportation reimbursement.

B. Lodging. Reimbursement for the actual cost of required accommodations (unless included in the ferry transportation cost) is authorized.

C. M&IE when Travel Includes an Overnight on a Car Ferry Anywhere in the World. M&IE is based on and computed for the member using the highest CONUS M&IE rate for the arrival day (embarkation) on the ferry through the day before the departure day (debarkation) from the ferry. M&IE for the departure day (debarkation) from the ferry is the rate applicable for the member's location at 2400 on that day. See par. U4145-A.

D. M&IE when Travel Does Not Include an Overnight on a Car Ferry. If the ferry passage does not include an overnight, the applicable M&IE while on the ferry is that rate applicable to the member's location at 2400 on the debarkation day. See par. U4145-A.

#### U4163 ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING (EUM)

A. Authority. There is no authority to pay the M&IE meal portion when the Secretary Concerned, or for a JTF the COCOM/JTF Commander, determines that GOV'T dining facility/mess use is essential to accomplish training and readiness.

1. The prohibition on paying the M&IE meal portion begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on last full EUM day.
2. The CONUS IE rate is \$5, or the appropriate OCONUS [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. ***The \$3.50 rate must be stated on the order for it to be paid.***

B. Meal Procurement Required. A member ordered to use EUM, who must procure occasional meals, is authorized reimbursement under par. U4510.

C. IE Rate. ***IAW par. U4151-D, if an order does not state otherwise, locality IE rate is paid.***

#### U4165 DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

A. PMR Application. The PMR in pars. U4149-C and U4151-C applies on any day (except travel days to and from the PDS) when one or two deductible meals is/are provided (APP R2, par. J). The GOV'T should not pay for the same meal twice (e.g., originally by registration fee, etc., and then again through per diem). ***A meal provided to the traveler for which the GOV'T pays nothing does not affect per diem payment.***

B. Deductible Meal. A deductible meal is a meal:

1. Made available pursuant to an agreement between a Uniformed Service and any organization, if the order directs use of the facility providing the meal(s);

2. Included in a GOV'T paid registration fee;
3. Furnished at no cost to the traveler by a school while attending a course of instruction if the GOV'T ultimately pays the school for the meal cost;
4. Furnished by the GOV'T at no cost to a member (par. U4167);
5. Provided by a lodging establishment for which a charge is added in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost \$75 without breakfast; lodging cost \$85 with breakfast); or
6. Provided by a lodging establishment when the meal(s) is/are included in the lodging cost under an agreement between the GOV'T and the lodging establishment (ex., an agency arranges for lodging at a conference/meeting and the cost of one or more meals is included in the lodging cost). ***NOTE: A negotiated rate should fall either within the locality lodging rate, or if declared (APP R), within the conference lodging rate. If the negotiated rate exceeds the locality (or conference) lodging rate, an AEA lodging rate should be provided to cover the higher lodging rate that includes the meal(s).***

***NOTE: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) are a deductible meal if otherwise qualified above and served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast 0600 to 0800). Light refreshments served during a break (not at a meal time) are not a deductible meal.***

C. **Meals Provided/Consumed.** If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the traveler, only the IE amount for that day is payable (\$5 CONUS IE, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS).

D. **AO Authority.** The AO may authorize/approve the locality meal rate or PMR, as applicable, if the member:

1. Is unable to eat an otherwise deductible meal because of medical requirements or religious beliefs (the AO may request substantiating documentation from the appropriate professional authority), and
2. Attempted, but was unable, to make, alternative meal arrangements for a substitute meal, and
3. Must purchase a meal that satisfies the medical requirements or religious beliefs, or
4. Is unable to eat the deductible meal due to mission.

#### **U4167 NON DEDUCTIBLE MEALS**

A. **Non Deductible Meal.** The following is not a deductible meal:

1. Box/'bagged' meal from a GOV'T dining facility/mess, (which includes such things as C Rations, K Rations, MREs) except when the GOV'T dining facility/mess box/'bagged' meal is the ***only method*** of providing an adequate meal to a member. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a COCOM or JTF AOR.,***
2. Inflight meal,
3. Rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft,
4. GOV'T meal paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess,
5. Meal furnished on commercial aircraft,
6. Meal provided by private individuals, or
7. Meal provided by a lodging establishment on a complimentary basis without adding a charge for the meal in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost \$75 with or without breakfast).

B. **Meals Provided/Consumed.** If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the member, only the IE amount

for that day is payable (\$5 CONUS IE, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS).

#### **U4169 LODGING REQUIRED ON THE DAY TRAVEL ENDS**

When lodging is required on the day travel ends and the AO authorizes/approves the member to obtain lodging, the lodging reimbursement is based on the locality rate, or AEA if appropriate, for the en route TDY site.

#### **U4171 MEALS PROVIDED BY A COMMON CARRIER OR COMPLIMENTARY MEALS PROVIDED BY A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT**

Meals provided by a common carrier do not affect per diem. Complimentary meals provided by a lodging establishment do not affect per diem as long as the room charge is the same with or without meals. Pars. U4165-B5 and U4165-B6 when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost. Adopted from [CBCA 1900-TRAV, 3 MAY 2010](#).

#### **U4173 PER DIEM COMPUTATION EXAMPLES**

- A. GMR. The Standard GMR in the following examples is for illustrative purposes only (APP A for GMR).
- B. U.S. and Non-foreign OCONUS Area Lodging Tax. The [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area does not include lodging tax. Lodging tax in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G), except when 'MALT Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.
- C. Foreign Lodging Tax. The [locality per diem lodging](#) ceiling in a FOREIGN AREA includes lodging tax. Lodging tax in a FOREIGN AREA is not a reimbursable expense (APP G).
- D. Examples. There is no requirement for any cost comparison if the command has determined that POC (automobile or motorcycle only) use on TDY is to the GOV'T's advantage for TDY to locations within 800 miles (roundtrip) of the PDS as determined from DTOD (for DoD) and from appropriate distance sources for the non-DoD Services per pars. U3210-D, U4915 and T4030-E (APP O).

1. **Example 1.** Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation

<b>Example 1</b>					
<b>Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation</b>					
<p>A traveler is ordered TDY for two days, POC use between the residence and TDY station (not a U.S. INSTALLATION) is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the order (par. U4915). The traveler arrives at the TDY station on day 2 and completes the TDY assignment on day 4.</p> <p>Reimbursement is limited to the actual lodging cost NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate plus the appropriate M&amp;IE.</p> <p>The per diem rate for the TDY location is \$131 (\$85/ \$46); actual lodging cost is \$90/night. The per diem rate for both stopovers is \$141 (\$85/ \$56); actual lodging cost is \$60/night. The 12-hour rule does not apply because the TDY period is over 12 hours.</p> <p><i>AEA is not used for this example but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO (Ch 4, Part C).</i></p>					
<b>ITINERARY</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Depart</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Per Diem Rate</b>	<b>Lodging Cost</b>	<b>POC Distance</b>
10 May	Residence	1st Stopover	\$141 (\$85/ \$56)	\$60	400 miles
11 May	En Route	TDY Station	\$131 (\$85/ \$46)	\$90	15 miles
12 May	TDY Station	TDY Station	\$131 (\$85/ \$46)	\$90	
13 May	TDY Station	2nd Stopover	\$141 (\$85/ \$56)	\$60	365 miles
14 May	En Route	Residence	Use 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stopover M&IE		50 miles
<b>REIMBURSEMENT</b>					
Day 1	$\$60 + [\$56 \times 75\%] = \$60 + \$42 =$				\$102.00
Day 2	$\$90 = (\$90 \text{ limited to } \$85) + \$46 =$				\$131.00
Day 3	$\$90 = (\$90 \text{ limited to } \$85) + \$46 =$				\$131.00
Day 4	$\$60 + \$56 =$				\$116.00
Day 5	$\$56 \times 75\% =$				\$ 42.00
1 round trip of 830 miles (official distance) x \$.565/mile =					\$ 468.95
<b>Total Reimbursement</b>					<b>\$990.95</b>

2. **Example 2.** Per Diem Rate – Standard GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

**Example 2**

**Per Diem Rate – Standard GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation**

A traveler is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION at which GOV'T lodging (\$6/night) and dining facility/mess are available. GMR is directed in the order. The AO approves the PMR on the 17<sup>th</sup> because breakfast was not available.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the order (par. U4915).

The maximum per diem rate is \$131 (\$85/ \$46). Standard GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$11.70 and the PMR (par. U4149-C) is \$27 plus the CONUS \$5 IE rate applies in this example.

**NOTE:** GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are never made for arrival and departure days (par. U4147, item 1). The GMR and PMR rates used in this example are for illustrative purposes only, See APP A for the current GMR.

**ITINERARY**

Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
10 March	Residence	TDY Station	325 miles
16 to 18 March		At TDY Station	
19 March	TDY Station	Residence	325 miles

**REIMBURSEMENT**

15 March	$\$6 + (\$46 \times 75\%) = \$6 + \$34.50 =$	\$ 40.50
16 March	$\$6 + \$11.70 \text{ (GMR)} + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$	\$ 22.70
17 March	$\$6 + \$27 \text{ (PMR)} + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$	\$ 38.00
18 March	$\$6 + \$11.70 \text{ (GMR)} + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$	\$ 22.70
19 March	$\$46 \times 75\% =$	\$ 34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$.565/mile =		<u>\$ 367.25</u>
<b>Total Reimbursement</b>		<b>\$525.65</b>

3. **Example 3.** Per Diem Rate – AOR Travel Computation

<b>Example 3</b>					
<b>PER DIEM RATE – AOR TRAVEL COMPUTATION</b>					
<b>A MEMBER IS TDY IN AN AOR</b>					
2 & 3 Jan	The member departed the residence via POC (2 Jan), and was en route awaiting transportation without procuring lodging.				
4 Jan	Arrives at the AOR TDY station.				
5 to 30 Jan	The member stayed in GOV'T QTRS and received \$3.50/day.				
31 Jan	The member departed the AOR TDY station and arrived at another AOR location.				
1 Feb	The member departed the AOR location and arrived at an approved delay stopover point, procuring lodging.				
2 Feb	The member departed the stopover point and arrived at the residence.				
<b>PER DIEM COMPUTATION:</b>					
Date	Travel Plan	Transportation Mode/Means	Reason For Stop	Per Diem Rate	
2 Jan	Depart Residence (Departure Day)	PA		\$15 (\$0/ \$15)	TDY Destination
	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT		
3 Jan	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	\$15 (\$0/ \$15)	TDY Destination
4 Jan	Arrive TDY location (enter AOR)	TP	TD	\$15 (\$0/ \$15)	TDY Destination
5 to 30 Jan	TDY (AOR) (Lodging in GOV'T QTRS)	--	TD	\$3.50 (\$0/ \$3.50)	TDY Destination
31 Jan	Depart TDY (AOR)	TP	--	\$3.50	AOR to AOR
	En route (AOR to AOR)	TP	AT		
1 Feb	En route (exit AOR/lodging)	TP	AD	\$190 (\$126/ \$64)	Stopover Point
2 Feb	Arrive Residence	PA	MC	\$190 (\$126/ \$64)	Preceding calendar day's M&IE rate
<b>REIMBURSEMENT</b>					
2 Jan	\$15/day x 75% = (Departure Day = 75% of TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)				\$11.25
3 Jan	\$15/day x 1 day = (TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)				\$15.00
4 Jan	\$15/day (TDY destination M&IE, lodging \$0)				\$15.00
5 to 30 Jan	\$3.50/day x 26 days = (AOR M&IE, lodging \$0)				\$91.00
31 Jan	\$3.50/day (En route AOR to AOR M&IE, lodging \$0)				\$3.50
1 Feb	\$70 + \$64 = \$134/day (Exit AOR to AD stopover point, stopover point M&IE, lodging procured at \$70)				\$134.00
2 Feb	\$64/day x 75% = (75% of preceding calendar day's M&IE rate)				\$48.00
<b>MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT</b>					<b>\$317.75</b>

**U4174 RETURN TO PDS DURING EXTENDED TDY**

A. General

1. For this paragraph, "extended TDY" means directed travel of 3 or more weeks.
2. A member on extended TDY (other than deployment) may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the member commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other non-workdays.

3. *Reimbursement for transportation and per diem is on the same basis as TDY travel, but is not limited to the expenses otherwise payable had the member remained at the TDY location.*

4. *Authorized return to the PDS or place of abode is not authorized for Coast Guard.*

B. Authorized Return

1. *A traveler, who travels to a location (other than the PDS or place of abode from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS) for personal reasons and returns to the TDY location is not authorized reimbursement for transportation expenses (par. U4176).*

2. A statement that return travel is authorized must be included in the order, or on the travel voucher if approved after the travel has been performed. *This travel is an exception to the policy of scheduling travel during regular duty hours.* Accordingly, the authorized return should be performed outside the member's regular duty hours or during authorized leave periods.

3. A traveler who is not authorized/approved to return to the PDS is paid for personal returns IAW par. U4175.

C. Lodging Retained at TDY Location.

1. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Voluntary Return. If the member retains lodging at the TDY location during a voluntary (per par. U4175) return, the member is financially responsible for the retained room cost while gone except IAW pars. U7225 or U7226.

2. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Authorized Return. The AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for the cost of lodging retained at the TDY site as mission essential considering:

- a. The reasons for retaining the lodging are reasonable and necessary and not strictly for the traveler's convenience;
- b. The traveler's efforts to obtain lodging on a weekly or monthly basis or other long term rental agreement; and
- c. When the retained lodging is charged on a daily basis, such factors as the TDY duration, the amount of personal belongings, the establishment's capability to store those belongings, and the traveler's ability to secure a room upon return.

3. Lodging Retained at the TDY Location Reimbursement. If authorized/approved, the costs of lodging retained at the TDY site are paid as a reimbursable expense (APP G NTE the locality per diem lodging ceiling). See par. U7225 for lodging reimbursement if TDY supports a CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

**U4175 RETURN TO PDS FROM TDY FOR PERSONAL REASONS**

A. General

1. Authorized Member. Par. U4175 applies to an active or an RC member.

2. Authorized Allowances. Based on the transportation expenses incurred, a member who voluntarily returns to the PDS or residence from which the member ordinarily commutes daily to the PDS, during a TDY period, for personal reasons, is authorized the lesser of:

- a. Per diem or AEA for the actual travel time (*no per diem or AEA while at the PDS*) to and from the PDS/residence and transportation expenses for the travel from the TDY point to the PDS/residence and return; or
- b. The per diem or AEA that would have been allowed had the member stayed at the TDY point.

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***NOTE:** Lodging tax is not included in the constructed cost for a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location as it is a reimbursable expense (APP G). FOREIGN AREA lodging tax is not a reimbursable expense.*

3. Allowances Not Authorized. No per diem is credited for any day the member was in a leave status.

4. CONTINGENCY OPERATION. See par. U7225 concerning reimbursement for lodging retained at a CONTINGENCY OPERATION TDY location during leave away from that location.

B. Computation. Following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under this paragraph. There is no requirement for any cost comparison if the command has determined that POC (automobile or motorcycle only) use on TDY is to the GOV'T's advantage for TDY to locations within 800 miles (roundtrip) of the PDS as determined from DTOD (for DoD) and from appropriate distance sources for the non-DoD Services per pars. U3210-D, U4915 and T4030-E (APP O).

**NOTE:** The GMR used in the following examples is for illustrative purposes only (APP A for GMR).

1. **Example 1**

<b>Example 1</b>			
<b>Per Diem and POC TDY Mileage Computation</b>			
<p>A traveler performed TDY (not at a U.S. INSTALLATION) and returned to the PDS during the TDY period on the weekend for personal reasons. The TDY location lodging cost is \$65/night. The maximum per diem rate is \$131 (\$85/ \$46). AEA is not authorized and per diem is not payable for 28 June (actual cost computation) because the traveler is at the PDS (par. U4102-D).</p> <p>POC use between residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the order for one round trip (par. U4915).</p> <p>The traveler is due \$1,500.25 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).</p> <p><i>AEA is not used for this example, but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO (Ch 4, Part C).</i></p>			
<b>ITINERARY</b>			
Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
23 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
24 to 26 June		At TDY Station	
27 June	TDY Station	PDS (personal reasons)	325 miles
28 June		PDS	
29 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
30 June to 2 July		At TDY Station	
3 July	TDY Station	PDS	325 miles
<b>REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)</b>			
23 June	$\$65 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$ 99.50
24 to 26 June	$\$65 + \$46 = \$111/\text{day} \times 3 \text{ days} =$		\$333.00
27 June	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
28 June	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$ 0.00
29 June	$\$65 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$ 99.50
30 June to 2 July	$\$65 + \$46 = \$111/\text{day} \times 3 \text{ days} =$		\$333.00
3 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
2 round trips of 650 miles (official distance) = 1,300 miles x \$.565/mile =			<b>\$ 734.50</b>
<b>Actual Cost Total</b>			<b>\$1,668.50</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTED COST</b>			
23 June	$\$65 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$65 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 99.50
24 June to 2 July	$\$65 + \$46 = \$111/\text{day} \times 9 \text{ days} =$		\$999.00
3 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$.565/mile =			<b>\$ 367.25</b>
<b>Constructed Cost Total</b>			<b>\$1,500.25</b>

2. Example 2

<u>Example 2</u>			
<b>Per Diem, Discount GMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation</b>			
<p>A traveler is TDY at a U.S. INSTALLATION at which a GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all meals and the lodging cost is \$6/night. GOV'T dining facility/mess use is directed and per diem is not paid on 12 July (actual cost computation) while the member is at the PDS (par. U4102-D). The member returned by POC to the PDS while TDY on the weekend for personal reasons.</p> <p>The maximum per diem rate is \$131 (\$85/ \$46). The discount GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$10 plus \$5 IE for this example.</p> <p>POC use between residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the order for one round trip (par. U4915).</p> <p>The member is due \$410.05 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).</p> <p><b><i>NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are not made for arrival and departure days (par. U4147-A). The GMR rate used in the example is for illustrative purposes only – APP A for the current GMR.</i></b></p>			
<b>ITINERARY</b>			
Date	Depart	Arrive	POC Distance
9 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
10 July		At TDY Station	
11 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
12 July		PDS (personal reasons)	
13 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
14 & 15 July		At TDY Station	
16 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
<b>REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)</b>			
9 July	$\$6 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$6 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 40.50
10 July	$\$6 + \$10 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$		\$ 21.00
11 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
12 July	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$ 0.00
13 July	$\$6 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$6 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 40.50
14 & 15 July	$\$6 + \$10 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} = \$21/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days} =$		\$ 42.00
16 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
$2 \text{ round trips of } 370 \text{ miles (official distance)} \times 2 = 740 \text{ miles} \times \$.565/\text{mile} =$			<u>\$418.10</u>
<b>Actual Cost Total</b>			<b>\$631.10</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTED COST</b>			
9 July	$\$6 + [\$46 \times 75\%] = \$6 + \$34.50 =$		\$ 40.50
10 to 15 July	$\$6 + \$10 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} = \$21/\text{days} \times 6 \text{ days} =$		\$126.00
16 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$ 34.50
$1 \text{ round trip of } 370 \text{ miles (official distance)} \times \$.565/\text{mile} =$			<u>\$209.05</u>
<b>Constructed Cost Total</b>			<b>\$410.05</b>

#### U4176 TRAVEL TO AN ALTERNATE LOCATION ON NON-DUTY DAYS

*A TDY member who travels to a location, other than the PDS or home, for personal reasons on non-duty days (and returns to the TDY location) is not authorized transportation expense reimbursement.* The member is authorized only per diem related expenses based on the TDY location per diem rate and any reimbursable expenses (APP G) that would have been allowable had the member remained at the TDY location. Reimbursement is NTE what would have been paid had the member remained at the TDY location (B-200856, 3 August, 1981; and B-214886, 3 July, 1984).

**Example 1:** Member TDY from Location A to Location B (with a locality per diem rate of \$173 (\$122/ \$51) drives to Location C on Friday night and returns to Location B Sunday night. The member checks out of the Location B hotel (which cost \$120/night plus a reimbursable expense for the 12% tax (\$14.40) on Friday and stays in a Location C hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays \$145 plus a 13% tax (\$18.85) per night for Location C lodging for Friday and Saturday. Even though the Location C locality per diem rate is \$203 (\$149/ \$54), the member is limited to \$122/night for lodging (and lodging tax on \$122 – 12% of \$122 (\$14.64) and to \$51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the Location B locality diem rate is \$173 (\$122/ \$51) and the member is being paid per diem that would have been paid (max \$122 for lodging + \$51 for M&IE) had the member remained in Location B. The member's lodging tax in Location C each night is reimbursed but limited to \$14.64 per night (12% of \$122). The member is reimbursed NTE \$29.28 for lodging tax while in Location C. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations B and C.***

**Example 2:** Member TDY from Location X to Base Y (with a maximum per diem rate of \$161 (\$110/ \$51)) where the member is staying on the U.S. INSTALLATION for \$20/night with no tax and is being paid the \$29 PMR + \$5 CONUS IE rate (total \$34) based on the order content that indicates GOV'T QTRS and the PMR is directed. The member drives to Location Z on Friday night and returns to Base Y Sunday night. The member checks out of the Base Y GOV'T QTRS on Friday and stays in a Location Z hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays \$75 and 12% lodging tax (\$9) for Location Z lodging each night on Friday and Saturday. Even though the Location Z per diem rate is \$128 (\$79/ \$49), the member is limited to \$20/night for lodging, no reimbursement of Location Z lodging tax, and is paid \$34/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (\$20 for lodging + \$34 for the PMR based rate of M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Base Y and limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost and PMR + CONUS "IE" since they were directed in the order. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations Y and Z.***

**Example 3:** Member TDY from Location D to Location E (with a per diem rate of \$161 (\$110/ \$51)), where the traveler is staying with friends and incurring no lodging costs. The member drives to Location F on Friday night and returns to Location E Sunday night. The member stays in a Location F hotel Friday and Saturday nights and pays \$75 and 12% lodging tax (\$9) for Location F lodging each night. Even though the Location F per diem rate is \$114 (\$70/ \$44), the member is paid \$75/night for lodging, and reimbursement of Location F lodging tax (\$18 for both nights), and is paid \$51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (NTE \$110 for lodging + \$51 for M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Location E. The fact that the member was staying with friends has no effect on the traveler's per diem on days when not staying with friends. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations E and F.***

#### U4177 NO PER DIEM OR A PER DIEM RATE IN A LESSER AMOUNT

The Secretary Concerned may authorize per diem rates in lesser amounts (to zero) when the circumstances of the travel or duty to be performed so warrant ***and are peculiar to that particular Service*** (par. U4105-D). This authority may be delegated to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate Service, but may not be further redelegated. ***The authorized reduced per diem rate must be stated on the order before travel begins (or as part of an order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the original order was issued). In the absence of such authority, an order prescribing a different per diem rate is without effect and the applicable locality per diem rate is used.*** The reduced or zero per diem rate does not apply to any day the member is traveling. Reduced per diem rate establishment should incorporate an amount for clothes laundry/dry cleaning/pressing if the travel is OCONUS or for less than 7 days in CONUS.

**NOTE:** *As an exception, USCG members assigned to detached duty at USCG Stations (small), USCG Search and Rescue Detachments, USCG Air Facilities, USCG Auxiliary Operated Stations, and OPBAT Sites may be paid 75%*

*of the reduced M&IE (if any) prescribed for the site.*

**U4178 RETURN TO PDS DIRECTED DURING NON-WORKDAYS**

A. General. When the TDY assignment does not require a traveler to remain at the TDY location on non-workdays (including holidays), the AO may require a traveler to return to the PDS for non-workdays provided the conditions below are met.

B. Conditions. The following conditions must be met for an AO to require a traveler to return to the PDS for non-workdays:

1. The expense for roundtrip transportation and per diem allowance/AEA en route is less than the per diem allowance/AEA that would have been paid if the traveler remained at the TDY location,
2. The last workday at the TDY location, before returning to the PDS, is not adversely affected,
3. The first workday at the TDY location, after returning from the PDS, is not adversely affected, and
4. The travel order states the traveler must return to the PDS for non-workdays.

**U4179 PER DIEM RATE REVIEW**

A. General. When a member, command or AO thinks that the lodging and/or meal expenses for an area are inconsistent with the prescribed per diem rate, a letter identifying the location and nature of the problem should be sent to the appropriate activity listed in par. U4179-B via (1) the appropriate command channels and (2) via the applicable department/office listed below:

1. Army. Army Military Advisory Panel Member, HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Attn: DAPE-PRC, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300.
2. Navy. Navy Military Advisory Panel Member, Chief of Naval Operations (N130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472.
3. Marine Corps. Marine Corps Military Advisory Panel Member, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.
4. Air Force. Air Force Military Advisory Panel Member, HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Rd, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604.
5. Coast Guard. Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801.
6. NOAA Corps. Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333.
7. U.S. Public Health Service. Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.
8. Office of the SECDEF and other DoD COMPONENTS. Directly to the - Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, ATTN: Allowances Branch, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01, Alexandria, VA 22350-9000. FAX: (571) 372-1301.

***NOTE: See Ch 4, Part C for one time necessary expenses in excess of the prescribed per diem rate.***

B. **Final Submission Process.** The Service determines the survey request is valid (depending on the location in question along with other factors) and then may submit the request to:

<u>CONUS Locations</u>	<u>Non-Foreign OCONUS Locations</u>	<u>Foreign OCONUS Locations</u>
<p><b>General Services Administration</b> Office of Governmentwide Policy Office of Travel, Transportation, and Asset Management ATTN: Jill Denning 1 Constitution Square, 6th floor (685C) 1275 First Street NE Washington, DC 20417-0001 <a href="mailto:jill.denning@gsa.gov">jill.denning@gsa.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Defense Travel Management Office</b> ATTN: SPP/Allowances Branch 4800 Mark Center Drive Suite 04J25-01 Alexandria, VA 22350-9000 FAX: (571) 372-1301</p>	<p><b>Department of State</b> Director of Allowances State Annex 1, Room L314 Washington, DC 20522-0103</p>

**U4181 PER DIEM AND AEA ON A SINGLE TRIP**

A member performing TDY at more than one location on a per diem and actual expense basis for a single trip is authorized the allowances prescribed in par. U4260-D.

**U4183 QUICK REFERENCE TABLES - PER DIEM**

*The following tables are for reference purposes only.* Ch 4, Part B for applicable rules. Pars. U4163 & U4800 when JTF operations are involved.

<b>Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours</b>						
<b>(1) Departure Day from PDS</b>						
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
	Arrived at the TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION - GOV'T QTRS available) on the same day as departed the PDS. The member elected not to occupy available directed GOV'T QTRS.	Traveled overnight – no lodging required.	Overnight lodging required at a stopover en route to the TDY location.	Arrived at the TDY location on the same day as departed from the PDS (per diem at a lesser amount than the TDY locality rate prescribed authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.)
<b>Per Diem for the Departure Day from the PDS<sup>5/</sup></b>	75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality <sup>1/</sup> , plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. <sup>2/, 4/</sup>	75% of TDY locality M&IE rate <sup>1/</sup> , plus the GOV'T QTRS cost <sup>11/</sup> .	75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate <sup>1/</sup> , plus the cost of lodging occupied NTE the available GOV'T QTRS cost <sup>11/</sup> . No lodging tax reimbursement.	75% of the M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) locality <sup>1/</sup> for the departure day.	75% of the M&IE rate for the en route stopover locality, plus the lodging cost NTE the stopover locality maximum lodging ceiling. <sup>2/, 4/</sup>	75 % of the TDY locality M&IE rate <sup>1/</sup> , plus lodging <sup>2/, 4/</sup> cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling.
<b>Footnotes After Table 4</b>						

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
(2) Whole Travel Days – CONUS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION).	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) – GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) at which a member elects not to occupy available directed GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality at which per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
<b>Per Diem for Whole Travel Days</b> <sup>5/</sup>	TDY locality M&IE (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals), plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. <sup>2/6/</sup>	M&IE, plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. <sup>11/</sup> M&IE may be at the TDY locality, or PMR plus \$5 IE if the AO specifies the PMR based on 1 or 2 deductible meals. <sup>1/6/</sup>	The CONUS TDY locality M&IE, plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling <sup>2/</sup> (unless the AO specifies the PMR plus \$5 IE when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided <sup>6/</sup> – par. U4165)	M&IE, plus the GOV'T QTRS cost <sup>11/</sup> . M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (2) Standard GMR <sup>8/</sup> plus \$5 IE, (3) PMR <sup>6/,9/,10/</sup> plus \$5 IE, or (4) \$5 IE only when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Pars. U4102-L, U4105-D & U4800 for field duty.	M&IE, plus the lodging cost NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost <sup>11/</sup> . Lodging tax is not reimbursable M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (2) Standard GMR <sup>8/</sup> plus \$5 IE, (3) PMR <sup>6/,9/,10/</sup> plus \$5 IE, or (4) \$5 IE only when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Pars. U4102-L, U4105-D & U4800 for field duty.	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177. <sup>7/</sup>
Footnotes After Table 4						

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
(3) Whole Travel Days – OCONUS						
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at the OCONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION)	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) at which a member elects not to occupy available directed GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality at which per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for the TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
<b>Per Diem for Whole Travel Days<sup>5/</sup></b>	The OCONUS TDY locality M&IE <sup>3/</sup> rate (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the lodging cost <sup>4/</sup> NTE the TDY locality lodging ceiling.	M&IE plus the GOV'T QTRS cost <sup>11/</sup> . (M&IE may be at the TDY locality rate, or PMR plus locality IE if the AO specifies the PMR and 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided. <sup>1/6/</sup> )	The OCONUS TDY locality M&IE <sup>3/</sup> rate plus the lodging cost <sup>4/</sup> NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. If the AO specifies the PMR when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided, the M&IE is PMR <sup>6/,9/,10/</sup> plus locality or \$3.50 IE <sup>6/</sup> – par. U4165-A.	M&IE plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality meal rate, (2) Standard GMR <sup>8/</sup> , (3) PMR <sup>6/,9/,10/</sup> , or (4) no meal amount when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Add the locality or \$3.50 IE <sup>3/</sup> . Pars. U4102-L, U4105-D & U4800 for field duty.	M&IE plus the lodging cost NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost <sup>4/11/</sup> . M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality meal rate, (2) Standard GMR <sup>8/</sup> , (3) PMR <sup>6/,9/,10/</sup> , or (4) no meal amount when the AO directs EUM (pars. U4163 & U4800) or 3 deductible meals. Add the locality or \$3.50 IE <sup>3/</sup> .	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177. <sup>7/</sup>
<b>Footnotes After Table 4</b>						

Quick Reference - Per Diem TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours					
(4) Day of Return to PDS					
	A	B	C	D	E
	Arrived at the PDS on same day as departed the TDY location.	Traveled overnight (no lodging required) & arrived at the PDS on the day after departing the TDY location.	On the departure day from the TDY location overnight lodging was required at a stopover en route to the PDS.	On the day travel ended lodging was required en route to the PDS.	Arrived at the PDS on the same day as departed the TDY location where per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
<b>Per Diem for the Return Day to the PDS</b> <sup>5/</sup>	75% of last TDY locality M&IE rate. <sup>1/</sup>	For the departure day from the TDY location, the TDY locality M&IE rate. For the arrival day at the PDS, 75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate. <sup>1/</sup>	For the departure day from the TDY location, M&IE, plus lodging <sup>2/, 4/</sup> cost NTE the stopover locality lodging ceiling. For the arrival day at the PDS, 75% of the stopover locality M&IE rate.	75% of the M&IE rate, plus the lodging cost based on the locality rate at which lodging was obtained if authorized/approved by the AO. See par. U4169.	75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate. <sup>1/</sup>

**Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> GMR/PMR, a reduced per diem rate IAW pars. U4105-I and U4177 and the \$3.50 IE rate do not apply on the departure day from, or return day to, the PDS, or any day the member is traveling. The PMR for deductible meals can apply on an interim travel day. **NOTE: As an exception, USCG members assigned to detached duty at USCG Stations (small), USCG Search and Rescue Detachments, USCG Air Facilities, USCG Auxiliary Operated Stations, and OPBAT Sites may be paid 75% of the reduced M&IE (if any) prescribed for the site.**

<sup>2</sup> Lodging tax is a separate reimbursable expense (APP G) in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area because lodging tax is not included in the applicable locality per diem lodging ceiling.

<sup>3</sup> For OCONUS travel the AO can determine that an IE of \$3.50, in lieu of the TDY locality IE, is adequate for anticipated expenses. Regardless of at what location the member is lodged, the OCONUS IE rate of \$3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the order for travel beginning on or after 1 July 2009.

<sup>4</sup> Lodging tax **is not** a separate reimbursable expense in a FOREIGN AREA because a lodging tax is included in the applicable FOREIGN AREA locality per diem lodging ceiling.

<sup>5</sup> (a) The cost incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to the PDS) for personal laundry/dry cleaning and pressing of clothing, up to an average of \$2/day, is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to per diem/AEA when travel **within CONUS** requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging **in CONUS** (i.e., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE \$14, 8 nights NTE \$16, etc.). There must be expense; this is not an automatic payment.

(b) The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry cleaning and pressing of clothing **is not** a reimbursable expense for **OCONUS** travel and is part of the IE included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for **OCONUS** travel.

<sup>6</sup> On any day that 3 deductible meals are provided without cost to the member, no meal reimbursement is allowed.

<sup>7</sup> When a reduced per diem rate is authorized in the traveler's order IAW par. U4105-I or U4177, the per diem authorized in the order applies beginning on the day after arrival at the TDY location and ends on the day before departing the TDY location.

<sup>8</sup> The GMR applies if the AO specifies the GMR based on available GOV'T dining facility/mess at the installation to which the member is TDY. See pars. U4149-B, U4151-B, and U4400.

<sup>9</sup> The PMR applies if the AO specifies PMR based on 1 or 2 GOV'T meals available in a GOV'T dining facility/mess at the installation to which the member is sent TDY. Pars. U4149-B, U4151-B, and U4400.

<sup>10</sup> The PMR applies if the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals. See par. U4165.

<sup>11</sup> Reimbursement for GOV'T QTRS cost is NTE the maximum locality lodging ceiling.

## PART K: POC TRAVEL

### U4910 TDY BY POC

A. Policy. Uniformed Service policy is to authorize/approve (as distinguished from permit) POC travel if acceptable to the member and to the GOV'T's advantage, based on the facts in each case.

B. Authorization/Approval. The AO should authorize/approve POC travel only if it is to the GOV'T's advantage when compared to travel by GOV'T conveyance or commercial carrier, and not solely for member's convenience. POC use may be to the GOV'T's advantage when, for example:

1. Its use is more efficient, or economical, or results in a more expeditiously accomplished mission;
2. There is no practicable commercial transportation; or
3. Common carrier use would be so time-consuming that it would delay the mission.

*POC use cannot be directed.*

C. Official Distances. See par. U2020.

D. PCS Travel by POC. See Ch 5, Parts B and C.

### U4912 GOV'T ADVANTAGE DETERMINATION

#### A. General

1. POC use is authorized when to the GOV'T's advantage.
2. POC use is to the GOV'T's advantage when the AO determines that common carrier, GOV'T contract rental automobile, or GOV'T-furnished transportation is not available or its use is not to the GOV'T's advantage.
3. POC use authority (see APP A) is ordinarily made in advance of travel.

B. Considerations. Only the following elements may be considered when determining if POC use is to the GOV'T's advantage:

1. Mission requirements including transportation of baggage, tools, or equipment;
2. Availability of other transportation and the effect on productive time;
3. Duty locality in relation to traffic conditions, routing, and weather;
4. TDY location in relation to the lodging and meal facilities location(s) and transportation availability, other than POC, between these points;
5. Overall cost advantage when there are accompanying passengers under official travel orders in the same POC; and
6. The productive time lost for the additional travel time.

**Example:** The purpose of a TDY is to pack up and move material/files/etc., from the TDY location to the PDS. To accomplish this, the traveler must drive to move the material. It does not matter if the plane ticket is less expensive than driving since the purpose of the trip is to move the material. To accomplish the mission the traveler must drive and POC is therefore advantageous.

**U4915 POC USE ON TDY TO THE GOV'T'S ADVANTAGE**

***NOTE: PDTATAC has determined that POC (automobile or motorcycle only) use on TDY is to the GOV'T's advantage for TDY to locations within 800 miles (round-trip) of the PDS as determined from DTOD (for DoD) and from appropriate distance sources for the non-DoD Services. There is no requirement for any cost comparison. A command may authorize POC (automobile or motorcycle only) use for TDY travel of 800 miles or less round-trip (400 miles one-way) at its discretion.***

A. TDY Mileage Plus Per Diem or AEA. Reimbursement of parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge, and tunnel tolls is authorized for POC travel over the most direct route between the official stations involved. The member also is authorized per diem or AEA, whichever applies, as in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable travel time as computed under par. U3005-C. See par. U3335 for non-reimbursable expenses when a member is paid TDY mileage.

1. Member Responsible for Paying POC Operating Expenses. The member responsible for paying the POC operating expenses (i.e., the cost or cost portion directly associated with POC use for official travel) is authorized TDY mileage for the ordered official travel distance at a rate per mile for the POC type used. See par. U2600 for applicable TDY mileage rates.

2. Passengers Not Responsible for Paying POC Operating Expenses. A passenger in a POC, not responsible for paying the POC operating expenses, is not authorized TDY mileage. The passenger is authorized per diem or AEA, whichever applies, as in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable official travel time computed under par. U3005-C.

3. Extra Mileage to Transport Passengers. When two or more official travelers travel in the same POC to the TDY location, the official traveler responsible for paying the POC operating expenses is authorized reimbursement for any additional distance involved if the passenger(s) is/are picked up/dropped off at home. The extra distance is based on odometer readings (or other acceptable evidence) of the actual necessary extra distance traveled.

B. Reimbursement for Actual Transportation Costs. A member ordinarily is paid TDY mileage as in par. U3305-A. However, instead of paying TDY mileage, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for actual transportation costs when requested by the member and to the GOV'T's advantage and POC use with reimbursement on a mileage basis would result in a financial hardship for the member (B-185733, 1 September 1976). ***When actual transportation cost reimbursement is authorized, the authorization/order should reference par. U3305-B.*** Reimbursement of actual expenses must be limited to the following for the POC type used. Privately-owned:

1. Automobile or motorcycle: fuel; oil; parking; ferry fares; road, bridge, and tunnel tolls; winter plug-ins; and 'trip insurance' for travel in foreign countries. See APP G.

2. Aircraft: fuel, oil, parking fees, tie-down fees and hangar fees;

3. Boat: fuel, oil, and docking fees.

***Expenses incurred for hire or subsistence of operators or periodic maintenance, regardless of cause, must not be reimbursed.***

***NOTE: Charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses are not reimbursable expenses ICW using a POC on official travel. However, a traveler may be eligible to submit a claim for repairs to a POC used for official travel, using Service procedures and DoDI 1340.21, Procedures for Settling Personnel and General Claims and Processing Advance Decision Requests.***

C. Privately-owned Aircraft other than an Airplane. When a privately owned aircraft other than an airplane (e.g., helicopter) is used, the actual operation cost rather than TDY mileage is paid. The following expenses may be reimbursed: fuel; oil; and aircraft parking, landing, and tie-down fees. The following are not reimbursable expenses: charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil change, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses.

D. Travel by Privately Owned Boat. A member who uses a privately owned boat, authorized as being to the GOV'T's advantage, as a POC is authorized actual expense reimbursement. ***A mileage allowance must not be paid.*** These expenses include fuel, oil and docking fees. The member is also authorized per diem or AEA, whichever applies, as in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable travel time as computed under par. U3005-C.

E. Mixed Mode Transportation. If a member travels partly by POC and partly by common carrier at personal expense for a leg of a journey, the member is authorized the appropriate TDY mileage, plus per diem from par. U3305-A, for the distance traveled by POC, plus the cost of transportation purchased with personal funds and per diem under Ch 4, Part B, for actual travel. The total amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount of TDY mileage plus per diem from par. U3305-A (based on the rate for the POC used for a portion of the travel) for the official distance of the ordered travel. The AO may authorize/approve actual travel cost (mileage plus per diem from par. U3305-A for the official POC-traveled distance, plus the cost of transportation purchased from personal funds and per diem under Ch 4, Part B) of the ordered travel when justified in documented unusual circumstances.

#### U4920 POC USE ON TDY NOT TO THE GOV'T'S ADVANTAGE

##### A. Limitation

1. When, for personal preference, a POC is used instead of common carrier transportation for official travel, travel reimbursement is computed at the TDY mileage rate in par. U2600 plus per diem for the travel time authorized in par. U3005-A for commercial transportation. ***NOTE: If a member uses a privately owned aircraft other than airplane or uses a privately owned boat, reimburse the actual transportation costs as described in par. U3305-C or U3305-D, instead of paying TDY mileage and the reimbursable expenses cited in pars. U3310-B1 and U3310-B2 below.***
2. The total allowable payment is limited to the total constructed cost of common carrier transportation including constructed per diem for that transportation method.
3. Par. U3310 does not apply to travel performed under par. U3345 (B-183480, 4 September 1975).

##### B. TDY Mileage and Per Diem Computation

1. The TDY mileage allowance is computed for the DTOD distance between authorized points.
2. Ferry fares; bridge, road, and tunnel tolls; and vehicle parking fees (related to official business) are added to the amount in par. U3310-B1.
3. The per diem rate authorized in the travel authorization/order is used for computing per diem.

##### C. Constructed Transportation Cost and Per Diem Computation

1. The GOV'T's constructed transportation cost is computed on fares or charges for the POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) (often contract city-pair airfare, par. U3310-B).
2. Air transportation constructed cost includes any taxes or fees the GOV'T would pay if GOV'T-procured transportation had been provided.
3. Taxi fares and excess baggage costs that would have been allowed are included.
4. The constructed POC transportation cost includes transportation expenses for:
  - a. The member claiming mileage, and
  - b. A person performing official travel as a passenger (uniformed member and/or civilian employee only) in the same conveyance.

5. If the PDS has multiple airports see APP P, Part 2, par. E1.

D. Comparison. Computed POC TDY mileage and per diem are compared with the total constructed travel cost including per diem by common carrier. Reimbursement is made for the lesser amount.

E. Passengers

1. Passengers, accompanying the member claiming mileage, are not authorized TDY mileage.
2. Per diem for eligible passengers is computed by comparing the total per diem payable for the:
  - a. Travel performed, and
  - b. Appropriate common carrier constructed travel.

The lesser amount is reimbursed.

F. Mixed Mode Transportation

1. If the member is not authorized to travel by POC as being to the GOV'T's advantage and travels partly by:
  - a. POC for personal convenience, and
  - b. Common carrier at personal expense,the member is authorized:
  - c. Appropriate TDY mileage plus per diem under par. U3305-A for the distance traveled by POC, plus
  - d. Transportation cost purchased with personal funds and per diem under Ch 4, Part B, for actual travel.
2. The total amount is limited to the cost had GOV'T-procured transportation been used, plus per diem under Ch 4, Part B, for constructed travel time for the official distance of the ordered travel.

#### U4925 POC USE TO AND FROM TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL OR PDS

***NOTE 1:*** A member performing TDY as an aircrew member, Armed Forces courier, or any other member whose primary duty makes the air terminal a regular duty place may not be reimbursed for POC operating expenses to and/or from the air terminal. See par. U2200.

***NOTE 2:*** If a member of the traveler's family drives, it is presumed that the traveler incurs the expense.

A. Round-trip Expenses Incurred for Drop-off and/or Pick-up at a Transportation Terminal. When a POC is driven round trip to drop-off and/or pick-up an official traveler at a transportation terminal, the official traveler paying POC operating expenses is:

1. Paid TDY mileage for the round-trip(s) distance, and
2. Reimbursed parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge and/or tunnel tolls

B. Expenses Incurred for Two One-way Trips to and from a Transportation Terminal. When a POC is used for one-way travel from a residence or duty station to a transportation terminal to begin a TDY trip and then from the terminal to a residence/PDS when the TDY is completed, the member responsible for incurring the POC operating expenses is:

1. Paid TDY mileage and

2. Reimbursed for parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge, and tunnel tolls for the most direct route.

***NOTE: Transportation terminal parking fees while TDY may be reimbursed NTE the cost of two one-way taxicab fares, including allowable tips. In extenuating circumstances (for example, when a short TDY is unexpectedly extended after departure), the AO may waive this cost limitation.***

C. Departure from PDS on TDY. When a POC is driven from a TDY traveler's residence to the PDS on the TDY traveler's departure day from the PDS on a TDY trip requiring at least one night's lodging, and from the PDS to the residence on the TDY traveler's return day, the TDY traveler who incurs the POC operating expenses is:

1. Paid TDY mileage, and
2. Reimbursed for parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge, and tunnel tolls for the most direct route from and to the residence.

D. Another Official Traveler Transported in the Same POC

1. When a TDY traveler transports another official TDY traveler to and/or from the same transportation terminal, TDY mileage is authorized for the additional distance involved.
2. Only one TDY traveler (usually the driver) who incurs the expense is paid the TDY mileage for the trip.
3. ***Terminal parking fees while TDY may be reimbursed to the official traveler who incurs the fees NTE the cost of two one-way taxicab fares, including allowable tips.***

#### **U4930 POC USE BETWEEN RESIDENCE AND TDY STATION**

When POC use is authorized/approved as being to the GOV'T's advantage for travel between the member's residence and a TDY station, instead of having the member report to the PDS and then to the TDY station, the member is authorized reimbursement for the distance traveled between the residence and the TDY station.

#### **\*U4935 TDY MILEAGE EXPENSES**

A. Reimbursable Expenses. See APP G.

\*B. Non-Reimbursable Expenses. A traveler who is paid TDY mileage may not be reimbursed for fuel, oil, winter plug-ins, and trip insurance for travel in foreign countries.

C. POC Repairs

1. Charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses are not ordinarily reimbursable expenses ICW using a POC on official travel.
2. A traveler may be eligible to submit a claim for repairs to a POC used for official travel, using Service procedures, under the Personnel Claims Act ([31 USC §3721](#)).

#### **U4940 POC USE IN AND AROUND PDS OR TDY STATION**

For allowances when a POC is used within or around a PDS and TDY station, see Ch 3, Part F.

#### **U4945 POC USE INSTEAD OF GOV**

A. General. TDY mileage reimbursement for POC use is based on the cost incurred if a GOV could have been used. In addition to TDY mileage reimbursement (see par. U2600 for current rates) for the official distance, the member is authorized reimbursement for expenses authorized under par. U3305-A1 that would have been incurred if

a GOV had been used.

B. TDY Mileage Reimbursement Rates. The POC TDY mileage reimbursement rate (except an airplane) is determined using the DTOD distance (see par. U2020), and the appropriate TDY mileage rate in par. U2600.

C. GOV Use Is to the GOV'T's Advantage. When GOV use is to the GOV'T's advantage but the GOV'T authorizes, and the member uses, a POC instead of using a GOV, the rate in par. U2600 applies.

D. GOV Use Directed

1. GOV Makes the Trip. *When a member is directed to use a GOV as a passenger or as a driver, with one or more other travelers, but the member uses a POC for TDY travel, the member is not authorized any reimbursement if the GOV made the trip without the member.*

2. Traveler Authorized to Use a POC. If, under par. U3345-D1 circumstances, the GOV is used by some of the travelers but the AO authorizes a traveler to use a POC as a matter of personal preference, that traveler is authorized reimbursement at the par. U2600 rate for POC use when GOV use is to the GOV'T's advantage (62 Comp. Gen. 321 (1983)).

3. GOV Does Not Make the Trip. When a member is directed to use a GOV, one is available, the member uses a POC for TDY travel, and the other travelers do not use the GOV for the same trip, TDY mileage reimbursement is at the par. U2600 rate for POC use when GOV use is to the GOV'T's advantage.

## SECTION 1: POV TRANSPORTATION

### U5400 GENERAL

- A. This Section prescribes POV transportation and associated allowances, including those for travel to and from designated POV loading/unloading ports/VPCs.
- B. *These allowances are discretionary.*
- C. POV transportation is authorized unless restricted by the AO or Service PCS order regulations.
- D. Other Requirements. Other requirements related to transporting a POV, are at the [SDDC website](#), and [Transportation Regulation-Part IV, "Shipping your POV"](#).

### U5405 ELIGIBILITY

- A. Initial Authority. A POV (APP A1) may be authorized by a PCS order to be transported for the member's or dependents' personal use when:
1. Ordered to make a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs;
  2. A change in a ship's home port is authorized; or
  3. Any of the conditions in par. U5415, or the conditions in par. U5417, are met dealing with CONUS to CONUS transportation of a POV.

**\*NOTE 1:** *An order authorizing a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs may authorize POV shipment even though the POV can be driven between the PDSs involved (e.g., a member PCSing from Germany to Italy may be authorized shipment of a POV).*

**\*NOTE 2:** *Under par. U5405-A1, a member may be authorized transportation of a POV when PCSing from a CONUS PDS to an OCONUS PDS, between two OCONUS PDSs, or from an OCONUS PDS to a CONUS PDS. There is no authority to transport a member's POV from a CONUS location (e.g., at which the member left the POV while stationed overseas) to the new CONUS PDS, unless that POV was being stored at GOV'T expense because it could not be transported to the OCONUS PDS IAW JFTR, par. U5466.*

- B. Related Shipment/Transportation. Once the POV transportation has been authorized, the related POV shipment/transportation is authorized to/from the appropriate port/VPC.

### U5410 TRANSPORTATION

#### A. Transportation Permitted

1. From Old to New PDS. When POV transportation is authorized, one POV NTE 20 measurement tons may be transported from the POV port/VPC serving the old PDS or a POV port/VPC serving the passenger POD or any POV port/VPC in between the old and new PDS to the:
  - a. POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS;
  - b. POV unloading port/VPC serving another authorized place (pars. U5410-B, U5455-A and B);
  - c. New PDS if authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process for those locations requiring approval; or
  - d. POV port/VPC serving the passenger POD or any POV port/VPC in between the old and new PDS.
2. To First PDS. For POV transportation to the first PDS, or to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the first

PDS, the "old PDS" is the HOR or PLEAD of the member.

3. Upon Separation/Retirement. For POV transportation upon separation or retirement, the "new PDS" is the member's HOR/PLEAD, or authorized HOS under par. U5130-A1.
4. For Member Married to Member Couples. See par. U5420-D for combining POV shipping weight limits when husband and wife are members.
5. Restrictions. POV transportation must be denied when restricted, suspended, or prohibited (par. U5420-B).

B. POV Transportation when Transportation to the New PDS Not Permitted

**NOTE:** *Storage when POV transportation is not authorized to a foreign OCONUS PDS, Ch 5, Part E2.*

1. General. A member:

a. Who is not permitted transportation of a POV when ordered on a PCS to an OCONUS PDS because

1. POV transportation is not permitted to the new PDS;
2. The member serves a dependent restricted or unaccompanied tour and elects not to have a POV transported to the new PDS; or
3. The member elects not to have a POV transported to the new PDS when concurrent travel of dependents has been denied and dependents have moved to a DESIGNATED PLACE (par. U5222-C3a);

b. Is permitted transportation of one POV, intended for the member's or dependents' use, from the designated POV loading port/VPC ordinarily serving the old PDS to the designated POV unloading port/VPC ordinarily serving:

1. Any place in CONUS the member designates, if the old PDS is OCONUS;
2. Alaska, Hawai'i, Puerto Rico, or any U.S. territory or possession, to which dependent transportation is authorized under Part C; or
3. Any OCONUS location to which dependent transportation is authorized under par. U5222-D1c; or
4. *POV transportation to locations justified under par. U5222-D1d must be authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process.*

2. Subsequent Transportation. A member:

a. Serving a dependent restricted or unaccompanied tour at a PDS may, upon receipt of command sponsorship of dependents at the PDS, be authorized transportation of a POV from the POV loading port/VPC serving the DESIGNATED PLACE to which dependents were previously moved to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the member's PDS.

b. Ordered on a PCS to a PDS to which POV transportation is permitted, or to which dependent transportation is authorized, may be authorized transportation of a POV from the POV loading port/VPC serving the place to which a POV was shipped under par. U5410-B1, to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the place to which the member is authorized to travel under a PCS order. **NOTE:** *There is no authority for CONUS to CONUS POV transportation except as specifically authorized in par. U5415 or U5417, or ICW authorized POV storage in Ch 5, Part E2.*

**Part E: POV Transportation & Storage/Section 1: POV Transportation**

C. Replacement POV Transportation. When a POV, transported to an OCONUS area at GOV'T expense, is no longer adequate for transportation needs, the Secretarial Process may permit transportation of a replacement POV. Such replacement may be permitted only if the:

1. POV being replaced has deteriorated due to severe climatic conditions or was lost through fire, theft, or similar cases; or
2. Member is serving consecutive OCONUS tours of duty and the POV being replaced has worn out due to age and normal deterioration ([B-212338, 27 December 1983](#)). A member may transport only one replacement POV during any 4-year period when the POV being transported replaces one that is worn out due to age and normal determination.

D. Reimbursement of Rental Vehicle Cost when a POV Arrives Late. *This applies to PCS transportation.* If the POV of a member or member's dependents, transported at GOV'T expense for the member's and/or dependent's use, does not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, the Secretary Concerned must have the member reimbursed for expenses incurred to rent a motor vehicle for the member's and/or those dependents' use. Reimbursement, by law, may not exceed \$30/day beginning the day a member first rents a motor vehicle after the designated required delivery date and runs for 7 days or until the date the member's POV is available for delivery to the member, whichever occurs first. ***NOTE: A POV has not arrived at the authorized destination if it is not made available for delivery to the member on or before the required deliver date. The maximum reimbursement is \$210.***

EXAMPLES	
Required Delivery Date:	26 June
Member arrives at destination:	3 June
Member rents a vehicle:	3 June
Member receives notice POV arrived & ready for P/U:	22 June
<b>Maximum Reimbursement Amount Authorized:</b>	<b>\$00</b>
Required Delivery Date:	14 June
Member arrives at destination:	3 June
Member rents a vehicle:	15 June to 25 June
Member receives notice POV arrived & ready for P/U:	22 June
<b>Maximum Reimbursement Amount Authorized:</b>	<b>\$210</b>
(15 to 21 June – 7 days @ \$30/day = \$210.00)	
Required Delivery Date:	2 June
Member arrives at destination:	21 May
Member rents a vehicle on:	5 June & 6 June
	11 June to 14 June
	28 June
Member is notified vehicle is ready for P/U:	29 June
<b>Member Reimbursement Amount Authorized:</b>	<b>\$210</b>
(7 days vehicle rental @ \$30/day = \$210)	
Required Delivery Date:	30 January
Member arrives at destination:	1 January
Member rents a car:	2 January

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Member is notified vehicle is ready for P/U:	1 February
<b>Maximum Reimbursement Amount Authorized:</b>	<b>\$60</b>
(30 & 31 Jan – 2 days @ \$30/day = \$60)	
(Authority does not start until after the RDD.)	

**U5413 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR POV DELIVERY AND/OR PICK-UP**

A. General. An eligible member, authorized POV transportation ICW a PCS, is authorized reimbursement for the POV delivery to a designated POV loading port/VPC and pick-up from a designated POV unloading port/VPC. The Service concerned designates the ports, using par. U5435. No authority exists under par. U5413-A when POV transportation to the new PDS is not permitted (par. U5410-B). For POV transportation to the first PDS, or to the port/VPC serving the first PDS, the "old PDS" is the HOR or PLEAD of the member. For POV transportation upon separation or retirement, the "new PDS" is the HOR or PLEAD, or the member's authorized HOS under par. U5130-A1. If dependents do not travel to/from the new/old PDS when delivering/picking-up a POV, pars. U5201-A, U5215, U5218 and U5222 for authorized PCS allowances.

B. POV Delivery/Pick-up Separate from PCS Travel. When POV delivery/pick-up is separate from PCS travel, an eligible member is authorized round-trip transportation payment at the automobile mileage rate (par. U2600) from the:

1. Old PDS to the designated POV loading port/VPC; and
2. Designated POV unloading port/VPC to the new PDS.

Travel time, computed under par. U5160, is allowed for the round trips to deliver and pick-up a POV under par. U5413-B.

C. Concurrent POV Delivery Accomplished with Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Involved

1. Delivery - Travel to Passenger Port via POV Loading Port/VPC. An eligible member and/or dependent(s) who travels via the POV loading port/VPC is authorized:

- a. PCS allowances for direct travel from the old PDS to the designated POV loading port/VPC; and
- b. Reimbursement for transportation (pars. U3320, U3410, U3420 and U5105-C) from the POV loading port/VPC to the passenger port.

2. Delivery - Travel to POV Loading Port/VPC via Passenger Port. An eligible member, who travels from the old PDS to the passenger port to drop off dependents, then to the designated POV loading port/VPC, and then returns to the passenger port, is paid PCS allowances from the:

- a. Old PDS to the passenger port for self and dependents; and
- b. Passenger port to the designated POV loading port/VPC for self.

*Reimbursement for travel back to the passenger port is not authorized.*

D. POV Pick-up Accomplished as Part of Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Involved. An eligible member and/or dependent(s) who travels via the vehicle port/VPC is authorized PCS allowances for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated POV unloading port/VPC and then to the new PDS.

E. POV Delivery or Pick-up from a Designated POV Port/VPC Accomplished as part of TDY En Route

1. POV Delivery to POV Port/VPC ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member, who delivers a POV to a designated POV port/VPC ICW PCS travel with TDY en route, is authorized:

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- a. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY station(s) en route plus a per diem (par. U5105-B2);
- b. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the TDY station to the designated POV port/VPC plus per diem (par. U5105-B2); and
- c. PCS allowances for direct travel from the designated POV port/VPC to the passenger port.

***NOTE:*** When a dependent accompanies the member and/or delivers the POV to the designated POV port/VPC, the travel and transportation allowances for the dependent are computed using par. U5220. If a dependent delivers the POV to the designated POV port/VPC without traveling to the TDY en route location, par. U5413-C has dependent travel and transportation allowances.

2. POV Pick-up from POV Port/VPC ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member, who picks up a POV from a designated POV port/VPC ICW PCS travel to an en route TDY station, is authorized:

- a. PCS allowances for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated POV port/VPC;
- b. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the designated POV port/VPC to the TDY station; plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. U5105-B2; and
- c. MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B for the official distance from the TDY station en route to the new PDS plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. U5105-B2.

***NOTE:*** When a dependent accompanies the member and/or picks up a POV from the designated POV port/VPC, the travel and transportation allowances for the dependent is computed using par. U5220. If a dependent picks up the POV from the designated POV port/VPC without traveling to the TDY en route location, par. U5413-D has dependent travel and transportation allowances.

**U5414 POV TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM AN OCONUS PDS**

A. Transportation of a POV from Old to New PDS Incident to a Unit Move Involving an OCONUS PDS. An eligible member of a unit ordered on PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs, may be provided transportation of a POV from the unit's old PDS to the designated POV VPC/loading port, and from the designated POV VPC/unloading port to the new PDS.

B. Transportation of a POV between OCONUS Port/VPC and OCONUS PDS. An eligible member ordered on a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs, may be provided transportation of a POV between the OCONUS PDS and the OCONUS port/VPC when the Secretarial Process authorizes/approves such transportation based on a determination that:

1. A travel hazard exists between the port/VPC and PDS;
2. The member is physically unable to drive between the port/VPC and PDS; or
3. The conditions of the member's order or assignment are such that it is prudent for overland transportation to be provided.

**Example 1:** The member is assigned to a sensitive position at a new OCONUS PDS. The POV is at the unloading port/VPC. It is determined prudent to have the POV transported to the PDS.

**Example 2:** The member is assigned to an OCONUS country. That country's GOV'T requires the member to remain inside the country. The member cannot travel to the unloading port/VPC in another country to pick up the POV. Transportation to the PDS is authorized.

**U5415 POV TRANSPORTATION WITHIN CONUS INCIDENT TO A PCS WHEN THE MEMBER IS UNABLE TO DRIVE THE VEHICLE**

An eligible member ordered on a PCS between CONUS PDSs may be authorized/approved transportation of one POV from the old CONUS PDS to new CONUS PDS when:

1. The member is physically unable to drive, or
2. There is insufficient time (par. U5160) for the member to drive and report to the new PDS as ordered.

***NOTE: A dependent's inability to drive does not satisfy this criterion.***

**U5417 TRANSPORTATION OF A POV WITHIN CONUS INCIDENT TO A PCS****A. General**

1. An eligible member, who has dependents who are also relocating incident to the PCS, ordered on a PCS between CONUS PDSs, may have POV transportation authorized for one POV from the old CONUS PDS to the new CONUS PDS provided that the:

- a. Member and/or eligible dependent(s) possess more than one POV to be relocated to the new PDS;
- b. Member and dependents then travel at one time in one POC;
- c. GOV'T's transportation cost for the POV to be shipped does not exceed the remainder of the 'MALT Plus' for driving two POCs to the new PDS (see example, par. U5417-D); and
- d. Member is financially responsible for all excess costs/additional expenses associated with POV transportation. ***NOTE: If the POV transportation cost exceeds the reimbursement limitation (par. U5417-D) the member is financially responsible for the cost difference to enable the POV to be transported.***

2. MALT and cost reimbursement are separately authorized for driving the second vehicle.

**B. Member Possesses More than Two Vehicles.** Reimbursement for driving a third (or subsequent) vehicle (when already driving a vehicle and transporting a vehicle):

1. Requires authorization/approval, if determined to be appropriate, to drive the third (or subsequent) vehicle, and
2. Must go through the Secretarial Process IAW JFTR, (par. U5015-B).

**C. Restrictions**

1. A member must not be authorized POV transportation at GOV'T expense if the member has:
  - a. No dependents,
  - b. No dependents *eligible* for transportation at GOV'T expense, or
  - c. No dependents being relocated incident to the PCS.
2. A member who is authorized POV transportation is not authorized commercial travel at GOV'T expense for the member and/or dependents ICW the PCS.
3. The member must personally procure all POV transportation. ***GOV'T procured transportation is not***

authorized.

4. Payment of TDY mileage or MALT is not authorized to drop off/pick up the POV ICW transportation.

5. POV storage at GOV'T expense is *not authorized* in lieu of POV transportation in par. U5417.

D. Cost Reimbursement Example. The example below is based on a member, spouse, and two dependents (both age 12 or older) traveling across CONUS. The cost to transport a POV (for illustration purposes only) = \$1,500.

**NOTE:** Of the various computation possibilities, the Services chose the following comparisons to use.

1. Step 1. Construct the cost for the member, spouse, and 2 children to perform concurrent travel in one POC.

<b>Step 1</b>				
<b>Member, Spouse, and 2 Children, Perform Concurrent Travel in One POC</b>				
	<u>Per Diem</u>		<u>MALT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Member	\$123/day x 8 days (\$984)	+	2,665 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.60)=	\$1,623.60
Spouse	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) = (75% of the member's per diem)			\$ 738.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) = (75% of the member's per diem)			\$ 738.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) = (75% of the member's per diem)			\$ 738.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,837.60</b>

2. Step 2. Construct the cost for the member, spouse, and 2 children to perform non-concurrent (not traveling on the same route at the same time) travel in two POCs.

<b>Step 2</b>				
<b>Member, and Spouse with 2 Children, Perform Non-Concurrent Travel in Two POCs</b>				
	<u>Per Diem</u>		<u>MALT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Member	\$123/day x 8 days = \$984	+	2,665 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.60) =	\$1,623.60
Spouse	\$123/day x 8 days = \$984	+	2,665 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.60) =	\$1,623.60
1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) =			\$ 738.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) =			\$ 738.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,723.20</b>

3. Step 3. Determine the funds available to the member to transport one POC while the entire family travels as a unit in the other POC.

<b>Step 3</b>	
<b>Reimbursement Limitation to Drive One POC and Transport One POV</b>	
Based on the above steps the funds available to the member for transporting one POV are limited to the cost of the member and spouse with 2 children performing non-concurrent travel in 2 POCs (\$4,723.20) <b>minus</b> the cost of the member, spouse and 2 children, performing concurrent travel in 1 POC (\$3,837.60).	
MALT and cost reimbursement for driving the second vehicle are separately authorized per par. U5417-A2.	
1. Cost to transport POV = (The \$1,500 amount shown is for illustration purposes only.)	\$1,500.00
2. Reimbursement limitation is \$4,723.20 (Step 2) - \$3,837.60 (Step 1) =	\$ 885.60
3. Total out of pocket expense for the member to 'drive one & ship one' is \$1,500 - \$885.60 =	<b>\$ 614.40</b>

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E. Cost Reimbursement Example. The example below is based on a member married to member couple, and two other dependents (both age 12 or older) traveling across CONUS. The cost to transport a POV (for illustration purposes only) = \$1,500.

1. Step 1. Construct the cost for the 2 members and 2 children to perform concurrent travel in one POC.

<b>Step 1</b>				
<b>Member, Member, and 2 Children, Perform Concurrent Travel in One POC</b>				
(See par. U5105-B)				
	<u>Per Diem</u>		<u>MALT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Member 1	\$123/day x 8 days (\$984)	+	2,665 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.60) =	\$1,623.60
Member 2	\$123/day x 8 days (\$984)			\$ 984.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Child 75% of Mbr 1 Per Diem	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) =			\$ 738.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child 75% of Mbr 2 Per Diem	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) =			\$ 738.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 4,083.60</b>

2. Step 2. Construct the cost for the 2 members and 2 children to perform non-concurrent (not traveling on the same route at the same time) travel in two POCs.

<b>Step 2</b>				
<b>Member, and Spouse with 2 Children, Perform Non-Concurrent Travel in Two POCs</b>				
	<u>Per Diem</u>		<u>MALT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Member 1	\$123/day x 8 days = \$984	+	2,665 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.60) =	\$1,623.60
Member 2	\$123/day x 8 days = \$984	+	2,665 miles x \$.24/mile (\$639.60) =	\$1,623.60
1 <sup>st</sup> Child 75% of Mbr 1 Per Diem	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) =			738.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child 75% of Mbr 2 Per Diem	\$92.25/day x 8 days (\$738) =			\$ 738.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,723.20</b>

3. Step 3. Determine the funds available to the member to transport one POC while the entire family travels as a unit in the other POC.

<b>Step 3</b>	
<b>Reimbursement Limitation to Drive One POC and Transport One POC</b>	
Based on the above steps the funds available for transporting one POV are limited to the cost of 1 member traveling with 1 child and 1 member traveling with 1 child performing non-concurrent travel in 2 POCs (\$4,723.20) <b>minus</b> the cost of both members and 2 children, performing concurrent travel in 1 POC (\$4,083.60).	
MALT and cost reimbursement for driving the second vehicle are separately authorized per par. U5417-A2.	
1. Cost to transport POV = ( <b>The \$1,500 amount shown is for illustration purposes only.</b> )	\$1,500.00
2. Reimbursement limitation is \$4,723.20 (Step 2) - \$4,083.60 (Step 1) =	<u>\$639.60</u>
3. Total out of pocket expense for the member to 'drive one & ship one' is \$1,500-\$639.60 =	<b>\$860.40</b>

**U5420 TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS****A. POV Purchased in a Non-foreign OCONUS Area**

1. A POV purchased in a non-foreign OCONUS area by a member not permanently assigned there at the time of the purchase, may not be transported at GOV'T expense during the first PCS following purchase of the POV, except if the POV is used by the member/dependent for transportation at the member's OCONUS PDS.

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2. Par. U5420-A1 does not apply to alternate port transportation authorized by the Secretary Concerned.

B. Restriction, Prohibition, or Suspension to a Member's OCONUS PDS. Transportation of POVs to an OCONUS area may be restricted, prohibited or suspended when:

1. Determined to be necessary by the Service concerned;
2. Determined to be necessary for reasons of national interest by the Secretary Concerned or higher authority;  
or
3. Directed by that country's government.

C. Vehicle Size

1. A member who desires to transport a POV that exceeds 20 measurement tons must sign an agreement to pay the excess transportation costs (par. U1010-B9) unless the Secretarial Process has authorized/approved this transportation because an oversized POV is required by the member/dependent(s) for medical reasons.
2. Excess cost collection is IAW Service regulations.
3. Pars. U5420-C1 and U5420-C2 do not apply to travel aboard car ferries.

D. Combining POV Weight Limitations when Husband and Wife Are Members

1. The 20 measurement tons limitation contained in par. U5420-C may be combined to transport one larger POV at GOV'T expense in lieu of transporting two POVs for an eligible member married to member couple during the transfer of both members, each under a PCS order.
2. Payment for transporting the vehicle may not exceed the total cost the GOV'T would have incurred if each member had transported a vehicle of 20 measurement tons through the designated POV loading port/VPC.

**U5425 TRANSPORTATION METHODS**

***NOTE: ICW transportation of a POV within CONUS, when advantageous and cost effective to the GOV'T, the member is responsible for making all arrangements (par. U5417).***

A. GOV'T/Commercial Transportation. Transportation of a POV may be by GOV'T/commercial means as authorized by law. A member traveling with the vehicle via ferry is covered in par. U5116-C3.

***NOTE: Transportation of a POV by air is not authorized at GOV'T expense (54 Comp. Gen. 756 (1975)).***

B. Personally Procured Transportation. An eligible member, who has not transported a POV at GOV'T expense incident to a PCS, is authorized reimbursement for the expense incurred only if personally procured POV transportation was based on erroneous advice of a GOV'T representative (e.g., the TMO or ITO). Reimbursement must not exceed the cost that would have incurred if the GOV'T had arranged the transportation ([51 Comp. Gen. 838 \(1972\)](#)). The cost of a vehicle transported on a car ferry with the member/dependent(s) is a reimbursable transportation expense (par. U5116-C3) and does not constitute transportation of a POV. Additional authority exists for reimbursement under other very limited circumstances (par. U5455-E).

**U5435 PORTS/VPCS USED**

A. Designation of Ports. The Service concerned designates ports/VPCs to be used for loading and unloading POVs transported under this Part.

B. Alternate Ports/VPCs

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1. Transportation may be between ports/VPCs other than the designated ports/VPCs (i.e., between alternate ports/VPCs), provided the member reimburses the GOV'T for any excess cost involved.
2. An alternate port/VPC should be in the same country as the designated port/VPC, unless an alternate port/VPC in a different country is authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process.
3. Secretarial Process authorization/approval is not required to select an alternate CONUS port/VPC from which to transport a POV, even if the primary port/VPC is OCONUS.

C. Transshipment from a Designated Port/VPC. A POV transported from an OCONUS port/VPC to the designated CONUS port/VPC, may be transshipped to another CONUS port/VPC if:

1. The PCS order is amended or modified before the member takes delivery of the POV at the designated POV unloading port/VPC;
2. Transshipment is authorized by the Secretarial Process;
3. The member agrees to reimburse the GOV'T for the transshipment cost; or
4. Direct ocean service is not available from the designated POV loading port/VPC to the designated POV unloading port/VPC in a reasonable amount of time after delivery of the POV.

**U5440 FACTORS AFFECTING POV TRANSPORTATION**

A. POV Transportation May Be Deferred. An eligible member electing not to transport a POV at GOV'T expense may, upon assignment to a new PDS to which a transportation authority exists, transport the POV from the POV loading port/VPC, whichever provides the greater authorization, serving the:

1. PDS from which the member elected not to use the POV transportation authority, to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS; or
2. Present PDS to the POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS.

***NOTE: The member is not authorized CONUS to CONUS POV transportation except as specifically authorized in par. U5415, (if applicable, see par. U5410-A), par. U5417, or ICW authorized POV storage in Ch 5, Part E2.***

B. Error. A POV, transported by the GOV'T to a wrong destination, must be reshipped or transshipped to the proper destination at GOV'T expense.

C. Order Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked. A POV transported after receipt of a PCS order may be reshipped or transshipped to the proper destination, including the old PDS, at GOV'T expense if the PCS order is later amended, modified, canceled, or revoked.

D. Transportation before an Order Is Issued. POV transportation is permitted (pars. U5410-A and U5420-B), before a PCS order is issued to an eligible member, provided the request is supported by a:

1. Statement from the PCS AO or the designated representative that the member was advised before the PCS order was issued that the PCS order would be issued;
2. Written agreement signed by the applicant to remit the entire cost of transportation if a PCS order to authorize transportation is not issued later;
3. Written agreement signed by the applicant to pay any additional costs for transshipment of the POV to another port required because the new PDS named in the order is different than that named in the statement required in par. U5440-D1.

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The length of time before a PCS order is issued, during which a member may be advised that the PCS order is to be issued, may not exceed the relatively short period between the time when a determination is made to order the member to make a PCS and the date the PCS order is actually issued. General information furnished to the member concerning the issuance of a PCS order before the determination is made to actually issue the order (such as time of eventual release from active duty, time of expiration of term of service, eligibility for retirement date, expected rotation date from OCONUS duty, etc.) are not advice that the order would be issued ([52 Comp. Gen. 769 \(1973\)](#)).

**U5445 EXCESS COST COLLECTION**

Excess transportation costs, incurred by the GOV'T must be collected (par. U1010-B9). This provision is not applicable to POV transportation aboard oceangoing car ferries.

**U5455 POV TRANSPORTATION UNDER UNUSUAL OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES****A. Official and Personal Situations**

1. Dependents Do Not Perform Authorized Travel to the OCONUS PDS. A member with dependents:

- a. Ordered on PCS to an OCONUS PDS; and
- b. Who, in anticipation of the dependents accompanying or joining, transports a POV to the OCONUS PDS;

may be provided advance return transportation of the POV if, for reasons beyond the member's control, the dependents do not join the member. The Secretarial Process may authorize/approve the transportation when it is determined the return transportation is in the best interest of the member, or dependents, and the U.S. ([65 Comp. Gen. 520 \(1986\)](#)).

2. Authority on Next PCS. *A member who has transported a POV under par. U5455-A1 has no further POV transportation authority on the PCS from that PDS.*

3. Disciplinary Action Taken against Member Stationed OCONUS, or a Member Discharged under other than Honorable Conditions or Sentenced to Confinement with or without Discharge when No Dependent Travel Is Involved from OCONUS. A member whose PDS is OCONUS, and who is not authorized transportation of a POV ICW early return of dependents because dependents are not returned to CONUS under par. U5900-D2h (that is, the member has no dependents, dependents returned at personal expense without an order, dependents are not returning to CONUS, etc.), is authorized, and an order may be issued providing for transportation of a POV to the designated POV unloading port/VPC serving the member's HOR or PLEAD when the conditions in par. U5900-D2h, apply.

**B. Member Reassigned from OCONUS PDS to which Dependent Travel Is Authorized to an OCONUS PDS to which Dependents' Travel Is Not Authorized before the POV Is Transported from a CONUS VPC/Port.** When a member, on PCS from a CONUS PDS to an OCONUS PDS to which transportation of a POV is authorized, has:

1. Delivered a POV to a designated CONUS POV loading port/VPC for transportation to the OCONUS PDS; and
2. After reporting for duty at that PDS, but before the POV is transported from CONUS, is reassigned on PCS to another OCONUS PDS to which transportation of a POV is not authorized;

transportation is authorized to the CONUS POV unloading port/VPC ordinarily serving the CONUS DESIGNATED PLACE.

**C. Incident to Alert Notice.** A member, authorized dependents' transportation under par. U5240-D, is authorized POV transportation under par. U5410-B.

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D. PDS Evacuation. Pars. U6008 and U6057.

E. Member Officially Reported as Dead, Injured, Ill, Absent for more than 29 Days in a Missing Status, or upon Death

1. POV Transportation at GOV'T Expense

a. General. When a member on active duty is officially reported as dead, injured, ill, or absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status, two of the member's POVs may be transported at GOV'T expense (including required overland transportation) to:

- (1) The member's HOR;
- (2) The dependents' residence;
- (3) Next of kin, or other person authorized to receive custody of personal effects; or
- (4) Such other place(s) as determined IAW Service regulations.

b. POV Destination. Both POVs must be transported to the same destination.

c. POV Weight Restriction. *The 20 measurement ton/vehicle restriction does not apply to par. U5455-E.*

d. Member Injured or Ill. If a member is reported injured or ill, the allowances provided by par.U5455-E are authorized only when a prolonged (140 or more days) hospitalization period or treatment is anticipated as shown by a statement accepted by the Service concerned as being from competent authority at the receiving hospital.

***NOTE: Both POVs must be transported to the same destination.***

2. POV Transported by Other than the GOV'T

a. In lieu of having the GOV'T transport the POV(s), the member, the dependent, next of kin, any other person authorized to receive custody of the POV(s), or someone designated by one of these may:

- (1) Drive the POV(s) to the authorized destination (in which case reimbursement of necessary expenses such as fuel; oil; parking fees; ferry fares; and road, bridge, and tunnel tolls – ***but not a mileage payment*** - is authorized); or
- (2) Arrange transportation of the POV(s) and receive reimbursement.

***NOTE: Both POVs must be driven/transported to the same destination.***

b. The total reimbursement cannot exceed the cost that would have been incurred had the GOV'T transported/stored the POV(s). Service claims regulations has GOV'T damage liability when the POV is driven.

c. Reimbursement is also limited to the cost of over water and overland transportation between the authorized points or locations between which the POV is actually transported, whichever is less.

3. Reimbursement of Rental Vehicle Cost when a POV(s) Arrives Late. If the POV(s) of the member (or dependent), transported at GOV'T expense, does/do not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, the provisions in par. U5410-D apply. If two POVs are transported at GOV'T expense, no reimbursement is paid unless ***both POVs do not arrive*** at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date(s).

4. Storage

a. NTS. If the person authorized to receive custody of the POV(s):

- (1) Is not known;
- (2) Is subject to litigation; or
- (3) If known, has not yet been located and notified to take custody of the POV(s);

the POV(s) may be stored at GOV'T expense until such time as proper disposition can be made.

b. Storage in Transit (SIT). SIT of one or both POV(s) may be authorized/approved (using the provisions of par. U5375) provided the POV(s) is/are turned over for transportation within the time limits in par. U5372-B3. *SIT in excess of 180 days in such cases is the financial responsibility of the person for whom the shipment is being made.*

c. Size Restriction. *The SDDC storage contract maximum standard size restriction does not apply.*

5. Additional Moves

a. Status Change. A POV transported under par. U5455-E1 may again be moved under par. U5455-E1 when official notice is received that the member's status has changed from one to another of those listed in par. U5455-E1.

b. No Status Change - Member Reported as Missing for more than 1 Year. One or both POV(s) transported under par. U5455-E1 may again be transported under par. U5455-E1 when the member has been officially reported as absent for a period of more than 1 year in a missing status and the Secretarial Process determines that the circumstances in the individual case justify an additional move.

F. POV Transportation for Dependents Relocating for Personal Safety. See par. U5205.

**U5456 TRANSPORTATION INCIDENT TO DIVORCE**

When a member has POV transportation authorized by a PCS order, and a POV has been legally awarded to the member's former spouse incident to their divorce, the member may have one final transportation of that POV to a destination IAW the procedures prescribed in Ch 5, Part E1. This applies to those cases not coming under par. U5455-A, and is subject to the member's written request and agreement to pay any excess costs involved ([61 Comp. Gen. 180 \(1981\)](#)). *Transportation under par. U5456 exhausts the authority for transportation of a POV under the member's PCS order.*

**U5457 TIME LIMITATION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF A POV**

A. Incident to Separation from Service or Relief from Active Duty. Transportation of a POV for an eligible member must be initiated within 180 days following separation from the Service or relief from active duty. Initiation of transportation means turning the POV into the designated POV loading port for transportation before the 181st day following separation from the Service or relief from active duty. This time limit may be extended by the Secretarial Process. A time extension must be for a specific additional time period. A time extension must, based on the facts and circumstances in the individual case, be a finding that having the POV transported within that initial time frame would be a hardship for the member.

***NOTE:*** See par. U5012-I for restrictions to time limit extensions.

B. Incident to Retirement, Placement on TDRL, Discharge with Severance or Separation Pay, or Involuntary Release from Active Duty with Readjustment or Separation Pay. Transportation of a POV for an eligible member must be initiated within 1 year following the member's active service termination. Initiation of transportation means

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turning the POV into the designated POV loading port for transportation before 1 year expires following active service termination. This time limit may be extended by the Secretarial Process. A time extension may be authorized/approved for a member undergoing hospitalization, medical treatment, education or training, or in other deserving cases (pars. U5365-D, E, and F).

***NOTE:*** See par. U5012-I for restrictions to time limit extensions.

C. Incident to PCS. Unless otherwise prescribed in JFTR or in Service Regulations, transportation of a POV for an eligible member may be initiated any time while the PCS order remains in effect and prior to receipt of another PCS order, as long as the POV transportation is incident to the member's PCS rather than for personal reasons ([45 Comp. Gen. 589 \(1966\)](#); [B-183436, 22 July 1975](#)).

**U5460 CARE AND STORAGE**

The GOV'T's responsibility begins when the POV is accepted for transportation and continues until the POV is delivered to the member at the destination, or when the POV is delivered to a commercial warehouse. If the POV is not claimed within a reasonable time after notification of arrival is given, as determined by the port commander, it may be placed in commercial storage at the member's expense.

**U5461 RENTAL VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT WHEN MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTED AT GOV'T EXPENSE ARRIVES LATE**

This applies to GOV'T authorized movement of a POV for a member or the member's dependents under unusual or emergency circumstances, and various other situations that may not be directly related to a PCS. If the motor vehicle of a member (or dependent), transported at GOV'T expense for the use of the member and/or dependents, does not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, the Secretary Concerned must have the member reimbursed for expenses incurred to rent a motor vehicle for the member's and/or those dependents' use. Reimbursement, by law, may not exceed \$30/day beginning the day a member first rents a motor vehicle after the designated (required) delivery date and runs for 7 days or until the date the member's motor vehicle is available for delivery to the member, whichever occurs first.

***NOTE:*** A POV has not arrived at the authorized destination if it is not made available for delivery to the member on or before the authorized (required) delivery date. The maximum reimbursement is \$210 (Examples, see par. U5410-D).

## PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

### U10000 DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER

A. Sharer. For OHA/FSH O purposes, a member who resides with one or more:

1. Members authorized an OHA/FSH O; and/or
2. Federal civilian employees, including dependents, authorized a living QTRS allowance or COLA (in non foreign OCONUS locations); and/or
3. Other persons, excluding the member's dependents, who contribute money toward the payment of rent, mortgage and/or utilities.

B. Owner Owned Multiple Occupancy Dwelling. A member/owner owned duplex, triplex or other type of multiple occupancy dwelling that is designed for separate private sector housing units for more than one household. The units within the dwellings ordinarily have separate addresses and/or entrances. For OHA/FSH O purposes the member and dependent occupy a single separate unit within the dwelling and the other units are rented out.

C. Vicinity. When a member resides with the dependent and commutes daily to the PDS, the dependent resides in the PDS vicinity regardless of distance even if at a place in an adjacent country or state. A dependent is residing in the PDS vicinity if residing in the same country, state (when in Alaska or Hawai'i), or U.S. territory or possession within which the member's PDS is located. However, if the member has to maintain separate households, a dependent is not residing in the PDS vicinity for FSH purposes if maintaining two households is authorized/ approved through the Secretarial Process. A commander may submit a request for determination through channels to the appropriate office listed below:

1. Army. Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRC), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;
2. Navy. Through appropriate command channels to: Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472;
3. Marine Corps. Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5143;
4. Air Force. Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Rd, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604;
5. Coast Guard. Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;
6. NOAA Corps. Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333; or
7. U.S. Public Health Service. Directly to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.

D. GOV'T QTRS. GOV'T QTRS include:

1. U.S. GOV'T owned or leased sleeping accommodations or family type housing;
2. Lodging or other QTRS obtained by U.S. GOV'T contract;
3. Dormitories or similar facilities operated by cost plus a fixed fee contract;

4. Sleeping or housing facilities furnished by a foreign government on the GOV'T's behalf; and
5. QTRS in a state owned National Guard camp.

For BAH, GOV'T QTRS do not include transient facilities such as Temporary Lodging Facilities, guest houses, hostess houses, and hotel type accommodations built and/or operated by non appropriated fund activities, or privatized housing.

E. Privatized Housing

1. GOV'T QTRS that have been converted to privatized housing are, by definition (APP A1), no longer GOV'T QTRS.
2. The Service Secretary determines which privatized housing is suitable for use as military family housing.
3. Each member occupying privatized housing is authorized a housing allowance in the same manner as a member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS.
4. Par. U10010-C explains Navy Barracks Privatization Test.

F. Rental Charge. A charge made on account of occupancy. It does not include service charges for linens, cleaning, maintenance, etc.

G. Housing Allowance. Housing allowance includes:

1. Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) (pars. U10004 and U10006);
2. Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) (pars. U10020 – U10032);
3. Family Separation Housing (FSH) (par. U10016);
4. Basic Allowance for Housing Differential (BAH-Diff) (par. U10008);
5. Partial Basic Allowance for Housing (Partial BAH) (par. U10010);
6. Transit Rate (BAH-T) (par. U10012); and
7. RC Rate (BAH-RC) (par. U10014).

H. Primary Residence. See definition of Primary Residence/Home in APP A.

**U10002 HOUSING ALLOWANCE**

A. General. Effective 1 January 1998, in general, a member on active duty entitled to basic pay is authorized a housing allowance based on the member's grade, dependency status, and location. Rates are prescribed depending on the member's grade and whether or not the member has a dependent. The location determines the rate, and whether the allowance is BAH or OHA. The BAH rate is based on median housing costs and is paid independently of a member's actual housing costs. It is paid for housing in the U.S. OHA is a cost reimbursement based allowance. The authority depends on other elements that factor in such as sharers, utilities, and owner vs. renter. OHA is paid for housing outside the U.S. The member is reimbursed actual rental costs NTE the maximum OHA rate for each locality and grade. The maximum OHA rates are established based on members' actual rental costs in those locations. FSH-B follows the BAH logic and FSH-O follows the OHA logic. Except for a partial housing allowance (par. U10010) or BAH-Diff (par. U10008), a housing allowance is not paid to a member assigned to adequate GOV'T QTRS (Ch 10, Part D).

B. Rates. The Housing Allowance rates are divided into seven categories: BAH, OHA, FSH, BAH-Partial, BAH-Diff, BAH-Transit, and BAH-RC.

1. BAH Rates

- a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a MHA for all Uniformed Services' members authorized BAH. The determination for housing allowances is based upon the costs of adequate rental housing for civilians with comparable income levels in the same area.
- b. An adjustment in the BAH rates as a result of PDTATAC housing costs redetermination in an MHA takes effect with the pay raise each year.
- c. A MHA is defined geographically by Zip Code(s) within the U.S. Major military population areas are further identified by a combination of a 2-digit code for the state and a 3-digit numerical designation within the state. For small military population areas, Zip Codes are aggregated into areas of similar housing cost and designated as County Cost Groups.

2. OHA Rates

- a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a locality for all Uniformed Services' members authorized OHA by location.
- b. OHA rate ceilings are calculated based on data provided by OCONUS commanders and actual rent data derived from pay systems.
- c. The PDS geographic location governs the OHA rate payable unless otherwise specified. Geographic locations are determined as outlined in APP K1, par. A.

3. FSH Rates

- a. The FSH-B rate is the same as the without dependent BAH rate for the same location.
- b. FSH-O is computed under the same rules and conditions as without dependent OHA for the same location.

4. BAH Partial Rates. The BAH partial rate is the difference in basic pay between the 1980 and 1981 reallocated pay raises and what those basic pay rates would have been had the raise not been reallocated. The rate is fixed from those years and does not change.

5. BAH Diff Rates. The BAH Diff rate is defined as the difference in Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) with dependents and BAQ without dependents for the member's grade as of 31 December 1997, increased each year by the average pay raise percentage.

6. BAH Transit Rates. The BAH Transit rate varies depending on old PDS location and the housing allowance type received. Unless a location-specific rate is payable, the default Transit rate is the amount of BAQ on 31 December 1997 incremented by the average housing allowance increase each year.

7. BAH RC Rates. The BAH-RC rate for a period of active duty for a non-contingency of 30 or fewer days is the BAQ amount on 31 December 1997 incremented by the average housing allowance increase each year.

C. GOV'T QTRS. A housing allowance (except partial BAH or BAH-Diff) is not authorized to a member who is assigned to GOV'T QTRS appropriate to the member's grade, rank, or rating and adequate for the member and dependents, if with dependents (Part D for GOV'T QTRS).

D. Dependency Determinations. For Army, Navy and Air Force determinations of dependency and relationships for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents are made by the Defense Finance and Accounting

Service (DFAS). CMC-MPP-1 makes dependency and relationship determinations for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents for Marines. For non-DoD Services, Service regulations. The Secretary Concerned or persons designated by the Secretary make determinations for primary dependents. The designee may re-delegate this authority (Part B for dependents).

E. Housing Allowance Start and Stop Dates. Tables U10A-1, U10A-2, and U10A-3.

1. Start. Unless specifically authorized elsewhere in this Chapter, PDS housing allowance eligibility starts on the member's reporting day to a new PDS. OHA *eligibility* starts on the day after the member's reporting day if, on the reporting day, a member is authorized MALT PLUS per diem. OHA starts on the day the member obtains private sector housing. The authorized document for OHA is DD Form 2367 (APP K).

2. Stop. Unless an extension is authorized/approved under par. U10402-B, or the PCS is a close proximity move as described in pars. U10400-B or U10402-B, OHA and FSH-O authority stops:

- a. On the day the member's OHA lease terminates, or
- b. On the day before the member departs in compliance with a PCS order, or
- c. On the day before the home port change effective date (from OCONUS) of the ship or unit to which a member is assigned (par. U10002-E3 below for exception), or
- d. Upon assignment to GOV'T QTRS.

3. Member without Dependents Undergoing a Home Port Change. Ordinarily the housing allowance based on the rate for the old home port stops on the day before the home port change effective date and a housing allowance based on the new home port rate begins on the home port change effective date. However, if a member without dependents is undergoing a home port change and the ship delays at the old home port after the home port change effective date (i.e., does not depart from the old home port before/on the home port change effective date) and QTRS on board the ship are not available (e.g., ship dry docked) a member without dependents is authorized a housing allowance based on the old home port until the day the member moves back aboard the ship.

DATE TO START BAH OR OHA—MEMBER WITH DEPENDENTS		
Table U10A-1		
Rule	If a member:	then BAH or OHA at the with-dependent rate begins on the date: <sup>1</sup>
1	enlists, or is called to EAD	of enlistment or entry on active duty, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date.
2	is appointed to commissioned/warrant officer status	active duty pay begins, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date.
3	occupies GOV'T QTRS with dependents and QTRS assignment is terminated or member and dependents physically depart PDS pursuant to a PCS order	of QTRS assignment termination or PCS departure date, unless dependents continue to occupy the QTRS. If definite QTRS assignment was not required, then BAH or OHA begins the date QTRS are vacated.
4	occupies GOV'T QTRS with dependents and the QTRS are declared inadequate	on which designation of inadequacy of QTRS is effective, if the member and dependents continue to occupy such QTRS.
5	acquires a dependent (marriage, birth, adoption, etc.) <sup>2</sup>	the dependent is acquired, if the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for member and dependent(s) on that date <sup>3</sup> . Table U10E-3.
6	acquires a dependent while in an unauthorized absence status	the member is returned to a pay status after apprehension or surrender, if member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS for the member and dependents on that date. <sup>4</sup>
7	claims dependent parent	determined/approved by authority shown in Table U10B-1 or U10B-2.
8	claims doubtful dependent	

<sup>1</sup> Payment of OHA requires a lease agreement or a verifiable purchase price.

<sup>2</sup> Includes dependent acquired while member is on authorized leave.

<sup>3</sup>

- a. Applies to sole dependent of officer or enlisted member.
- b. Applies to any dependent on whose behalf a member is authorized increased BAH or OHA.
- c. BAH or OHA starts with date of member's marriage even though the marriage occurs on same day as divorce from another member.
- d. When blood parents of an illegitimate child marry, the child becomes a legitimate dependent for BAH or OHA purposes.

<sup>4</sup> If there has been any change in the status of dependents on whose behalf BAH or OHA existed on the date an unauthorized absence commenced, a member must reestablish the right to BAH or OHA.

DATE TO STOP HOUSING ALLOWANCES - CHANGES IN DEPENDENCY STATUS		
Table U10A-2		
Rule	If the sole dependent:	then stop with-dependent housing allowance at midnight of the day:
1	Dies	of death.
2	is divorced <sup>1</sup>	of the final decree of divorce. <sup>1</sup>
3	is a spouse in a voidable (not void) marriage which is dissolved by final annulment decree	before date of the decree. No BAH or OHA payment may be made on or after date of the decree, regardless of credits accrued and not paid. BAH or OHA paid before the date of decree may be retained. <sup>2</sup>
4	is a spouse in an invalid (void) marriage	before discovery marriage invalidity. No housing allowance payment may be made on or after date of discovery, regardless of credits accrued and not paid. Retention of BAH or OHA paid before that time depends on validation under DoDFMR, Vol. 7A, section 5005.
5	becomes of age (except a child who is incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity)	before the child's 21st birthday (or 23 <sup>rd</sup> birthday if a full time student). <sup>4</sup>
6	marries (regardless of age, or mental or physical incapacity)	of the child's marriage. This applies even though even though the child's marriage is to a Service member who is also authorized BAH or OHA on child's behalf for that date.
7	is adopted by a third party by interlocutory order or decree which has effected a changed legal relationship	before date of adoption. <sup>3</sup>
8	is adopted by a third party and a final order or decree has been entered	before date of adoption.
9	enters military service	before day of entry into service.
10	is one who must be "in fact" dependent on member, and such dependency ceases	before date dependency ceases.

<sup>1</sup> Applies also when an affinitive relationship between a member and stepchild ceases because of divorce from the child's parent.

<sup>2</sup> Applies also when affinitive relationship between a member and stepchild ceases because of annulment of marriage.

<sup>3</sup> A case involving an Army or Air Force member must be sent to DFAS-IN or DFAS-DE respectively, for determination as to whether or not an order of decree effected a changed legal relationship. A case involving Navy must be sent to DFAS-CL and a Marine Corps case is sent to Commandant of the Marine Corps, respectively. A case involving a USPHS member must be sent to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness: Attn: DEERS Determination.

<sup>4</sup> See par. U10108 regarding dependents over age 21.

DATE TO STOP BAH OR OHA - OTHER THAN DEPENDENCY STATUS CHANGES		
Table U10A-3		
Rule	A	B
	If a member:	then stop BAH or OHA at 2400 hours of the day:
1	is furnished GOV'T QTRS at the PDS, adequate for the member and dependents	before the day QTRS are assigned (or before the day occupancy begins, if definite assignment was not made). <sup>1</sup>
2	is furnished QTRS (cash or in kind) on behalf of the U.S., adequate for the member and dependents	before the day QTRS are furnished.
3	and dependents occupy inadequate GOV'T QTRS which are rehabilitated and designated as adequate GOV'T QTRS	before the effective date of re-designation as adequate GOV'T QTRS.
4	is absent without leave	Table U10E-2.
5	is discharged or released from active duty	of discharge or release.
6	is retired	before the retirement effective date.
7	Dies	of death.

<sup>1</sup> When dependents are prevented from occupying the assigned QTRS because of an order from a competent authority, BAH or OHA continues until transportation is arranged for HHG and is available for the dependents (if prompt application is made), plus the normal travel time for dependents to reach the member's station via a direct route.

#### U10004 BAH RATE PROTECTION

The monthly BAH amount actually paid a member (i.e., BAH Rate Protection) must not be reduced as a result of changes in housing costs in the MHA, changes in the national monthly housing cost, or a member's promotion. If the member is demoted, or loses authority for BAH, then the member's BAH rate protection at the current amount ceases on the date the member's eligibility to BAH for a given MHA terminates. The current BAH rate at the current duty location becomes the member's new protected BAH rate.

#### U10006 BAH ADVANCES

A. Authority. Effective April 20, 1999, when allowed by Service regulations, a member's commanding officer, the commanding officer's designated representative, or another designated official may authorize an advance BAH payment to pay advance rent, security deposits, and/or initial expenses incident to occupying other than GOV'T housing. The advance may be made at any time during a member's tour at the station concerned. It also may be authorized when a member has relocated housing incident to a PCS order. Ordinarily, the advance should not be disbursed more than 3 working days before the date payment under the lease or rental agreement must be made. Officers listed herein may authorize disbursement, in extenuating circumstances, more than 3 working days before the date payment must be made. The member must request the advance payment within 30 days after incurring the expense(s). Housing expenses must be documented to include copies of the lease, utility company statement and any other pertinent documentation available. Expenses identified by a member to be used in the purchase of any real estate or living accommodations must not be considered as a basis for authorizing or determining the amount of the advance.

B. Amount. The advance amount is determined based on the member's current prescribed BAH rate. The member's ability to repay the advance, considering other advances of pay which may have been made and any recurring pay deductions, must be considered in determining the advance amount. ***The BAH advance must not exceed a total of 3 months BAH expected to be accrued by the member.***

C. Liquidation. Advance liquidation should be at a rate of not less than equal monthly installments of one-twelfth of the amount advanced, per month for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after the advance payment has been made. When justified by the member and authorized by the member's commanding officer, the commanding officer's designated representative, or another service-designated official, the collection action beginning may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance is made. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE 24 months or the member's scheduled tour at the station concerned, whichever is shorter. Action must be taken immediately to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par. U10006, that has been returned to the member by the landlord, upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the existing loan repayment schedule.

D. Administrative Instructions. Each Service must prepare regulations for advance BAH payment administration to include the preparation and disposition of vouchers and supporting papers.

E. Special Circumstances. The Secretary Concerned or the Secretary's designee may authorize an advance BAH payment in circumstances and conditions other than those under par. U10006-A. Service regulations must prescribe liquidation procedures for advances made under par. U10006-E.

#### U10008 BAH DIFFERENTIAL (BAH-DIFF)

A. General. **BAH-DIFF** is the difference between the with- and without-dependents BAQ rates as of 31 December 1997 increased by the average pay raise percentage each year.

#### B. BAH Payable Amount Limitation for a Member Authorized BAH Solely on the Basis of the Member's Child Support Payment

1. If a member is assigned to single type GOV'T QTRS or a single type housing facility under a Uniformed Service's jurisdiction and is authorized BAH solely by reason of the member's adequate child support payment, the member is authorized only BAH-DIFF. *A member is not authorized BAH-DIFF if the child support payment is less than the member's applicable pay grade BAH-DIFF amount.*
2. A member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS, who is authorized BAH or OHA on behalf of a dependent solely on the basis of child support payment, is authorized a with dependent housing allowance (either BAH or OHA).
3. A member is not authorized BAH or OHA solely on the basis of the member's child support payment when the child/children is/are in another active duty member's custody (including a former spouse), who is assigned to GOV'T owned/leased family type QTRS (does not include privatized housing) or is in receipt of a with dependent housing allowance or on behalf of the child/children (pars. U10120, U10122, U10124, U10126 and U10206).

#### U10010 PARTIAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-Partial)

A. Partial Rates. A member without dependents who is assigned to single type QTRS or is on field or sea duty, and is not authorized to receive a BAH or OHA, is authorized **BAH-Partial**.

#### B. Conditions

1. A member without dependents assigned to single type adequate GOV'T QTRS at the permanent station and authorized BAH-Partial who is subsequently sick in a hospital (no PCS involved), continues to be authorized BAH-Partial while hospitalized.
2. Except as provided in pars. U10400-D and U10400-E, a member without dependents in grade E-6 or below who is offered an assignment of adequate GOV'T QTRS, or is assigned GOV'T QTRS but elects not to occupy such QTRS and resides in private QTRS at own expense, is considered to be assigned to GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA. Therefore, such member is authorized BAH-Partial.

3. BAH-Partial is not authorized during proceed time, leave en route, or travel time on PCS unless the member is assigned to single type GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA.
4. A member, married to another member, who has no dependents other than the spouse is authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to single type GOV'T QTRS and is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate. However, such a member assigned to family type GOV'T QTRS is not authorized BAH-Partial.
5. A member occupying single type GOV'T QTRS whose dependents reside in family-type GOV'T QTRS, is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate and therefore, is authorized BAH-Partial, provided the family QTRS are not assigned under the member's eligibility.
6. A single member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to family type GOV'T QTRS.
7. A member without dependents confined in a guardhouse, brig, or correctional barracks who was assigned to single-type, GOV'T QTRS before confinement and remains assigned to such QTRS during confinement is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
8. A member without dependents who is restrained in a status of arrest in assigned single type GOV'T QTRS, and therefore not authorized BAH or OHA, is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
9. A member without dependents permanently assigned to a hospital for treatment and assigned QTRS in the hospital is authorized BAH-Partial.
10. A member married to another member, if neither member has other dependents, who is assigned to sea duty and occupies GOV'T family QTRS assigned to the spouse when the ship is in port, is a member without dependents assigned to QTRS on the ship and is not authorized BAH or OHA but is authorized BAH-Partial.
11. A member without dependents who is ordered PCS to confinement in a guardhouse, brig, correctional barracks, or to additional training in a retraining or rehabilitation facility, is assigned to certain QTRS therein and is not authorized BAH or OHA. Such member is Authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.
12. A member without dependents assigned to single type GOV'T QTRS between PDSs and not authorized BAH or OHA is authorized BAH-Partial.
13. A member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to GOV'T single type QTRS (including GOV'T leased QTRS) that exceed the minimum standards of single QTRS for the member's grade. This limitation does not apply to members on medical hold or holdover personnel receiving outpatient medical treatment who have been designated as requiring a live-in non-medical attendant. The Service determines the housing standards for these personnel based on medical condition, treatment, non-medical attendant, and other relevant factors.
14. A member paying child support and receiving BAH-DIFF is not a member without dependents and therefore is not authorized BAH-Partial.

C. Navy Barracks Privatization Test. Under the authority in [10 USC §2881a](#), the Navy is conducting a limited test of barracks privatization. *The privatized barracks are defined as GOV'T QTRS for the purposes of the test.* For a member occupying the privatized barracks, a special BAH-Partial rate equal to a percentage of the PDS locality BAH without dependents rate for the member's grade is established. The following locations and rates apply.

1. San Diego starting 1 October 2006 a special BAH-Partial rate equal to 34% for double occupancy of the QTRS and 68% for single occupancy.

2. Hampton Roads, VA, area which includes both the Hampton/Newport News and the Norfolk/Portsmouth MHAs starting in 1 April 2007 a special BAH-Partial rate equal to 66% for occupancy of existing Unaccompanied Housing and 74% for occupancy of new construction privatized housing (two bedroom, two bath market style).

**U10012 TRANSIT HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-T)**

A Transit housing allowance rate is a temporary housing allowance paid while a member is in a travel or leave status between PDSs, provided the member is not assigned GOV'T QTRS. The Transit rate continues during proceed time and authorized delays en route, including TDY en route (par. U10416).

**U10014 RC RATE (BAH-RC)**

BAH-RC rates are established by the SECDEF and are determined and set forth in par. U10002-B1. The BAH-RC Rate is the housing allowance authorized for an RC member called or ordered to active duty for 30 or fewer days except for an RC member called to active duty for a contingency. An RC member called to active duty for a contingency is authorized the BAH/OHA rate even for tours of 30 or fewer days (par. U10428).

**U10016 FAMILY SEPARATION HOUSING (FSH)**

The Family Separation Housing (FSH) allowance is payable to a member with dependents for added housing expenses resulting from separation from the dependents when a member is assigned to an OCONUS PDS (par. U10414), or incident to an assignment in the CONUS when dependent travel is delayed or restricted (pars. U5222-N and U10406).

*\*Effective 22 January 2013*

**U10018 TEMPORARY BAH INCREASE**

\*A. General. The SECDEF may prescribe a temporary increase in BAH rates in an area declared as a major disaster area by the President, or at an INSTALLATION experiencing a sudden increase in the number of members assigned. Payment of the higher BAH is only effective for a MHA or specified zip codes within a County Cost Group. *This authority expires 31 December 2013.*

B. Eligibility. A temporary increase in BAH rates results in members assigned to the same Zip Code being eligible for two different BAH rates, depending on the member's certification of higher costs. To receive the higher BAH rate, a member must certify to the Secretary Concerned that the member has incurred higher housing costs in an MHA by reason of a major disaster, or sudden increase of military personnel assigned to an INSTALLATION. The law requires that the member certify that higher costs have been incurred.

C. Member Certification. Once an MHA area is approved for an increased BAH rate, a member eligible for an increased allowance must document housing cost. The certification must be in a form acceptable to the approval authority. The member's certification must show rent, or mortgage expense in the case of homeowners, utility expenses and insurance costs (renters or homeowners).

D. Approval. The approval authority is at a level specified through the Secretarial Process. If the total housing expense (rent or mortgage, utility expenses and insurance costs) from the member's certification is:

1. Less than the existing BAH rate, no increase is authorized. In this situation, the existing allowance fully covers the documented expenses, even though the member may be paying more after the disaster/influx of military personnel than before.
2. Higher than the existing BAH rate, then the member is authorized the increased rate effective the latter of the approval date of the MHA for an increased rate or the date the member started incurring the increased expenses.

E. Termination. The increased allowance is paid through the day before the next regular rate change effective date for the area at which time the new regular BAH rate applies. *There is no rate protection of temporary increased*

**rates.** The following examples reflect how changes during the temporary rate increase period affect the BAH paid. If a member receiving a temporary BAH rate increase:

1. **Is Promoted.** The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the higher grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the higher grade.
2. **Is Demoted.** The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the lower grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the lower grade.
3. **Has a Dependency Change.** The member must recertify housing costs for purposes of comparing applicable rates.

F. **Locations.** Any locations that a temporary BAH rate increase is approved are listed below:

1. *No Locations at this Time*

#### U10020 OHA - GENERAL

##### NOTES:

1. *The OHA program is designed to help offset housing expenses for a member and/or dependent at the assigned overseas location. The reported housing must be the actual residence that the member occupies and from which the member commutes to and from work on a daily basis. If a member is assigned on an unaccompanied tour or has a Secretarial waiver and is authorized OHA for a dependent who lives separately, the reported housing must be the actual residence that the member's dependent occupies.*
2. *OHA is not intended, and must not be allowed to be used, for the personal enrichment of a member by including costs incurred for procuring/adapting a residence to accommodate renters or for vacation purposes.*
3. *OHA is intended to assist in paying for private sector leased/owned housing for a member and/or a member's dependent.*
4. *Disciplinary action addressed in par. U1035 applies when housing allowances are used for other than the purpose intended.*

A. **Purpose.** OHA is authorized to assist a member in defraying the housing costs incurred incident to assignment to a PDS outside the U.S. Every member authorized to live in private sector leased/owned housing is authorized OHA, provided an Individual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Report (DD Form 2367) is completed by the member and approved by the senior officer of the Uniformed Services in the country concerned, or the individuals or offices designated for that purpose by the senior officer. APP M3 for responsibilities of the Overseas Command/Commander, Senior Officer and Country Allowance Coordinator. There are two housing allowance types paid under the OHA:

1. An up-front, lump sum MIHA for those who qualify (par. U10026 and APP N for rules and information), and
2. A monthly OHA including a utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

The location MIHA is based on the average "move in" costs for members. The monthly OHA is the rent, up to the rental allowance at a PDS, plus the utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

B. **OHA and 'MALT Plus'.** OHA is not payable on the arrival day when 'MALT Plus' per diem is paid.

C. **Allowances Payable.** The amount of OHA payable is determined as shown in APP K, unless a special determination jointly issued by the Secretary Concerned and the PDTATAC Chair authorizes a different rate due to

special circumstances. OHA rates are based on a member's PDS except as indicated in Part E or par. U10400-B or U10402-B.

D. OHA Calculation. OHA is calculated by comparing the member's monthly rent to the prescribed locality rental allowance, selecting the lesser of the two, and then adding the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance. MIHA is paid at the start of the OHA. For detail computation procedures, APP K.

#### U10022 OHA DETERMINING MONTHLY RENT

A. General. Monthly rent is the amount paid per month by a member for possession and use of private sector housing. The term "private sector housing" includes a mobile home or boat. The rent stated in the lease or as otherwise agreed to by the landlord and the tenant in a written document must be used in computing the OHA. The cost of a separate lease for parking at/in the vicinity of the private sector housing also should be added to the member's dwelling lease amount in determining the member's total rental amount. ***The cost of parking at the place of duty is not included in rent.*** The following rules apply for determining rent:

1. A recurring condominium or homeowner association fee, paid by the member, is prorated to a monthly charge and incorporated into the member's rent.
2. See par. U10022-C for a member owned dwelling place.
3. A sharer's monthly rent is determined by dividing the total monthly rent by the number of sharers occupying the dwelling.
4. ***In an arrangement by which a member pays rent in advance and the landlord agrees to reimburse the member all or substantially all of the rental money at the end of the lease agreement, the amount of rent used in computing a member's OHA is zero.***
5. Re-compute OHA if/when the rent changes.
6. If a member and/or dependent live(s) with relatives or friends (i.e., jointly occupies) in a dwelling owned by the relatives or friends, the rent amount is zero, even if there is a lease or written document. This restriction does not apply, when the member/dependent leases lodging from a relative or friend with a bona fide, standard written lease, in those instances when the relative or friend concerned does not jointly occupy the leased house or apartment and the friend or relative is in the business of renting on a regular basis the lodgings involved. There is no authority to pay MIHA or the utility/maintenance allowance when living with relatives or friends.

B. Sharers. ***NOTE*** below. A sharer is authorized up to the maximum rental allowance set for a member without dependents unless accompanied by one or more dependents. A sharer accompanied by dependent(s) is authorized up to the maximum rental allowance set for a member with dependents. Compute the OHA to which each sharer is authorized by adding the:

1. Sharer's prorated share of the rent paid or the maximum rental established for the sharer's grade and locality, whichever is less, plus
2. Prorated monthly Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance.

A member authorized MIHA "Miscellaneous" (par. U10026 and APP N for specific rules) receives a full rather than prorated allowance. ***Only one sharer may claim reimbursement for any individual rent or security related expense.***

***NOTE: A renter living in a completely separate unit of an owner owned multiplex dwelling as described in par. U10022-C4 is not a "sharer", and OHA is determined as if the renter occupied an unattached unit.***

C. Private Sector Housing Owned

1. Divide the actual purchase price (not an appraised value, the actual purchase price) of the private sector housing by 120 to derive the monthly “rent” for a member owned private sector dwelling. *Settlement costs, fees for title search, other legal and related costs are not included in determining the actual purchase price.* ***NOTE: For a member in the Azores who purchased a home on/after 1 January 1999, divide the purchase price by 24.***

2. The amount of any personal installment type loans and real estate equity loans obtained for renovating, or repairing the current dwelling place are added to the actual purchase price before determining the rent.

a. Definitions:

(1) Renovating: Restoring to a previous condition, as by remodeling.

(2) Repairing: Restoring to sound condition after damage or injury. Fixing, setting right, renewing or refreshing.

b. *A loan used to furnish or decorate the home (including such things as addition of a Jacuzzi or pool to a home purchased without such an amenity) or a loan for personal reasons, or credit card or line of credit loan must not be used.*

c. To determine the monthly [OHA](#) rental equivalency when adding a loan described in par. U10022-C2a, add the loan amount to the original verifiable purchase price, divide the new total by 120 (24 for the Azores), and the new ‘rental equivalency’ *starts from the loan start date.*

d. The Service concerned must adjudicate loans for purposes not specified above. The request with all documentation should be submitted by the member’s command to:

(1) Army. Through appropriate command channels to: HQDA (DAPE-PRC), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300;

(2) Navy. Through appropriate command channels to: Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130C), 701 S. Courthouse Road, Building 12, Room 3R180, Arlington, VA 22204-2472;

(3) Marine Corps. Through appropriate command channels to: Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5143;

(4) Air Force. Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1PA, 1500 W. Perimeter Road, Suite 4790, Joint Base Andrews NAF Washington, MD 20762-6604;

(5) Coast Guard. Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801;

(6) NOAA Corps. Directly to: Director, Commissioned Personnel Center, NOAA Corps (Attn: Military Advisory Panel Member), PDTATAC (CPC1), 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333; or

(7) U.S. Public Health Service. Directly to: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.

3. If a member (or the member’s dependent) inherits a dwelling or residence or otherwise receives it without purchasing it, the dwelling or residence purchase price is \$0. In this case, the member is authorized to receive the [utility/recurring maintenance allowance](#).

***NOTE: If a member obtains a mortgage on the inherited dwelling or residence specifically i.e., for home improvements or takes out a loan to pay inheritance taxes on the residence or dwelling, the mortgage or loan***

*cost may be used as an OHA housing cost.*

4. If the dwelling is a member owned multiplex unit, the allowance claimed is based on the multiplex unit's square footage percentage occupied by the member and dependent, times the same percent of the purchase price divided by 120. If the member and dependent live in 1,200 square feet (40%) of a 3,000 total square feet multiplex unit, and the total purchase price of the multiplex unit is \$300,000, divide the multiplex unit actual purchase price by 120 to derive the monthly 'rent' for the multiplex unit which is \$2,500. \$1,000 (40% of \$2,500) may be claimed for [OHA](#). Renters of other units within the multiplex unit are not 'sharers'.

5. If the member-owned dwelling place is a mobile home or boat, the monthly lot rental or berthing fee paid is added to this amount.

D. Maximum Rental Allowance. Use the [Overseas Housing Allowance Query](#) to obtain the maximum amount of monthly rent considered in computing the amount of OHA payable.

#### U10024 OHA UTILITY/RECURRING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

##### A. Monthly Allowance

1. The utility/recurring maintenance allowance for each OHA locality is found in the [OHA locality tables](#) and is based on member (with dependent) reported expenses of members who pay all or a majority of their utilities,
2. Covers the utility costs for 80 percent of the members assigned to an area,
3. Is paid to sharers (par. U10000-A) on a pro rated amount of the net allowance,
4. Is paid to a member 'without dependent' (who *is not* a sharer) at 75 percent of the 'with-dependent' rate, and
5. Is eliminated or paid on a percentage basis if all, or part, of the utilities are included in rent.

##### B. Rent Includes All, No, or Some Utilities

1. When rent does not include utilities or the member is a homeowner, the member is authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above.
2. When rent includes all utilities, a member is not authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance. However, the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above is added to the member's rental allowance when computing the OHA.
3. When rent includes some utilities, a member is not authorized all of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A. The locality *climate code* and the *utility point score* determine the utility/recurring maintenance allowance amount percentage the member is authorized. However, the amount to which the member is not authorized is to be added to the appropriate rental allowance ceiling when computing OHA.
  - a. Climate Codes. Locality climate codes are indicated on each [OHA locality table](#). The three climate codes include:
    - (1) Code 1 (Cold) - long-term mean temperature of 45 degrees F or colder,
    - (2) Code 2 (Moderate) - neither Code 1 nor Code 3, and
    - (3) Code 3 (Hot) – long term average of 69 degrees F or warmer, except when long term average for one or more months of the year drops to 45 degrees F or colder. In such instances, a climate code of 2 is assigned.

b. Climate Code Utility Points. Use the table below to determine the correct climate code and then credit the member with appropriate points for each utility/service that is not included in the rent. The final number is the member's total utility point score.

Climate Code Utility Points APP K OHA Locality Tables			
	3	2	1
	Hot	Moderate	Cold
Electricity	3	3	3
Heating	1	2	3
Air Conditioning	3	2	1
Water	1	1	1
Trash Disposal	1	1	1

c. Utility Point Percentage. After determining the total *utility point score* use the table below to determine the correct percentage of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance to be paid.

Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance Payment Percentage	
0	0
1-2	25
3-4	65
5-9	100

**U10026 MOVE IN HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MIHA)**

A. General. MIHA exists to defray the move in costs associated with occupying private sector leased/owned housing covered under the OHA program. **MIHA is not payable to a member occupying GOV'T or GOV'T leased housing. MIHA does not cover move-out costs.** In most cases, a member authorized OHA is authorized MIHA. DD Form 2556 (MIHA Claim (May 1999)) must accompany MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security related expenses. Instructions for completing this form are found in APP N. Various surveys are sent to members in private sector leased housing to document utility and move in expenses. They are discussed in APP N.

B. Rules and Information

1. To be authorized a MIHA, a member must be eligible for OHA.
2. An eligible member is authorized MIHA for one dwelling during a tour at a PDS unless a GOV'T funded local move occurs and the member occupies another dwelling covered by OHA.
3. There is no MIHA when a:
  - a. local move would otherwise initiate a second or subsequent MIHA payment request unless that move is GOV'T funded;
  - b. member complies with a PCS order but remains in the same dwelling place (includes an RC member called/ordered to active duty who is authorized OHA based on the primary residence at the time called/ordered to active duty); or
  - c. member moves from GOV'T QTRS to private sector housing under par. U5355-A5 (Separation) or par. U5355-A6 (Retirement).
4. The three MIHA payment types are:

- a. MIHA/Miscellaneous. MIHA/Miscellaneous reflects average expenditures made and reported by members to make their dwellings habitable. See APP K3 to determine reportable/non-reportable MIHA Miscellaneous expenses and the Overseas Housing Allowance Query to determine the amount payable. **Only one payment is authorized at a PDS unless par. U10026-B2 applies.**
  - b. MIHA/Rent. **Homeowners are ineligible.** MIHA/Rent totally covers reasonable rent related expenses. These are fixed, onetime, nonrefundable charges levied on behalf of the landlord, or a foreign GOV'T that the member must pay before/upon occupying a dwelling. **Expenses deferred until lease termination are not MIHA/Rent.** Examples are real estate agents' fees, redecoration fees if paid up-front, and/or onetime lease tax. Advance rental payments, refundable deposits, and/or recurring costs are not covered. All unreasonable expenditures, as determined by the authorizing/approving official, must be disallowed (APP N, par. C).
  - c. MIHA/Security. MIHA/Security covers reasonable security related expenses for a member assigned to an area in which dwellings must be modified to minimize terrorist and/or criminal threat. See APP N, par. D for qualifying areas and additional rules.
5. Each member authorized OHA receives MIHA/Miscellaneous. To receive MIHA/Miscellaneous, the member must have the Service designated official complete Block 11 of DD Form 2367. Additionally, a member with qualifying rent, or security related expenses, must complete and submit DD Form 2556. Each member classified as a sharer and authorized MIHA is authorized the full MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance. However, for MIHA/Rent and MIHA/Security, only one sharer may claim the individual expense. See APP N, pars. C and D.
6. Acceptable claims for MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security must include proper documentation and all receipts for expenditures of \$75 or more.

#### U10028 OHA ADVANCE PAYMENT

See APP K2 for detailed information on areas with rental advance protection under OHA.

##### A. Authority

1. Advance Rent – General. Rental payments should be made on a month to month basis whenever possible. This avoids the need for rental advances.
2. Advance Rent of Less than 4 Months, Security Deposits, and/or Initial Expenses. The Senior Officer in-country or the Senior Officer's designated representative, may authorize an advance OHA payment to pay advance rent (par. U10028-A3), security deposits, and/or MIHA related expenses incident to occupying private sector housing. **Personal preference is not grounds for authorizing advance rent payment.** Advance OHA is not authorized for lease arrangements in which the member lives rent free after making a onetime payment to the landlord with the anticipation that the rental amount is to be either completely or substantially refunded at lease termination. The advance may be made at any time during the member's tour. It also may be authorized when a member has located housing incident to a PCS order.
3. Advance Rent of 4 or More Months. Rental advances of 4 or more months (but not for period longer than a year) may be made only for the locations authorized by PDTATAC APP K4. Requests for a rental advance of 4 or more months are considered for approval if the requirement for the advance rent exists due to:
  - a. Law,
  - b. Local custom for everyone, including local nationals, or
  - c. Economic (i.e., market) conditions preclude availability of secure housing, as confirmed by the U.S. Embassy.

Requests to add authorized locations at which rental advances of 4 or more months may be paid must be submitted to PDTATAC. Requests must be forwarded through the Country Senior Officer/Command in APP M and the Combatant Commander to the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee by:

- a. Mail: Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee  
ATTN: SPP/Allowances Branch  
4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01  
Alexandria, VA 22350-9000, or
- b. FAX: (571) 372-1301.

***NOTE: Once a location is authorized by PDTATAC and listed in APP K4 as a country currently designated as authorized for rental advances, the Senior Officer in country or designee may authorize individual requests.***

B. Amount. The amount to be advanced must be determined on the basis of housing expenses, including advance rent and a security deposit, and the authorized OHA. Housing expenses must be documented. The member's ability to repay the advance must be considered in determining the advance amount. While the amount to be advanced should not exceed the estimated OHA total for 1 year, a larger amount may be authorized if needed to cover anticipated housing expenses. In no case may the advance payment exceed the:

1. Anticipated housing expenses, or
2. OHA accruable for the member's tour at that PDS,

whichever is less. ***Expenses identified by a member for purchase of real estate or living accommodations must not be considered.***

C. Liquidation

1. Repayment within 12 Months. Liquidating monthly installments should be at a rate of one-twelfth of the amount advanced for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after payment of the advance.
2. Postpone Collection Start. When justified by the member and authorized by an official designated by the Service concerned, the collection start may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE the member's tour at the PDS.
3. Advance Rent Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of advance rent until the member vacates the housing for which the advance rent was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.
4. Security Deposit Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of the entire amount of a security deposit of \$500 or more until the member vacates the housing for which the security deposit was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.
5. Recouping Lump Sum Returned by Landlord. Action to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par, U10028 that has been returned to the member by the landlord must be taken immediately upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the member's existing loan repayment schedule.
6. Currency Fluctuation Effects. The Service concerned absorbs any loss due to currency fluctuations when

liquidating advance security deposits. The member must pay to the Service any gains due to currency fluctuations. These currency protection procedures for security deposits apply without regard to the provisions for protection of rent advances in par. U10028-D.

7. Pay System Reporting of Monthly Rent. In countries in which rate protection for advance rent has not been implemented, per par. U10028-D, the monthly rent entered in the respective pay system should be entered in dollars when a member has taken an advance for rent.

D. Advance Rent Currency Rate Protection. Rate protection may be provided for certain countries that have undergone a significant currency fluctuation. Protection is accomplished by comparing the OHA rate with the exchange rate in effect at the time the member received the advance with the greater of:

1. The rental allowance in effect at the time of the advance, or
2. Any higher rental allowance implemented during the repayment period of the advance.

Currency rate protection for additional advances is calculated using the exchange rate in effect at the time the new advance is paid. In countries in which rate protection for advance rent has been implemented, monthly rents for an advance rent are processed in dollars. Service regulations for currency fluctuation loss/gain procedures.

#### **U10030 OHA COMPUTATION DATA**

OCONUS commanders, or their designated representatives, must periodically furnish data required for authorizing, changing and terminating OHA for each OCONUS locality within their jurisdictions as required by APP M, or PDTATAC.

#### **U10032 A MEMBER OCCUPYING A GOV'T TRAILER OR RENTAL GUARANTEE HOUSING AND OHA**

Unless provided in APP K, no housing allowance is payable to a member occupying housing constructed under the Rental Guarantee Housing Program as authorized in Sec. 302 of the Act of 14 July 1952 (66 Stat. 622) or GOV'T owned trailers purchased under Sec. 408 of the Act of 1 September 1954 (68 Stat. 1126), or any other statute.

## APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS (JFTR/JTR)

### PART 1: DEFINITIONS (JFTR/JTR)

*As used in JFTR & JTR, and unless otherwise specifically provided in JFTR or JTR, the following definitions apply.*

**ACADEMY, SERVICE** (*Uniformed Member Only*). The United States Military Academy (Army), United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, or United States Coast Guard Academy ([37 USC §410\(a\)](#)).

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

A. Approved. Any place of public lodging that is listed on the national master list of approved accommodations. This list of all approved accommodations is compiled, periodically updated, and published in the Federal Register by FEMA. Additionally, the approved accommodation list is available on the U.S. Fire Administration's Internet site.

#### B. Common Carrier

##### 1. Other Than Economy/Coach

a. First class. Generally, the highest accommodations class offered by commercial airlines, passenger rail carriers, and passenger ships for cost and amenities and termed "first class" by the airlines/train/ships and in reservations systems. Includes suites offered by commercial ships, and includes bedrooms, roomettes, club service, parlor car, or any other accommodations other than least expensive unrestricted economy/coach offered by passenger rail carriers. For first class transportation authority, see JFTR, par. U3125-B2a/JTR, par. C2204-B2a.

b. Business Class. Other than least expensive unrestricted economy/coach accommodations offered by commercial airlines, passenger rail carriers, and passenger ships that is higher than economy/coach and lower than first class for cost and amenities (e.g., business class). This accommodation class is generally referred to as "business, business elite, business first, world business, connoisseur, or envoy" depending on the airline, passenger rail carrier, and ship. It is also a service class offered on Amtrak Acela/Metroliner extra fare train service. See JFTR, par. U3125-B2b/JTR, par. C2204 for business class transportation authority (restricted to the two star flag level and civilian equivalents).

2. Economy/Coach. The basic least expensive unrestricted accommodations class offered by commercial airlines, passenger rail carriers, passenger ships, that includes a service level available to all passengers regardless of the fare paid. The term applies when an airline, passenger rail carrier, or passenger ship offers only one accommodations class and that class is sold as economy/coach (i.e., some airlines, passenger rail carrier, or passenger ships only offer true business class/true first class and are not to be mistaken for this one accommodations class). The term also includes tourist class on commercial airlines and reserved coach and/or slumber coach accommodations on overnight rail travel.

3. Slumber Coach. Slumber coach accommodations on trains offering such accommodations, or the least expensive sleeping accommodations available on a train.

4. Extra Fare Train. A train that operates at an increased fare due to the train's extra performance (i.e., faster speed or fewer stops).

5. Single Class. This term applies when an airline offers only one class of accommodations to all travelers ([41 CFR §301-10.121](#)).

C. **Public.** Any inn, hotel, or other establishment within the U.S. that provides lodging to transient guests, excluding an establishment:

1. Owned by the GOV'T; or
2. Treated as an apartment building by State or local law or regulation; or
3. Containing not more than 5 rooms for rent or hire that also is occupied as a residence by the proprietor of that establishment.

D. **TYPES.** Seat space, berths, roomettes, bedrooms, and staterooms on transportation facilities. Types include:

1. **Air Economy/Coach/Air Tourist.** A type available on commercial aircraft at rates lower than other than economy/coach accommodations.
2. **Coach or Chair Car (Rail).** A type not affording sleeping facilities, at a lesser rate than first class (parlor car seat).
3. **Security (Enclosed).** Any private room that can be locked for security purposes.

**ACTIVE DUTY (Uniformed Member Only).** Full time duty in the active service ([37 USC §101\(18\)](#)) of a Uniformed Service, including full time training duty, annual training duty, full time National Guard duty, and attendance, while in the active service, at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the Secretary Concerned. **NOTE: A member is on active duty while in a travel status or while on authorized leave.**

**ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING (ADT) (Uniformed Member Only).** Full time training duty in the active military service for the purpose of training a Ready Reserve member to acquire or maintain required military skills. It includes initial basic training, advanced individual training, annual training (AT), and full time attendance at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the Secretary Concerned.

**ACTUAL EXPENSE.** Payment of authorized actual expenses incurred, up to the limit prescribed within JFTR and/or JTR, as appropriate. Reimbursement is contingent on eligibility for per diem, and is subject to the same definitions and rules governing per diem.

**ACTUAL RESIDENCE (Civilian Employee Only).** The fixed or permanent domicile of a person that can be reasonably justified as a bona fide residence. Also referred to as the "home of record." For a separating employee concluding an OCONUS assignment, the "actual residence" is the residence occupied at the time the employee received the OCONUS assignment. This is the residence listed in the service or transportation agreement signed by the employee prior to departure to an OCONUS PDS, pursuant to which the employee is assured that the expenses of return travel and transportation will be paid by the GOV'T ([GSBCA 16265-RELO, 19 December 2003](#)).

**ADVANCED TRAVEL OF DEPENDENTS (Uniformed Member Only).** The movement of dependents based on a PCS order, but before member travel.

## AGENCY

A. **Includes:**

1. An Executive agency, as defined in [5 USC §105](#);
2. A Military department;
3. An Office, agency or other establishment in the legislative branch;
4. The Government of the District of Columbia.

B. Does NOT include a/an:

1. GOV'T controlled corporation;
2. Member of Congress;
3. Office or committee of either House of Congress or of the two Houses;
4. Office, agency or other establishment in the judicial branch.

**AGREEMENT** (*Civilian Employee Only*). A written statement required by any of several statutes, signed by a person selected for appointment or by an employee, prescribing a required period of service and other conditions related to transportation allowances ICW permanent duty travel. *Also called a Service Agreement.*

**ALTERNATE PLACE** (*Uniformed Member Only*). A CONUS or non foreign OCONUS place authorized/ approved by the Secretarial Process to which a dependent is authorized to move at GOV'T expense in conjunction with an ITDY.

**ANNUAL TRAINING (AT)** (*Uniformed Member Only*)

1. Active duty required of the Ready Reserve to satisfy the member's annual reserve assignment training requirements.
2. Providing readiness training is the primary purpose of annual training, but annual training also may support active component missions and requirements (i.e., operational support).
3. Annual training is a part of active duty for training.
4. For DoD, see [DoDI 1215.06](#). For non DoD Services, see Service issuances.

**APPROVE(D)**. The ratification or confirmation of an act already done.

**APPROVING OFFICIAL** (*Civilian Employee Only*). See **TRAVEL APPROVING/DIRECTING OFFICIAL**.

**ARMED FORCES**. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard ([37 USC §101\(4\)](#)).

**ATTENDANT**. An attendant:

1. Is a Uniformed member, employee, or other person who, IAW a order/ITA, accompanies a member/ employee authorized to travel to/from a medical facility for required medical attention that is not available locally; and
2. Takes care of and waits upon the member/employee patient in response to the patient's needs; and
3. May travel with the patient and attend to the patient's needs at the destination medical facility; and
4. Is appointed by competent medical authority.

**AUTHENTICATING OFFICIAL** (*Civilian Employee Only*). See **AUTHORIZING/ORDER ISSUING OFFICIAL (AO)**.

**AUTHORIZE(D)**

1. Permission given before an act.
2. The giving, through these regulations, of an allowance to an eligible individual requiring no other action.

(Example: When the regulation states that an allowance is authorized, – the regulation means that an eligible individual has that allowance without further action by any other activity.)

**AUTHORIZING/ORDER ISSUING OFFICIAL (AO).** The official who directs travel and has responsibility for the funding.

**AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM) SERVICES.** Contractor provided services that allow cash withdrawals from participating ATMs to be charged to a GTCC.

## **BAGGAGE**

A. Personal effects of a traveler needed ICW official travel and immediately upon arrival at the assignment point.

B. GOV'T material may be included.

C. *Baggage may accompany a traveler (accompanied baggage) or be transported separately from the traveler (UB).*

1. Accompanied Baggage. Baggage that is not part of the HHG weight allowance and consists of coats, brief cases, suitcases, and similar luggage that accompanies a traveler without cost on a transportation ticket.

2. Excess Accompanied Baggage. Accompanied baggage in excess of the weight, size, or number of pieces carried free by a transportation carrier or when charged a fee by the airline to transport accompanied baggage.

3. Unaccompanied (UB). That part of a member's/employee's prescribed weight allowance of HHG that:

a. Is not carried free on a ticket used for personal travel,

b. Ordinarily is transported separately from the major bulk of HHG, and

c. Usually is transported by an expedited mode because it's needed immediately or soon after arrival at destination for interim housekeeping pending arrival of the major portion of HHG.

d. *ICW PDT (including TCS for civilian employees), PCS, RAT, COT/IPCOT travel consists of personal clothing and equipment, essential pots, pans, and light housekeeping items; collapsible items such as cribs, playpens, and baby carriages; and other articles required for the care of dependents. Items such as refrigerators, washing machines, and other major appliances/furniture must not be included in UB.*

e. *ICW an extended TDY assignment, is limited to the necessary personal clothing and effects for the individual and equipment directly related to the assignment.*

**BLANKET ORDER.** See **ORDER.**

**BREAK IN SERVICE (Civilian Employee Only).** A break in service is defined as a period of four or more calendar days during which an individual is no longer on the rolls of an executive agency ([5 CFR §300.703 \(2004\)](#)).

**BUSINESS CLASS.** See **ACCOMMODATIONS.**

## **CALENDAR DAY**

1. The 24 hour period from one midnight to the next midnight.

2. The calendar day technically begins one second after midnight and ends at midnight.

**CAPACITY CONTROLLED CITY PAIR AIRFARE.** See **CITY PAIR AIRFARE.**

**CENTRALLY BILLED ACCOUNT (CBA).** See **GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD (GTCC).**

**CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER.** See **U.S. CERTIFICATED CARRIER.**

**CIRCUITOUS TRAVEL.** Travel by a route other than the one that ordinarily would be prescribed by a transportation officer between the places involved. Also referred to as Indirect Travel.

**CITY PAIR AIRFARE.** An airfare on a U.S. certificated air carrier under contract for a Federal employee for planning official travel ([Airfares \(City Pair Program\) http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/27228](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/27228)). Airfares are priced on one way routes permitting multiple destination travel. No minimum/maximum length of stay is required. Tickets are fully refundable, with no cancellation fees. Prices are negotiated each fiscal year. There are two types of city pair airfares:

A. Standard City Pair Airfare (YCA):

1. No advance purchase required
2. Last seat availability
3. Used for cost construction purposes.

B. Dual (Capacity Controlled) City Pair Airfare ('Dash'CA):

1. Lower prices than the standard city pair rates
2. Limited number of seats on each flight
3. Not used for cost construction purposes.

**COMMANDANT'S PAROLE (*Uniformed Member Only*).** The conditional release (parole) from confinement of a prisoner from a disciplinary barracks whose parole the Secretary Concerned has authorized and whose court martial sentence has not been ordered executed because appellate review of the case has not been completed. The prisoner must remain under the supervision of the Commandant of a U.S. disciplinary barracks.

**COMMAND, COMBATANT.** An organization with a broad continuing mission under a single commander established and so designated by the President, through the SECDEF with the advice and assistance of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Combatant commands typically have geographic or functional responsibilities.

**COMMAND SPONSORED DEPENDENT (*Uniformed Member Only*).** See **DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED.**

**COMMERCIAL POV STORAGE FACILITY (*Uniformed Member Only*).** Any commercial fee for service facility open to the public for daily/long term storage of motor vehicles.

**COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTER.** A transporter operating under the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 ([Public Law 104-88](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/27228)) in interstate commerce or under appropriate State statutes in intrastate commerce.

**COMMON CARRIER.** Private sector supplier of air, rail, bus, or ship transportation.

**COMMUTED RATE (*Civilian Employee Only*).** A price rate used for HHG transportation and storage in transit. It includes costs of line haul transportation, packing, crating, unpacking, drayage incident to transportation and other accessorial charges, and costs of storage in transit within the applicable weight limit for storage including in and out charges and necessary drayage. To get the commuted rates tables for transportation, storage, packing, unpacking, crating, drayage and other accessorial charges incident to transportation you must subscribe to the [Professional Movers Commercial Relocation Tariff, STB HGB 400-\(Series\)](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/27228). See JTR, par. C5160-D4.

**CONFERENCE.** A meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium or event that involves attendee travel. Also applies to training activities that are conferences under [5 CFR §410.404](#). Does not include regularly scheduled courses of instruction conducted at a GOV'T/commercial training facility.

**CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR (COT) (*Uniformed Member Only*).** The PCS reassignment of a member from one OCONUS PDS to another OCONUS PDS. See **IN PLACE CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR**.

**CONSUMABLE GOODS (SEE HOUSEHOLD GOODS).** Consumable goods refer to expendable personal property because they are used up, as opposed to wearing out. Refer to APP F for the designated locations to which consumable goods shipments are authorized. There are three categories of consumable goods:

1. **Foodstuff:** Edible foodstuffs, e.g., canned tuna or foodstuffs that are edible as part of prepared items, such as flour, sugar, salt, and shortening which are used to make cake. Edible consumable goods directly satisfy the need for food and nourishment.
2. **Personal Maintenance:** Non edible consumable goods include items that are used for personal maintenance such as toiletries, deodorant, toothpaste and personal hygiene products.
3. **Household Maintenance:** Non edible consumable goods used for the maintenance of the household such as paper products and liquid household cleaners that cannot be shipped as HHG due to normal shipping restrictions.

***Consumable goods do not include items to maintain an automobile or other machinery. Items such as car batteries and tires are not consumable goods and are prohibited in consumable goods shipments.***

**\*CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES (CONUS).** The 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. This definition specifically excludes the states of Alaska and Hawaii as they are not part of the contiguous states and are included in the definition of Non-Foreign, OCONUS locations.

**CONTINGENCY OPERATION.** A military operation that:

1. Is designated by the SECDEF as an operation in which armed forces members are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the U.S. or against an opposing military force; or
2. Results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of Uniformed Services member under [10 USC §688](#), [§12301\(a\)](#), [§12302](#), [§12304](#), [§12305](#), or [§12406](#); [Ch 15 of title 10](#), or any other provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

**CONTRACT CARRIER.** U.S. certificated air carrier that is under contract with the GOV'T to furnish Federal employees, uniformed members, and other persons authorized to travel at GOV'T expense with passenger transportation service. This also includes GSA's contracted scheduled airline passenger service between selected U.S. cities/airports and between selected U.S. and international cities/airports at reduced fares.

**(CONTRACTED) COMMERCIAL TRAVEL OFFICE (CTO).** A commercial activity providing a full range of commercial travel and ticketing services for official travel under a contract and/or memorandum of understanding with the GOV'T. Also called a Travel Management Center (TMC) under GSA's program.

**CONUS LOCALITY PER DIEM RATES.** For current per diem rates, see the [Defense Travel Management Office website](#).

**DEFENSE TABLE OF OFFICIAL DISTANCES (DTOD).** The DoD standard source for worldwide distance information based on zip code to zip code replacing all other sources used for computing distance (except airplanes). For more information refer to the [DTOD website](#).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) COMPONENTS. (Also ref the [Defense Almanac](#) and/or the [Department of Defense](#) website.)

DOD BRANCH OF SERVICE	DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES	DEFENSE AGENCIES		JOINT SERVICE SCHOOLS
The Office of the Secretary of Defense (including the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff)	American Forces Information Service	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	Defense Security Cooperation Agency	National Defense Intelligence College (NDIC)
	Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office	Defense Commissary Agency	Defense Security Service	
Department of the Army	Defense Technology Security Administration	Defense Contract Audit Agency	Defense Threat Reduction Agency	Defense Acquisition University
Department of the Air Force	DoD Counterintelligence Field Activity	Defense Contract Management Agency	Missile Defense Agency	National Defense University
Department of the Navy (including the Marine Corps)	DoD Education Activity	Defense Finance and Accounting Service	National Geospatial Intelligence Agency	
DoD Inspector General	DoD Human Resources Activity	Defense Information Systems Agency	National Geospatial Intelligence College	Joint Professional Military Education Colleges
	Office of Economic Adjustments	Defense Intelligence Agency	National Security Agency/Central Security Service	
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces	TRICARE Management Activity	Defense Legal Services Agency	Pentagon Force Protection Agency	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Logistics Agency		

DEPENDENT (**Uniformed Member Only**). Defined by [37 USC §401](#).

**NOTE: Exception. For authorization purposes under JFTR:**

1. A member's spouse, who also is a member on active duty, is treated as a dependent for travel and transportation ONLY for purposes of travel between the port of overhaul, inactivation or construction, and the home port as authorized in JFTR, par. U7115-A, or for transportation for survivors of a deceased member authorized in JFTR, par. U5242-A1;
2. A child is treated as a dependent of either the mother or the father who are members on active duty (i.e., only 1 member may receive allowances on the child's behalf);
3. A member ([IAW 37 USC §421](#)) may not be paid allowances on behalf of a dependent for any period during which that dependent is entitled to basic pay [IAW 37 USC §204](#).

Except for transportation to obtain OCONUS medical care (JFTR, par. U5240-C1), any of the following individuals: (**Exception NOTES above.**)

1. A member's spouse;
2. A member's unmarried child under age 21 (including an infant born after a PCS order effective date when the mother's travel to the new PDS before the child's birth was precluded by Service regulations because of the advanced state of the mother's pregnancy or other medical reason(s) as certified by a medical doctor, or for other official reason(s) such as awaiting completion of the school year by other children in the family ([50 Comp. Gen. 220 \(1970\)](#); [66 id. 497 \(1987\)](#));
3. A member's unmarried stepchild under age 21 (including the member's spouse's illegitimate child, [B-177061/B-177129, 13 December 1974](#)) **NOTE: A stepchild is excluded as a dependent after the member's**

*divorce from the stepchild's parent by blood.;*

4. A member's unmarried adopted child under age 21 (including a child placed in the member's home by a placement agency for the purpose of adoption);
5. A member's unmarried illegitimate child under age 21 if the member's parentage of the child is established IAW criteria prescribed in Service regulations;
6. A member's unmarried child who is under 23 including step, adopted, and illegitimate children, enrolled in a full time course of study in an institution of higher education approved by the Secretary Concerned, and is in fact dependent on the member for more than one half of his/her support;
7. A member's unmarried child of any age who is incapable of self- support because of mental or physical incapacity and is, dependent on the member for over one half of his/her support; ***NOTE: A child under this item include a member's child by blood, a stepchild, an adopted child, a child placed in the member's home by a placement agency for the purpose of adoption, and an illegitimate child if the member's parentage of the child is established IAW criteria prescribed in Service regulations.;***
8. For transportation authorized in JFTR, par. U5215-B,
  - a. A member's unmarried child who traveled at GOV'T expense to an OCONUS PDS incident to the member's assignment there and by reason of age or graduation from, or cessation of enrollment in, an institution of higher education, otherwise would cease to be the member's dependent, while the member is serving at an OCONUS PDS;
  - b. A parent, stepparent, or person in loco parentis, who traveled at GOV'T expense to an OCONUS PDS incident to the member's assignment there and ceases to be the member's dependent while the member is serving at an OCONUS PDS;
9. A member's and/or spouse's parent, stepparent, parent by adoption, or any other person (including a former stepparent) who has stood in loco parentis to the member at any time for a continuous period of at least 5 years before the member became age 21 who:
  - a. Is, in fact, dependent on the member for more than one half of his/her support and has been so dependent for a period prescribed by the Secretary Concerned; or
  - b. Became so dependent due to a change of circumstances arising after the member entered on active duty and the parent's dependency on the member is determined on the basis of an affidavit submitted by the parent and any other evidence required under regulations prescribed by the Secretary Concerned;
10. For return transportation to CONUS, the former spouse and/or dependents or former dependent children of a member when such dependents or former dependents are located OCONUS, even though the marital relationship with the member was terminated by divorce or annulment before the member was eligible for return transportation. See JFTR, par. U5900-E.;
11. For a dependency determination made on or after 1 July 1994, an unmarried person who:
  - a. Is placed in the member's legal custody as a result of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in a CONUS or a non foreign OCONUS area for a period of at least 12 months; and
    - (1) Has not attained age 21, or
    - (2) Has not attained the age 23 and is enrolled in a full time course of study at an institution of higher learning approved by the Secretary Concerned, or
    - (3) Is incapable of self support because of a mental or physical incapacity that occurred while the

- person was a dependent of the member or former member under (1) or (2), and
- b. Is dependent on the member for over one half of his/her support, as prescribed in regulations of the Secretary Concerned; and
  - c. Resides with the member unless separated by the necessity of military service or to receive institutional care as a result of disability, incapacitation, or such other circumstances as the Secretary Concerned may by regulation prescribe; and
  - d. Is not a dependent of a member under any other paragraph.

12. Whether or not an individual is considered to be a member's spouse for the purpose of allowances authorized in these regulations when a "common law marriage" is involved is addressed in several GSBCA and Comptroller General decisions. Some quotes from those decisions are as follows:

GSBCA quotes "Issues of marital status are determined by state law and the relationship of spouse exists if common law marriage is recognized by the law of the state in which the parties entered into such a marriage"; and,

"Issues of marital status are determined by state law, James H. Perdue, [GSBCA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998](#). Some states recognize common law marriage -- "[a] marriage that takes legal effect, without license or ceremony, when a couple live together as husband and wife, intend to be married, and hold themselves out to others as a married couple." Black's Law Dictionary 986 (7th ed. 1999)"; and,

As we recognized in James H. Perdue, [GSBCA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998](#) the burden of proof is on the claimant to establish the common law marriage. State law determines issues of marital status, and the relationship of spouse exists if common law marriage is recognized under the law of the state in which the parties entered into such a marriage. The following Comptroller General decisions address specific circumstances: [B-260688, 23 October 1995](#); [B-247541, 19 June 1992](#); [B-212900, 15 November 1983](#); [B-191316, 27 September 1978](#); [B-191316, 6 April 1978](#); [B-186179, 30 June 1976](#).

The validity of a common law marriage is determined by the law of the place in which it was contracted, and if valid there, it will be valid elsewhere, in the absence of contravention of positive law, or consideration of policy to the contrary. [B-186179, 30 June 1976](#); [B-191316, 27 September 1978](#).

The burden of proof is on the claimant to establish the common law marriage. [GSBCA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](#); [GSBCA 14122 RELO, 16 March 1998](#).

Common Law Marriage is defined as a marriage not solemnized by religious or civil ceremony as defined in pertinent state law. Some states recognize common law marriage – "[a] marriage that takes legal effect, without license or ceremony, when a couple live together as husband and wife, intend to be married, and hold themselves out to others as a married couple." ([DoDFMR, Vol. 7B, Glossary](#))

For dependency determinations, Service PoCs are listed in JFTR, par. U10104-G3.

Pertinent GSBCA decisions

[GSBCA 15947-RELO, 31 March 2003](#)  
[GSBCA 15382-RELO, 20 December 2000](#)  
[GSBCA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](#)  
[GSBCA 14673-RELO, 9 December 1998](#)  
[GSBCA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998](#)

**DEPENDENT/IMMEDIATE FAMILY (Civilian Employee Only).** Any of the following named members of an employee's household at the time the employee reports for duty at a new PDS or performs authorized/approved OCONUS tour RAT or separation travel:

1. Employee's spouse;
2. Employee's domestic partner;
3. Children of the employee, of the employee's spouse, or of the employee's domestic partner who are unmarried and under age 21 years or who, regardless of age, are physically or mentally incapable of self support. **NOTE:** "Children" includes natural offspring; stepchildren; adopted children; grandchildren, legal minor wards or other dependent children who are under legal guardianship of the employee or employee's spouse; also, a child born and moved after the employee's effective date of transfer because of advance stage of pregnancy, or other reasons acceptable to the DoD component concerned, e.g., awaiting school year completion by other children. [50 Comp. Gen. 220 \(1970\)](#); [66 id. 497 \(1987\)](#));

**NOTE 1:** *An employee and spouse at an OCONUS PDS assumed temporary custody of two grandchildren. The grandchildren's parent was a uniformed member on active duty with a DoD Service in Iraq. The uniformed member (the parent) executed a special military power of attorney granting guardianship of the children to the children's grandparent. GSBCA held that the power of attorney did not create a "legal guardianship" as that term is used in par. B above to define dependent/immediate family members for the purpose of determining eligibility for relocation allowances. Since the term "legal guardianship" is not defined in the JTR, GSBCA turned to Arizona state law (the state in which the power of attorney was executed and in which the uniformed member resided) for guidance. Under Arizona law legal guardianship can be established only by judicial determination and the powers of attorney provided by the uniformed member were not sufficient to create guardianship. Since legal guardianship did not exist, the grandchildren could not be the employee's immediate family members and the employee was not authorized travel and transportation costs and overseas allowances (TQSA) on their behalf ([GSBCA 16337-RELO, 19 April 2004](#)).*

4. Dependent parents (including step and legally adoptive parents) of the employee, of the employee's spouse, or of the employee's domestic partner; and
5. Dependent brothers and sisters (including step and legally adoptive brothers and sisters) of the employee, of the employee's spouse, or of the employee's domestic partner who are unmarried and under 21 years of age or who, regardless of age, are physically or mentally incapable of self-support.

**NOTE 2:** *Generally, the individuals named in items 4 and 5 are the employee's dependents if they receive at least 51 percent of their support from the employee or employee's spouse; however, this percentage of support criterion must not be the decisive factor in all cases. These individuals also may be dependents for the purpose of this definition if they are members of the employee's household and, in addition to their own income, receive support (less than 51 percent) from the employee or employee's spouse without which they would be unable to maintain a reasonable standard of living.*

**NOTE 3:** *ICW the Missing Persons Act, "dependent" is defined in JTR, par. C7090-A for the purpose of transportation eligibility under that Act.*

**NOTE 4:** *With respect to emergency leave travel, JTR, par. C7365-D.*

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*The burden of proof is on the claimant to establish the common law marriage. [GSBCA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](#); [GSBCA 14122 RELO, 16 March 1998](#).*

*Once the employee has submitted evidence in support of the common law marriage, it should be submitted to the appropriate agency legal counsel for assistance in determining whether or not the putative spouse qualifies as a spouse under the specific state and/or Federal law ([1 USC §7](#)). PDTATAC does not adjudicate these cases.*

**Pertinent GSBCA decisions**

[GSBCA 15947-RELO, 31 March 2003](#)  
[GSBCA 15382-RELO, 20 December 2000](#)  
[GSBCA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](#)  
[GSBCA 14673-RELO, 9 December 1998](#)  
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**DEPENDENT, ACQUIRED (*Uniformed Member Only*)**. A dependent acquired through marriage, adoption, or other action during the current tour of assigned duty. Does not include persons dependent, or children born of a marriage that existed, before the beginning of a current tour.

**DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED (*Uniformed Member Only*)**

1. A dependent residing with a member at an OCONUS location at which an accompanied by dependents tour is authorized, the member is authorized to serve that tour, and who is authorized by the appropriate authority to be at the member's PDS.
2. The member is authorized to receive station allowances (COLA and TLA) at the 'with dependent' rate on behalf of a command sponsored dependent as a result of the dependent's residence at/in the member's PDS vicinity.
3. Command sponsorship is not required to receive OHA at the 'with dependent' rate.
4. See **DEPENDENT**.

**DEPENDENT RESTRICTED TOUR (*Uniformed Member Only*)**

1. A tour at any overseas PDS with an established tour that does not permit command sponsored dependents.
2. Also referred to as an unaccompanied hardship overseas tour, or remote tour.
3. Also describes a tour at a PDS at which command sponsored dependents may be authorized, but at which the

member is not eligible to serve the accompanied tour. See [DoDI 1315.18, par. E2.1.13](#).

## DESIGNATED PLACE

### A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**

1. Except as used in Ch 6 (Evacuation Allowances):
  - a. A place in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS area;
  - b. The foreign OCONUS place to which dependents are specifically authorized to travel under JFTR, par. U5222-D1, when a member is ordered to an unaccompanied/dependent restricted tour. This is limited to the native country of a foreign born spouse for DoD Services and Coast Guard.;
  - c. The OCONUS place at which a member is scheduled to serve an accompanied tour after completing an unaccompanied or dependent-restricted tour, as applicable, and to which dependents specifically are authorized to travel under JFTR, par. U5222-C4, U5222-D1 or U5222-F3;
  - d. The OCONUS place in the old PDS vicinity at which dependents remain under the JFTR, par. U5222-F3, while a member serves a dependent restricted/unaccompanied tour;
  - e. The foreign OCONUS place to which dependents are specifically authorized to travel under JFTR, par. U5900, when early return of dependents is authorized. This is limited to the native country of a foreign born spouse for DoD Services and Coast Guard.
2. To receive allowances associated with a designated place move, the member must certify that the designated place is the place at which the dependents intend to establish a bona fide residence until further dependent transportation is authorized at GOV'T expense.
3. For the definition of "designated place" as used in Ch 6 (Evacuation Allowances), see pars. U6002-A and U6051-A.

### B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**. A place designated by the:

1. Commander concerned,
2. Commander's designated representative, or
3. Employee,

for the movement of dependents or HHG when not accompanying the employee.

**DESTINATION RATE** (*Civilian Employee Only*). The per diem rate applicable to the next location at which an employee is to perform TDY or at which an employee makes an en route stopover to obtain overnight lodging.

**DETACHMENT** (*Uniformed Member Only*). A part of a unit separated from its main organization for duty elsewhere, or a temporary military or naval unit formed from other units or parts of units.

### **DIFFERENT (OR SEPARATE) DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES** (*Civilian Employee Only*)

1. The several departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the GOV'T.
2. Within the Department of Defense, the terms "Different Departments" or "Different Military Departments" means the DoD components separately. **NOTE: This distinction is necessary with regard to funding for travel and transportation from one department to another.**

**DOMESTIC PARTNER** (*Civilian Employee Only*). An adult in a domestic partnership with an employee of the same sex.

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**DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP** (*Civilian Employee Only*). A committed relationship between two adults of the same sex, in which they:

1. Are each other's sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely;
2. Maintain a common residence, and intend to continue to do so (or would maintain a common residence but for an assignment abroad or other employment-related, financial, or similar obstacle);
3. Are at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract;
4. Share responsibility for a significant measure of each other's financial obligations;
5. Are not married or joined in a civil union to anyone else;
6. Are not a domestic partner of anyone else;
7. Are not related in a way that, if they were of opposite sex, would prohibit legal marriage in the U.S. jurisdiction in which the domestic partnership was formed;
8. Are willing to certify, if required by the agency, that they understand that willful falsification of any documentation required to establish that an individual is in a domestic partnership may lead to disciplinary action and the recovery of the cost of benefits received related to such falsification, as well as constitute a criminal violation under [18 USC §1001](#), and that the method for securing such certification, if required, must be determined by the agency; and
9. Are willing promptly to disclose, if required by the agency, any dissolution or material change in the status of the domestic partnership.

***NOTE:*** *The definition of 'Domestic partnership' requires that the partners 'share responsibility for a significant measure of each other's financial obligations.' This criterion requires only that there be financial interdependence between the partners and should not be interpreted to exclude partnerships in which one partner stays at home while the other is the primary breadwinner.*

## DUTY STATION

A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**. For the purpose of transportation and storage of HHG and mobile homes:

1. The home of a member at the time of:
  - a. Appointment to regular Service from civilian life or an RC;
  - b. Being called to active duty or active duty for training for 20 or more weeks;
  - c. Being recalled from the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or recalled from retirement (including temporary disability);
  - d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency);
2. The place at which a member actually is assigned for duty, including a place from which the member commutes daily to an assigned station or, for a member on sea duty, the home port of the ship or mobile unit to which the member is assigned;

3. The place at which a ship is being built or being fitted out is a shore duty station until the commissioning date, at which time the home port assigned to such ship is the new station;
4. The home of a member upon:
  - a. Retirement;
  - b. Transfer to an RC, the Fleet Reserve, or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
  - c. Release from active duty;
  - d. Discharge, resignation, or separation, all under honorable conditions; or
  - e. Temporary disability retirement.

B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**. For the purpose of HHG; and mobile home transportation and storage -- the place at which an employee actually is assigned for duty, including a place from which the employee commutes daily to an assigned station.

**DISCOUNT GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE (GMR)**. The daily rate charged for meals in a GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS minus the operating cost. See **GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE** for current rates.

**DISTANCE**. As applicable for the Defense Table of Official Distance:

1. **Shortest**. Routes a driver takes to minimize total distance traveled while still following a truck-navigable route. Used in most cases to calculate HHG distances.
2. **Practical**. Routes a driver ordinarily would take to minimize time and cost. Practical routes model the trade-off between taking the most direct path versus staying on major, high-quality highways. Interstate highways are given a higher priority than secondary highways. Practical routes consider distance, road quality, terrain, urban/rural classifications, and designated principal and secondary through routes. Used to calculate travel distance.

**EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENT (Uniformed Member Only)**. Authorized dependent movement from an OCONUS location, requested by the member or directed by the member's command, prior to the issuance of a PCS order.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF PCS ORDER

A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**

1. For a member being separated/retired, the last day of active duty. See below for an RC member being separated.
2. For all others, including an RC member being separated and a recalled retired member who continues in an active duty status during the time allowed for return travel home, the date the member is required to begin travel from the old PDS, the member's home, PLEAD, last TDY station, safe haven location or designated place, whichever applies, to arrive at the new PDS, home, or PLEAD, on the date authorized by the transportation mode authorized and/or used.
3. An IPCOT order effective date is the first day of duty on the new tour. See IPCOT definition.
4. The following are examples of computing an order's effective date:

EXAMPLE 1
A member ordered to make a PCS is required to report to the new PDS on 10 June. The member travels by POC and is authorized 7 days travel time.

10 June	Authorized and actual reporting date
3 June	Less 7 days travel time actually used
4 June	Add 1 day
4 June	PCS order effective date
<b>EXAMPLE 2</b>	
A member ordered to make a PCS is required to report to the new PDS on 10 June. The member anticipates that the official distance of 2,100 miles will be traveled by POC. The member changes plans and travels by air. The member reports in on 9 June.	
10 June	Authorized reporting date
9 June	Actual reporting date
8 June	Less 1 day travel time
9 June	Add 1 day
9 June	PCS order effective date
<b>EXAMPLE 3</b>	
A member ordered to make a PCS is required to report to the new PDS on 10 June. The member travels by POC and is authorized 7 days travel time. However, the member runs into inclement weather and is authorized an additional 2 days travel time by the gaining commander.	
10 June	Authorized reporting date
1 June	Less 9 days travel time
2 June	Add 1 day
2 June	PCS order effective date

B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE.** The date an employee is required to commence travel to comply with a PCS travel order. In determining the effective date, authorized leave/TDY en route required by the travel order is excluded.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION (Civilian Employee Only).** The date an employee is separated from Federal service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OR APPOINTMENT (Civilian Employee Only).** The date an employee or new appointee reports for duty at a new or first PDS.

**EMERGENCY TRAVEL (Civilian Employee Only).** See **TRAVEL, EMERGENCY.**

**EMPLOYEE.** A civilian individual:

1. Employed by an agency (as defined in APP A), regardless of status or grade;
2. Employed intermittently as an expert or consultant and paid on a daily WAE basis; or
3. Serving without pay or at \$1 a year ([5 USC §5701\(2\)](#)) (also referred to as "invitational traveler" for TDY travel purposes only).

**ESCORT.** An escort:

1. Is a member, employee, or other person who, IAW a order/ITA, accompanies the member/employee between authorized locations, when the member/employee:
  - a. Travel is authorized by competent authority, and
  - b. Is incapable of traveling alone, and
2. May be appointed by the member's/employee's commanding officer/AO.

**EXPEDITED TRANSPORTATION MODE.** A common carrier operated transportation service for the accelerated or protected movement of HHG between specified points.

**EXTENDED STORAGE.** See **NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE**.

**FAMILY.** See **DEPENDENT**.

**FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATION.** Regulation contained in [Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\), Chapters 300 through 304](#), that implements statutory requirements and Executive branch policies for Federal civilian employee travel and others authorized to travel in the manner of civilian employees at GOV'T expense.

**FIELD DUTY.** All duty serving with troops participating in maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar types of operations, during which:

1. The individual is provided meals in a GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS or with an organization drawing field rations, and is provided GOV'T QTRS or is quartered in accommodations normally associated with field exercises. Everything ordinarily covered by per diem is furnished without charge, except that a member is required to pay for rations at the discounted meal rate (basic meal rate), or
2. Students are participating in survival training, forage for subsistence, and improvise shelter.

An individual furnished subsistence obtained by contract is performing field duty when so declared by a competent official.

**FIRST CLASS.** See **ACCOMMODATIONS**.

**FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.** An air carrier that does not hold a certificate issued by the U.S. under [49 USC §41102](#).

**FOREIGN AREA AND FOREIGN COUNTRY.** Any area or country outside the 50 States, District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and U.S. territories and possessions.

**FOREIGN-BORN DEPENDENT** (*Uniformed Member Only*). A dependent born in a foreign country, including a foreign national and a dependent who becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen; also, children of a foreign born dependent spouse.

**FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES** (*Civilian Employee Only*). The Foreign Service as constituted under the Foreign Service Act of 1980 ([Public Law 96-465](#)).

**FORMER CANAL ZONE AREA.** Areas and INSTALLATIONS in the Republic of Panama made available to the U.S. under the [Panama Canal Treaty of 1977](#) and related agreements as described in section 3(a) of the [Panama Canal Act of 1979](#).

**FUND-APPROVING OFFICIAL** (*Civilian Employee Only*). One who provides the accounting data for authorized/approved travel orders or order amendments.

**FUNDING ACTIVITY** (*Civilian Employee Only*). The command or organization whose funds pay for the travel.

## GEOGRAPHICAL LOCALITY

1. The contiguous political area of a single country or a related island group in the same region.
2. Widely dispersed noncontiguous subdivisions of the same country are separate geographical localities. For example: the United Kingdom (including England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland) is a geographical locality and Ireland (Republic of) is a separate geographical locality; France and Germany are separate geographical localities; Portugal and the Azores are separate geographical localities; the Philippine Islands are

the same geographical locality. Japan, including its separate island components, with the exception of the Ryukyu Islands, is a single geographical locality. The Ryukyu Islands (including Okinawa) are a separate geographical locality. With regard to the U.S., CONUS is a single geographical locality, but the states of Hawaii and Alaska, and each U.S. territory or possession, are separate geographical localities.

3. When the term "overseas area" or "OCONUS area" is used, it relates to more than one geographical locality and may include a continent, or the area comprising command jurisdiction, or the entire OCONUS area.

**GOVERNMENT (GOV'T).** The GOV'T of the U.S. and the Government of the District of Columbia.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RATE SUPPLEMENT (GARS).** A reimbursable expense charged by rental car companies for costs incurred unique to doing business with the GOV'T.

**GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT.** Any aircraft owned, leased, chartered or rented and operated by an executive agency.

**GOVERNMENT CONTRACT RENTAL AUTOMOBILE.** An automobile obtained for short term use from a commercial firm under the provisions of an appropriate GSA Federal Supply Schedule contract.

**GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED QUARTERS.** QTRS (other than GOV'T QTRS or privatized housing) under the jurisdiction of a uniformed service (e.g., Ministry of Defense (MOD) leased QTRS for which the GOV'T controls occupancy).

#### **GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE**

##### **A. Includes:**

1. Equipment owned, leased, or chartered, for transportation on land, water, or in the air, expressly for GOV'T use.
2. Aircraft on loan to or owned by an Aero Club and AMC categories B and M air travel.

##### **B. Does not Include:**

1. A GOV'T owned ship totally leased for commercial operation, or
2. A rental vehicle, for personally procured moves, (JFTR, par. U5320-D and JTR, par. C2203-D). See 52 Comp. Gen. 936 (1973).

**GOVERNMENT DINING FACILITY/MESS.** A generic term used in lieu of GOV'T dining facility, GOV'T mess, general mess, dining hall, dining activity, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded by appropriated funds. (Excludes activities operated by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities such as an officer's mess, club, organized mess and all similar terms.) If used ("GOV'T dining facility/mess available" APP O, par. T4040-a8b) by/made available to the member, or used by the employee, includes:

1. A general or Service organizational mess, including messing facilities of a state owned National Guard Camp. A dining facility/mess established and operated primarily for enlisted members is not included unless the mess is used by/made available to officers, or used by employees;
2. Marine Corps officers' field ration dining facility, an officers' wardroom mess, or warrant officers' and chief petty officers' mess afloat; or
3. Box lunches, in flight meals, or rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft.

***NOTE: In-flight snack meals purchased at the member's/employee's option before boarding a military aircraft***

*and meals furnished by commercial air carriers (including AMC charter flights) are not meals furnished by a GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS.*

**GOVERNMENT FURNISHED AUTOMOBILE.** An automobile (or "light truck," as defined in 41 CFR 101-38 including vans and pickup trucks) that is:

1. Owned by an agency;
2. Assigned or dispatched to an agency on a rental basis from a GSA interagency motor pool; or
3. Leased by the GOV'T for 60 or more days from a commercial firm.

**GOVERNMENT FURNISHED VEHICLE.** A GOV'T furnished automobile or a GOV'T aircraft.

**GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE (GMR)**

A. Discount GMR. The discount GMR is:

1. The daily rate provided in lieu of meals in a GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS minus the operating cost.
2. \$10/day.

B. Standard GMR. The standard GMR is:

1. The daily rate provided in lieu of meals in a GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS including the operating cost.
2. \$11.70/day.

C. Effective Date(s). The discount and standard GOV'T meal rates above are effective from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013.

**GOVERNMENT MESS.** See **GOVERNMENT DINING FACILITY/MESS.**

**GOVERNMENT PROCURED TRANSPORTATION.** Transportation obtained directly from a commercial carrier with a document issued by an appropriate GOV'T official.

**GOVERNMENT QUARTERS (GOV'T QTRS)**

***NOTE:** Privatized housing, of any style or type and in any location, is not GOV'T QTRS. See par. U10010-C for an exception as part of a Navy test.*

A. GOV'T QTRS. The following are GOV'T QTRS:

1. Sleeping accommodations (including aboard a ship) owned, operated, or leased by the GOV'T;
2. Lodging or other QTRS obtained by GOV'T contract;
3. QTRS in a state owned National Guard camp;
4. Sleeping facilities in a National Guard armory when these facilities actually are used or competent authority directs their use for annual or year-round annual training even though not used;
5. Temporary lodging facilities as defined in APP A;
6. Lodging facilities (other than privatized housing) on a **U.S. INSTALLATION** if the lodging facilities are

owned and operated by a private sector entity and the use of these lodging facilities is directed by Service regulations;

7. Family type housing owned or leased by the GOV'T whether occupied as a guest or as a principal; and
8. Guesthouses, officers clubs, bachelor QTRS, visiting officers' QTRS, or similar QTRS facilities located at a military activity, QTRS aboard a Corps of Engineers floating plant or a Navy Mine Defense Laboratory offshore platform.

B. Adequacy Standards

1. DoD Services. Adequacy standards for DoD Services are prescribed by the Office, SECDEF in [DoD 4165.63-M, DoD Housing Management \(http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/416563m.pdf\)](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/416563m.pdf), and implemented by appropriate Service regulations.
2. Non-DoD Services. Service regulations.

**GOVERNMENT SPONSORED CONTRACTOR ISSUED TRAVEL CHARGE CARD.** See **GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD (GTCC)**.

**GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION.** Transportation facilities owned, leased, or chartered, and operated by the GOV'T for transportation on land, water, or in the air. See **GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE**.

**GOVERNMENT (TRANSPORTATION) CONSTRUCTED COST (GCC).** The 'Best Value' cost the GOV'T would have paid for GOV'T procured HHG transportation.

**GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST (GTR)**

1. A GTR is a Standard Form 1169.
2. A GTR is an accountable GOV'T document used to procure common carrier transportation services.
3. A GTR obligates the GOV'T to pay for transportation services provided.
4. A GTR may be issued and used only for official travel. A GTR must not be issued or used for personal travel regardless of the reason, even on a reimbursable basis.
5. See **TRANSPORTATION REQUEST**.

**GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD (GTCC).** A charge card used by authorized individuals to pay for official travel and transportation related expenses for which the card contractor bills the GOV'T (CBA) or individual (IBA).

A. Centrally Billed Account (CBA). One of two types of GTCC accounts. CBAs are issued to the GOV'T and the GOV'T retains liability for CBAs.

B. Individually Billed Account (IBA). One of two types of GTCC accounts. Individual travelers are issued IBA cards, and the traveler has liability for the use and payment of the account. *This term does not apply to personal (non-GOV'T) credit card not issued under the GTCC program.*

**GROUP MOVEMENT**

1. A movement of 2 or more official travelers traveling as a group, under the same order (either PCS or TDY) for which transportation is GOV'T owned/procured from the same origin to the same destination. Movement could include locations en route as specified on the order.

2. Members, traveling together under an order directing no/limited reimbursement, may travel between any points en route, provided that the order specifically indicates the points between which the status applies.

**HELPING VERB FORMS.** The following usages apply:

HELPING VERB	DEGREE OF RESTRICTION
Must, shall	Action is mandatory
Should	Action is required, unless justifiable reason exists for not taking action
May, can	Action is optional
Will	Is not restrictive; applies only to a statement of future condition or an expression of time

**HIGHEST CONUS M&IE RATE.** Effective for travel by car ferry on/after 1 October 2009: \$71.

**HOME OF RECORD (HOR) (*Uniformed Member Only*)**

A. General. The place recorded as the individual's home when commissioned, appointed, enlisted, inducted, or ordered into a tour of active duty.

B. Break in Service. The place recorded as the individual's home when reinstated, reappointed, or reenlisted remains the same as that recorded when commissioned, appointed, enlisted or inducted or ordered into the tour of active duty unless there is a break in service of more than one full day. Only if a break in service exceeds one full day may the member change the HOR.

C. Bona Fide Error. Travel and transportation allowances are based on the officially corrected recording in those instances when, through a bona fide error, the place originally named at time of current entry into the Service was not in fact the actual home. Any such correction must be fully justified and the home, as corrected, must be the member's actual home upon entering the Service, and not a different place selected for the member's convenience.

D. Erroneous Designation of a Duty Station. An officer, who received a commission/warrant from an enlisted grade or was called to active duty as an officer while serving as an enlisted member and erroneously designated the place at which then serving as the HOR, may be paid allowances to the HOR in the enlistment papers upon subsequent separation from the Service or release from active duty. The member must certify erroneous designation of a duty station or a nearby place as the HOR at time of commission whereas the HOR was in fact the place shown in the enlistment papers.

**HOME OF SELECTION (HOS) (*Uniformed Member Only*)**. The place selected by a member as the member's home upon retirement (including transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve), under the conditions of JFTR, par. U5130-A1.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG)**

A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**

1. General. Items associated with the home and all personal effects belonging to a member and dependents on the member's order effective date that legally may be accepted and transported by an authorized commercial transporter.

2. Weight Additive. See JFTR, par. U5310-E for an article involving a weight additive.

3. HHG Acquired after the Order Effective Date. HHG acquired after the order effective date but before entering an IPCOT may be shipped when JFTR, par. U5370-I1b or U5370-I2 applies.

4. HHG also include:

- a. PBP&E needed and not needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination. PBP&E that are needed are not calculated in the member's weight allowance and therefore must be weighed separately and identified on the origin inventory as PBP&E.;
- b. Spare POV parts, (e.g., car engine/transmission) NTE the member's administrative HHG weight allowance and a pickup tailgate when removed;
- c. Integral or attached vehicle parts that must be removed due to their high vulnerability to pilferage or damage (e.g., seats, tops, winch, spare tires, portable auxiliary gasoline can(s), CD players, GPS systems, and miscellaneous associated hardware);
- d. Consumable goods for a member ordered to locations listed in APP F;
- e. A vehicle other than a POV (such as a motorcycle, moped, hang glider, golf cart or snowmobile (and/or the associated trailer));
- f. A boat or personal watercraft (e.g., a jet ski) 14 or more feet (and/or the associated trailer);
- g. Ultralight vehicles (defined in [14 CFR §103](#) as being single occupant; for recreation or sport purposes; weighing less than 155 pounds if un-powered or less than 254 pounds if powered; having a fuel capacity NTE 5 gallons; airspeed NTE 55 knots; and power-off stall speed NTE 24 knots).;
- h. A utility trailer, with or without a tilt bed, with a single axle, and an overall length of no more than 12 feet (from rear to trailer hitch), and no wider than 8 feet (outside tire to outside tire). Side rails/body no higher than 28 inches (unless detachable) and ramp/gate for the utility trailer no higher than 4 feet (unless detachable); and
- i. GOV'T or military owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing (OC&IE) property issued to the employee or member by the Agency/Service for official use.

5. HHG *do not* include:

- a. Personal baggage when carried free on commercial transportation;
- b. Automobiles, trucks, vans and similar motor vehicles; airplanes; mobile homes; camper trailers; horse trailers; and farming vehicles (JFTR, Ch 5, Part E for POV shipment);
- c. Live animals including birds, fish and reptiles;
- d. Articles that otherwise would qualify as HHG but are acquired after the PCS order effective date, except:
  - (1) Bona fide replacements for articles that have become inadequate, worn out, broken, or unserviceable on/after the PCS order effective date, but before the date the bulk of the HHG are released to the transportation officer or carrier for transportation when purchased in the U.S. for transportation, to an OCONUS PDS with authorization/approval through the Secretarial Process ([43 Comp. Gen. 514 \(1964\)](#)); or
  - (2) Replacement HHG items, in cases in which the original HHG shipment is destroyed or lost, through no fault of the member, during transportation incident to a change of TDY station or PDS ([68 Comp. Gen. 143 \(1988\)](#));
- e. Cordwood and building materials ([B-133751, 1 November 1957](#) and [B-180439, 13 September 1974](#));
- f. HHG for resale, disposal or commercial use;

- g. Privately owned live ammunition ([B-130583, 8 May 1957](#));
- h. Hazardous articles including explosives, flammable and corrosive materials, poisons; propane gas tanks. [DTR 4500.9-R, Part IV](#), for examples of hazardous materials.

6. Law or carrier regulations may prohibit commercial transportation of certain articles not included in 2. These articles frequently include articles:

- a. Liable to impregnate or otherwise damage equipment or other property (e.g., home canned items; liquid articles that are highly susceptible to breakage or leakage);
- b. That cannot be taken from the premises without damage to the article or the premises (e.g., bookcases built into walls); and
- c. That are perishable (including frozen foods), or that require refrigeration, or that are perishable plants unless,
  - (1) Transportation is not more than 150 miles and/or delivery is accomplished within 24 hours from the time of loading,
  - (2) No storage is required, and
  - (3) No preliminary or en route services (e.g., watering or other preservative method) is required of the carrier.

**B. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE** ([FTR, §300-3.1](#))

- 1. General. Items (except those listed in 4 and 5) associated with the home and all personal effects belonging to an employee and dependents on the employee's effective date of transfer/appointment that legally may be accepted and transported by a commercial HHG carrier.
- 2. Weight Additive. See JTR, par. C5154-E for an article involving a weight additive.
- 3. HHG also include:
  - a. PBP&E needed and not needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination. PBP&E that are needed but may cause the HHG total weight to exceed 18,000 pounds optionally may be shipped administratively (JTR, par. C5154-C1) and therefore must be weighed separately and identified on the origin inventory as PBP&E.;
  - b. Spare parts for a POV, including automobile engine/transmission ([GSBCA 14680-RELO, 17 September 1998](#)), and a pickup tailgate when removed;
  - c. Integral or attached vehicle parts that must be removed due to high vulnerability to pilferage or damage (e.g., seats, tops, winch, spare tires, portable auxiliary gasoline can(s), CD players, GPS systems, and miscellaneous associated hardware);
  - d. Consumable goods for employees with PCS travel order to locations listed in APP F;
  - e. A vehicle other than POVs (such as a motorcycle, moped, hang glider, golf cart, jet ski and snowmobile (and/or the associated trailer) of reasonable size, that can fit into a moving van);
  - f. A boat (and/or their associated trailer) of reasonable size that can fit into a moving van (e.g., canoe, skiff, dinghy, scull, kayak, rowboat, sailboat, outboard/inboard motorboat);
  - g. Ultralight vehicles (defined in [14 CFR Sec 103](#) as being single occupant; for recreation or sport

purposes; weighing less than 155 pounds if unpowered or less than 254 pounds if powered; having a fuel capacity NTE 5 gallons; airspeed NTE 55 knots; and power-off stall speed NTE 24 knots).;

h. A utility trailer, with or without a tilt bed, with a single axle, and an overall length of no more than 12 feet (from rear to trailer hitch), and no wider than 8 feet (outside tire to outside tire). Side rails/body no higher than 28 inches (unless detachable) and ramp/gate for the utility trailer no higher than 4 feet (unless detachable).; and

i. GOV'T or military owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing (OC&IE) property issued to the employee or member by the Agency/Service for official use.

4. HHG *do not* include:

a. Personal baggage when carried free on commercial transportation;

b. Automobiles, trucks, vans and similar motor vehicles; airplanes; mobile homes; camper trailers; horse trailers; and farming vehicles (See JTR, Ch 5, Part E for POV shipment);

c. Live animals including birds, fish and reptiles;

d. Cordwood and building materials ([B-133751, 1 November 1957](#) and [B-180439, 13 September 1974](#));

e. HHG for resale, disposal or commercial use;

f. Privately owned live ammunition ([B-130583, 8 May 1957](#)); and

g. Boats (other than those in 3f above); and

h. Hazardous articles including explosives, flammable and corrosive materials, poisons, propane gas tanks. [DTR 4500.9-R, Part IV](#), for examples of hazardous materials.

5. Law or carrier regulations may prohibit commercial shipment of certain articles not included in B. These articles frequently include articles:

a. Liable to impregnate or otherwise damage equipment or other property (e.g., home canned items; liquid articles that are highly susceptible to breakage or leakage);

b. That cannot be taken from the premises without damage to the article or the premises (e.g., bookcases built into walls);

c. That are perishable (including frozen foods), or that require refrigeration, or that are perishable plants unless;

(1) Transportation is not more than 150 miles and/or delivery is accomplished within 24 hours from the time of loading,

(2) No storage is required, and

(3) No preliminary or en route services (e.g., watering or other preservative method) is required of the carrier.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS TRANSPORTATION. See TRANSPORTATION, HHG.**

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## HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ADDITIVE

1. A weight added to the HHG shipment net weight to compensate for the excessive van space used by the item.
2. The item must be stated in the HHG tariff as qualifying for a weight additive before a charge can be assessed.
3. Weight additives do not apply if an article is capable of being conveniently hand-carried by one person and/or transported in a standard moving carton.

**HOUSE-HUNTING TRIP (HHT)** (*Civilian Employee Only*). Round trip travel between the old and new PDSs to seek a permanent residence.

**NOTE:** *A domestic partner is not a spouse and cannot be authorized a HHT (1 USC §7).*

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY** (*Civilian Employee Only*). See **DEPENDENT/IMMEDIATE FAMILY**.

**INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.** See **PER DIEM**.

**INTERVIEWEE** (*Civilian Employee Only*). An individual who is being considered for employment by an agency. The individual may currently be a GOV'T employee.

**INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING** (*Uniformed Member Only*)

1. Inactive duty that is:
  - a. Duty prescribed for an RC member by the Secretary Concerned, or
  - b. Special additional duty authorized for an RC member by an authority designated by the Secretary Concerned and performed by them on a voluntary basis ICW prescribed training or maintenance activities of the units to which they are assigned.
2. The duties in 1a above, when performed by a National Guard member, including:
  - a. Unit training assemblies;
  - b. Training or other duty the member is required to perform, with or without the member's consent. This includes appropriate duty or equivalent training and additional flying training periods, and similar duty and/or training.

**NOTE 1:** *This term does not include work or study for a correspondence course of a uniformed service.*

**NOTE 2:** *For pay purposes, inactive duty training must be performed under an order, cover a specific assignment, and have a prescribed time limit.*

**INDIVIDUALLY BILLED ACCOUNT (IBA).** See **GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD**

**INVITATIONAL TRAVEL.** See **TRAVEL, INVITATIONAL**.

**ITINERARY, VARIATION IN.** A change in routing of travel or points of TDY ICW official business, justified by the mission nature and requirements.

**INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING** (*Uniformed Member Only*). The initial active duty training of a non-prior service enlistee that is performed during a period of not less than 12 weeks and produces a trained member in a military specialty.

**IN PLACE CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR (IPCOT) (*Uniformed Member Only*)**

1. A prescribed tour following the completion of an initial OCONUS tour (including voluntary extensions) that a member agrees to serve at the same PDS.
2. An IPCOT order effective date is the first day of duty on the new tour.
3. No PCS movement is involved for a service member.
4. Dependents and HHG can be transported at GOV'T expense to the member's current PDS if the member's new tour is the accompanied tour length.
5. Curtailment of the initial overseas tour is not authorized ([DoDI 1315.18](#)).
6. For USCG, See Service issuances.

**KEY BILLET (*Uniformed Member Only*) ([DoDI 1315.18, paras. E2.1.30 and E3.2](#))**

1. An OCONUS position (officers/warrant officers only) of extremely unusual responsibility for which it has been determined the incumbent's continued presence is absolutely essential to the activity/unit mission or to the U.S. presence in that area.
2. Approval authority for key billet designation is
  - a. Joint Chiefs of Staff, PDUSD(P&R), or
  - b. The Secretary Concerned.
3. Designation of a key billet requires the incumbent to serve a 24-month tour whether accompanied or unaccompanied.

**LAST DUTY STATION (*Uniformed Member Only*).** For the purpose of computing a member's own travel allowances on separation, the last duty station (permanent or temporary) at which the member was, in fact, on duty, or a hospital, if the member was undergoing treatment there.

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.** Assorted food and drink for morning, afternoon, or evening breaks excluding alcoholic beverages and including: coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, muffins, and similar items.

**LOCALITY PER DIEM RATES.** Maximum per diem rates prescribed for specific localities. For current per diem rates, see the [Defense Travel Management Office website](#).

**LODGING IN KIND (*Uniformed Member Only*).** Lodging provided by the GOV'T without cost to the member.

**LODGING-PLUS COMPUTATION METHOD.** The per diem allowances computation method for official travel. The per diem allowance for each travel day is established on the basis of the actual amount paid for lodging, NTE a ceiling number, plus an allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE), NTE the applicable maximum per diem rate for the TDY location concerned.

**MEMBER, UNIFORMED SERVICES**

1. A commissioned officer, commissioned warrant officer, warrant officer, and enlisted person, including a Uniformed Services retiree.
2. "Retiree" includes members of the Fleet Reserve and Fleet Marine Corps Reserve who are in receipt of retainer pay.

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**MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

A. Local and TDY Travel

1. A rate per mile in lieu of reimbursement of actual POC operating expenses.
2. For current rates, see JFTR, par. U2600 and JTR, par. C2500.

B. PCS Travel, First Duty Station Travel, HHT, and Separation Travel (See **MONETARY ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (MALT)**)

1. A rate per mile for authorized POC use during official PCS travel.
2. The total amount depends on the official distance for which the rate per mile may be paid under the circumstances.
3. See JFTR, par. U2605 and JTR, par. C2505 for the current rate.

**MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER (MCO)**

A coupon used as a general purpose voucher for services ICW official travel. An MCO may be used only when authorized by the AO in advance of travel.

**MISSING STATUS.** The absence status of a member/an employee who officially is carried or determined to be:

1. Missing;
2. Missing in action;
3. Interned in a foreign country;
4. Captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force; or
5. Involuntarily detained in a foreign country.

**MIXED MODES.** Travel using a POC (including on a PCS, a rental vehicle procured at personal expense) and one or more of the following modes:

1. Personally-procured commercial transportation (JFTR, par. U3120-D and JTR, par. C2203-D),
2. GOV'T-procured commercial transportation,
3. GOV'T transportation.

**MOBILE HOME**

1. A mobile home is a mobile dwelling constructed or converted and intended for use as a permanent residence and designed to be moved, either self-propelled or towed.
2. Examples of mobile homes are a:
  - a. house trailer,
  - b. privately owned railcar converted for use as a residence (51 Comp. Gen. 806 (1972)),
  - c. boat a member uses as the place of principal residence (62 Comp. Gen. 292 (1983)),

3. HHG and PBP&E contained in the mobile home and owned/intended for use by the member/employee or the member's/employee's dependents are part of the mobile home.

#### MONETARY ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (MALT)

1. A rate per mile for the authorized POC use during official PCS travel.
2. The total amount depends on the official distance for which the rate per mile may be paid under the circumstances (as determined IAW this regulation).
3. See JFTR, par. U2605-B and JTR, par. C2505-B for the current rate.

**MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY DWELLING.** A duplex, triplex or other type of dwelling that is designed to provide separate living QTRS for more than one household. The units within the dwellings ordinarily have separate addresses and separate entrances.

**NON-COMMAND SPONSORED DEPENDENT (*Uniformed Member Only*).** Dependents not authorized/approved to reside with a member at an OCONUS location.

**NON-FOREIGN OCONUS AREA.** The states of Alaska and Hawai'i, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. territories and possessions (excluding the former Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, which are foreign areas for JFTR/JTR purposes).

**NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE (NTS).** Long-term HHG storage in lieu of transportation. Also referred to as Extended Storage. See JFTR, par. U5380, and JTR, par. C5195.

#### OCONUS

A. Locations outside the continental U.S. (CONUS).

B. **Civilian Employee Only.** For permanent duty travel purposes with respect to Alaska, Hawai'i, Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the U.S. territories and possessions, or foreign countries and similar geographical localities, an OCONUS place of employment outside the geographical locality in which the residence is located.

**OCONUS LOCALITY PER DIEM RATES.** For current per diem rates, see the [Defense Travel Management Office website](#).

**OFFICIAL STATION.** See **PERMANENT DUTY STATION**.

**OFFICER (*Uniformed Member Only*).** A commissioned officer, commissioned warrant officer, and warrant officer, either permanent or temporary (including temporary officers whose permanent status is enlisted) of a Uniformed Service.

**OPEN MESS.** A non-appropriated fund activity providing essential messing, billeting, and recreation for military personnel and their dependents.

#### ORDER

A. General. An order:

1. Is a written instrument issued/approved by person(s) to whom authority has been delegated directing, authorizing, approving a traveler, or group of travelers, to travel,
2. Provides the traveler information regarding what expenses will be paid,

3. Provides the CTO documentation for use of travel contracts and similar arrangements with transportation and lodging providers, and
4. Supplies financial information necessary for budgetary planning and, identifies purpose(s) of travel.

B. Types of Order

1. Blanket Order. An order issued to a traveler who regularly and frequently makes trips away from the PDS within specific geographical limits for a specific time period within a fiscal year in performance of regularly assigned duties. A blanket order is unavailable in DTS, and its use is restricted to economy/coach travel and/or the established locality per diem rate requiring an amendment for each trip involving the use of other than economy/coach transportation and/or an AEA. *The Coast Guard allows AEA on a blanket order.*

a. Unlimited Open. Allows the traveler to travel anywhere on official business without further authority for a specified period of time within a fiscal year.

b. Limited Open. Allows the traveler to travel on official business without further authority under certain specific conditions, i.e., travel to specific geographic area(s) for specific purpose(s), subject to trip cost ceilings, or for specific periods of time within a fiscal year.

c. Repeat. Allows the traveler to travel on official business without further authority to a specific destination for a specified period of time within a fiscal year.

2. Trip-by-trip. Allows the traveler or group of travelers to take one or more specific official business trips, which must include specific purpose, itinerary, and estimated costs. The following types of travel *must* be authorized on a trip-by-trip basis:

- a. Other than economy/coach transportation;
- b. AEA travel (except the Coast Guard);
- c. Conference travel;
- d. Foreign travel;
- e. Travel funded from a non-federal source (donated travel);
- f. Training-related travel; and,
- g. Travel by volunteers (invitational travel).

**ORDER-ISSUING/AUTHENTICATING OFFICIAL.** See AO.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT (OC&IE).** OC&IE is accountable or issue-in-kind property owned or purchased by the GOV'T/uniformed service which must be returned IAW Service/Agency regulations to the Service/Agency upon mission completion or (in the case of a member) release from active duty (discharge, separation, or retirement). OC&IE per Agency/Service regulations is PBP&E when shipped as HHG.

**OVERSEAS.** See OCONUS.

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## PER DIEM ALLOWANCE

A. General. The per diem allowance (subsistence allowance):

1. Is a daily payment instead of actual expense reimbursement for lodging, meals and related incidental expenses;
2. Is separate from transportation expenses and other reimbursable expenses (APP G); and
3. Does not include transportation and other miscellaneous travel expenses.

B. Expenses. The per diem allowance covers all charges, including tax (except lodging tax in the U.S., and non-foreign OCONUS locations).

C. Lodging

1. Expenses Authorized. Overnight sleeping facilities, (including GOV'T QTRS), baths, personal use of the room during daytime, telephone access fees, service charges for fans, air conditioners, heaters, and fireplaces furnished in rooms when not included in the room rate; and lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area.
2. Expenses Not Authorized. Lodging does not include expenses for accommodations on airplanes, trains, buses, or ships. An accommodation furnished aboard a common carrier is a transportation cost and is not covered by per diem.

D. Lodging Tax

1. CONUS/Non-Foreign OCONUS Areas. Lodging tax in CONUS/Non-Foreign OCONUS areas:
  - a. Is *not* covered in the locality per diem lodging ceiling, but
  - b. Is a reimbursable expense (APP G), except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.
2. Foreign OCONUS Areas. Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is included in the locality per diem lodging ceiling and is not a reimbursable expense.

E. Meals. The per diem allowance:

1. Covers expenses for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and related taxes and tips; but
2. *Does not cover expenses incurred for alcoholic beverages, entertainment, or other persons.*

F. Incidental Expenses. Incidental expenses include:

1. Fees and tips to porters, baggage carriers, bellhops, hotel maids, stewards/stewardesses, and others on ships, and hotel servants in foreign countries.
  - a. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**. See APP G for reimbursement of fees and tips incurred at transportation terminals.);
  - b. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**. See JTR, par. C7460-item 4, regarding baggage-handling costs incurred as a direct result of an employee's disability.;
2. Transportation (i.e., bus, subway) between places of lodging or duty/business and places at which meals are taken, if suitable meals cannot be obtained at the TDY site. If the AO determines that suitable meals cannot be obtained at the TDY site and reimbursement in the IE for travel to obtain suitable meals is inadequate, reimbursement may be authorized/approved under JFTR, Ch 3, Part F and Ch 1, Part C JTR, par. C2402.;

3. Laundry/dry cleaning, and/or pressing of clothing when travel is to an *OCONUS location*;
4. Telegrams and telephone calls necessary to reserve lodging;
5. Mailing costs associated with filing travel vouchers and payment of GTCC billings;
6. Potable water and ice (28 Comp. Gen. 627 (1949));
7. Tax and service charges on any of the expenses in items 2.;
8. Tax and service charges for meals or any of the expenses listed in item F.; and
9. Any other necessary expenses related to rooms, lodging, or valet service (other than barbers, hairdressers, manicurists or masseurs) that are listed in the account.

***NOTE: Incidental expenses do not include any products or services purchased/used for personal hygiene (e.g., toothpaste, haircuts, razors, blow dryer, or other similar items) that would ordinarily be purchased on a recurring basis for use at the PDS.***

G. Laundry

1. CONUS Locations. The cost of laundry/dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing (during and not before or after travel) is a reimbursable expense (APP G), in addition to per diem/AEA, when travel requires at least:
  - a. 7 consecutive nights for a **UNIFORMED MEMBER**, and up to an average of \$2/day; or
  - b. 4 consecutive nights for a **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**.
2. OCONUS Locations. The cost incurred during TDY travel for laundry/dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is **not a reimbursable expense** for OCONUS travel and is part of the IE included in the OCONUS per diem/AEA.

**PER DIEM, REDUCED.** See **REDUCED PER DIEM**.

**PER DIEM, TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE (PDTATAC)**

- A. General. PDTATAC is chartered by the Uniformed Services and operates under DoD policy guidance. Its members are a Deputy Assistant Secretary from each of the military departments, the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (NOAA Corps), the Director of Personnel Management of the Coast Guard (USCG), and the Assistant Secretary for Health of the Public Health Service (USPHS). The Committee Chairman is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy (MPP)). PDTATAC publishes these regulations.
- B. Purpose. PDTATAC's purpose is to ensure that uniform travel and transportation regulations are issued pursuant to [Title 37, USC](#), other applicable laws, Executive Orders and decisions of the Comptroller General of the U.S. and the Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), for members of the seven Uniformed Services, ICW DoD civilian employees, the Committee's primary purpose is to issue uniform regulations implementing the [Federal Travel Regulation \(FTR\)](#), statutory requirements, Executive orders, and decisions of the [Comptroller General of the U.S.](#) and of the [General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals \(GSBCA\)](#) or [Civilian Board of Contract Appeals \(CBCA\)](#). PDC Charter 20 April 1988; LAW 37 USC §§ 411 and 1001; DoDD 5154.29, 9 March 1993.

**PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS)**

A. General (**UNIFORMED MEMBER AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**). The assignment, detail, or transfer of an employee, member, or unit to a different PDS under a competent travel order that does not specify the duty as temporary, provide for further assignment to a new PDS, or direct return to the old PDS.

B. **UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY**. For a Uniformed member this includes:

1. (for DLA), Relocation of a household due to military necessity or GOV'T convenience within the corporate limits of the same city or town ICW a transfer between activities;
2. A change in the home port of a ship or mobile unit;
3. Change from home or from the PLEAD to the first PDS upon:
  - a. Appointment or reappointment (including reinstatement) to the regular Service from civilian life or from an RC;
  - b. Call to active duty for 20 or more weeks or call to active duty for training (JFTR, par. U2146 for exceptions) for 20 or more weeks;
  - c. Being recalled to active duty from the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or from retirement (including TDRL);
  - d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency); and
  - e. Change from the last PDS to home upon:
    - (1) Discharge, resignation, or separation from the Service under honorable conditions;
    - (2) Release from active duty that called for 20 or more weeks or from active duty for training that called for 20 or more weeks;
    - (3) Transfer to the Fleet Reserve or to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
    - (4) Retirement; and
    - (5) Temporary disability retirement.

**PERMANENT DUTY STATION (PDS)**. Also called **OFFICIAL STATION**.

A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**

1. General. The post of duty/official station of a member or invitational traveler, including a ship (for the purpose of personal travel and transportation of the member's UB located on board the ship). The home port of a ship or of a ship-based staff to which a member is assigned or attached for duty other than TDY is the PDS for dependents' transportation, and transportation of HHG, mobile homes, and/or POVs, CONUS COLA, and geography-based station allowances and OHA.

2. Geographic Limits. The PDS geographic limits are:

- a. For a member. The limits of the post of duty or official station are the ship (for the specified purposes), or the corporate limits of the city or town in which the member is stationed. If the member is not stationed in a ship or in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area, including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft Dix) having definite boundaries, within which the designated post of duty is located. When a reservation,

station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawaii) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one for PDS purposes. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.

b. For an invitational traveler:

(1) The corporate limits of the city or town in which the home or principal place of business is located; or

(2) If not in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft Dix) having definite boundaries in which the home or principal place of business is located. When a reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawaii) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.

3. Arlington County, VA, is a PDS. The Pentagon and other GOV'T activities are located in Arlington, VA – even though they have Washington, DC, mailing addresses ([52 Comp. Gen. 751 \(1973\)](#)). There are seven Districts on the Island of Oahu, Hawai'i. Each of those seven Districts is a separate and unique PDS ([19 Comp. Gen. 602 \(1939\)](#) and [42 Comp. Gen. 460 \(1963\)](#)).

4. When a member is ordered to attend a course (or courses) of instruction at a school or facility the scheduled duration of which is 140 or more days (20 or more weeks), the school or facility location is the PDS regardless of the order's terms, except when the course is authorized as TDY under JFTR, par. U2146. See JFTR, par. U2146 for examples of scheduled duration and extensions.

5. The following are PDSs for transportation and storage of HHG and mobile homes:

a. The home of a member at the time of:

(1) Appointment to regular Service from civilian life or from an RC;

(2) Being called to active duty (including for training) for 20 or more weeks;

(3) Being recalled from the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or recalled from retirement (including temporary disability);

(4) Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency); or

(5) Temporary disability retirement.

b. The place to which a member actually is assigned for duty, including a place from which the member commutes daily to the assigned station. For a member assigned to a ship or ship-based staff, it is the home port of the ship or ship-based staff to which the member is assigned (except as noted in the basic definition);

c. The place at which a ship is being built or being fitted out is a shore duty station until the commissioning date, at which time the home port assigned to the ship is the new station;

d. The member's home upon:

(1) Retirement;

- (2) Transfer to an RC, the Fleet Reserve, or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
- (3) Release from active duty;
- (4) Discharge, resignation, or separation, all under honorable conditions; or
- (5) Temporary disability retirement.

B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE.** The employee/invitational traveler's permanent work assignment location. For the purpose of determining PCS travel allowances, a PDS is the building or other place (base, military post, or activity) where an employee regularly reports for duty. With respect to authority under JTR relating to the residence and the HHG and an employee's personal effects, PDS also means the residence or other QTRS from (to) which the employee regularly commutes to (and from) work, except where the PDS is in a remote area where adequate family housing is not available within reasonable daily commuting distance. In the latter situation, residence includes the dwelling where the employee's dependents reside or are to reside, but only if such residence reasonably relates to the PDS as determined by the appropriate travel-approving/directing official. For purposes other than PCS travel allowances, a PDS is defined as:

1. For an employee:

- a. The corporate limits of the city or town in which stationed, or;
- b. If not stationed in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (*e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft Dix*)) having definite boundaries in which the employee is stationed. ***When a reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawaii) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.***

2. For an invitational traveler:

- a. The corporate limits of the city or town in which the home or principal place of business is located, or
- b. If not in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (*e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix*)) having definite boundaries in which the home or principal place of business is located. ***When a reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawaii) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one. The limits of the PDS are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.***

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**PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL (PDT)**

- A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**. PCS and COT/IPCOT travel.
- B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**. First duty station travel for a newly recruited employee/appointee, RAT, PCS travel, and separation travel. See JTR, Ch 5, Part A.

**PLACE FROM WHICH CALLED/ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY (PLEAD)**

1. The place of acceptance in current enlistment, commission, or appointment of an active Service member, or of an RC member when enlisted, commissioned, or appointed for immediate active duty. For an inductee, it's the location of the local Selective Service Board to which the individual first reported for delivery to the induction station.
2. In the case of an RC member who is not enlisted, commissioned, or appointed for immediate active duty, the place to which an order to active duty is addressed.
3. Effective 1 January 1983: In the case of a non-prior service midshipman or cadet at a Service academy or a civilian college or university, the place **at which** the member attains a military status or **at which** the member enters the Service. ***NOTE: Generally this is the academic institution and not the member's HOR (60 Comp. Gen. 142 (1980)).***

***NOTE: The PLEAD changes only if there is a break in service exceeding one full day, in which case it is the place of entry into the new period of service.***

**PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.** See **ACCOMMODATIONS, PUBLIC.**

**PLACE OF STORAGE.** Residence or authorized storage location.

**POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE.** The least expensive, unrestricted economy/coach airfare. If the policy-constructed airfare turns out to be or include a city-pair airfare and if there are both a 'YCA' and a '-CA' airfare, the 'YCA' airfare is used. A capacity-controlled city-pair airfare (-CA airfare) is not included when creating a policy-constructed airfare for comparison purposes.

**PORT CALL.** Official notification or instructions that require a traveler to report for transoceanic transportation. It designates the port of embarkation, identifies the carrier with flight number or sailing assignment, specifies the reporting time and date, and provides instructions relevant to the transportation arrangements.

**PORT OF DEBARKATION (POD)**

1. Air Travel: the destination airport at which the traveler leaves an international/transoceanic flight.
2. Ship Travel: the place at which the traveler leaves a ship after the journey of 24 or more hours.

**PORT OF EMBARKATION (POE)**

1. Air Travel: the airport at which the traveler boards an international/transoceanic flight.
2. Ship Travel: the place at which the traveler boards a ship for a journey of 24 or more hours.

**POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.** See **TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**POST OF DUTY.** *PDS* An OCONUS PDS.

**POV, SPARE PARTS.** Extra tires, wheels, tire chains, tools, battery chargers, accessories, car transmission/engine (GSBCA 14680-RELO, 17 September 1998), and those small and usually-possessed parts or replacements used for repair and replacement of identical parts subject to normal use and wear (e.g., extra spark plugs, radiator hoses, fan belts, filters, gaskets, tune-up and repair kits). Also included are items that serve a seasonal, emergency, or convenience purpose (e.g., special seats and beds for children, bottle warmers and similar conveniences, snow and ice removal equipment, auxiliary heaters, and storage boxes).

**UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY:**

1. POV spare parts must not exceed the member's administrative HHG weight allowance.
2. Storage of a car engine/transmission is the member's responsibility (both in terms of facilities and cost) except when JFTR, par. U5380-G applies if engine/transmission storage is required after HHG delivery to the OCONUS residence, when no GOV'T storage facility is available or an available GOV'T storage facility cannot accommodate car engine/transmission (e.g. does not fit or does not meet environmental requirements).

**PREMIUM CLASS (OTHER THAN ECONOMY/COACH).** See **ACCOMMODATIONS**.

**PRIMARY RESIDENCE/HOME OF RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) MEMBER**

1. An RC member ordered to active duty, and the active duty order is not a PCS, the primary residence/home is the dwelling (i.e., house, townhouse, apartment, condominium, mobile home, houseboat, vessel, etc.) at which the RC member resides and from which the RC member commuted to work before being ordered to active duty.
2. An RC member can have only one primary residence/home at any given time.
3. If the RC member relocates the primary residence/home during the active duty order period, and upon termination of the order is issued a new active duty order, the allowances under the new order are based on the new primary residence/home on the first active duty day.
4. The primary residence/home can only change if there is a break of active duty/service exceeding one full day.

***NOTE:*** *The primary Residence/Home can only change if there is a break of active duty/service exceeding one full day.*

**PRIVATELY OWNED AIRCRAFT.** An aircraft that is owned or leased for personal use. It is not owned, leased, chartered, or rented by a GOV'T agency, nor is it rented or leased for use in carrying out official GOV'T business.

**PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILE (POA).** A car or light truck (including vans and pickup trucks) that is owned or leased for personal use by an individual.

**PRIVATELY OWNED CONVEYANCE (POC)**

1. Unless otherwise qualified, any transportation mode actually used for the movement of persons from place to place, other than a GOV'T conveyance or common carrier.
2. Included is a conveyance loaned for a charge to, or rented at personal expense by, the member/employee for transportation on PCS or TDY when such rental conveyance has not been authorized/approved as a Special Conveyance IAW JFTR & JTR, pars. U3330/C3330.
3. A common carrier, or a conveyance owned by the GOV'T, is not a POC.
4. See **TRANSPORTATION**.

### PRIVATELY OWNED (MOTOR) VEHICLE (POV)

A. General. Any motor vehicle owned by, or on a long-term lease (12 or more months) to, a member/employee, or the member/employee's dependent for the primary purpose of providing personal transportation that:

1. Is self-propelled;
2. Is licensed to travel on the public highways;
3. Is designed to carry passengers or HHG; and
4. Has four or more wheels.

#### B. Motorcycle or Moped

1. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**. At the member's option, a motorcycle or moped may be considered a POV if the member does not ship a vehicle with four or more wheels on the same order.
2. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**
  - a. CONUS. The employee may designate a motorcycle or moped as a POV (rather than as HHG) if the employer determines it is more advantageous and cost effective to the GOV'T to transport POV(s) than to drive to the new PDS.
  - b. OCONUS. A motorcycle or moped may be shipped as the POV (rather than as HHG) on the same order.

C. Leased Vehicle. The member/employee must provide written authority from the leasing company to have the vehicle transported to the new PDS, designated place, or other authorized destination. All requirements stated in the lease, as well as requirements for POV entry into any location, are the employee's responsibility.

### PRIVATIZED HOUSING

1. Housing units on or near a military facility in the U.S. and/or its territories and possessions that are acquired/constructed by private persons, under the authority of [10 USC §§2871-2885](#).
2. Privatized housing *is not*:
  - a. GOV'T QTRS,
  - b. GOV'T-controlled QTRS, nor
  - c. Private sector housing.

**PROCEED TIME (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY)**. A form of "administrative absence" (DoDI 1327.06, Leave and Liberty, 16 June 2009, incorporating change 1, 30 September 2011, Encl 2, par. 6, subpar. (a-e), which is authorized for members in certain PCS circumstances, as outlined in the referenced DoDI.

### PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E)

A. General. PBP&E is also referred to as PRO or PRO-Gear.

B. Exclusions. Excluded from PBP&E are:

1. Commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business,

2. Sports equipment; and
3. Office furniture,
4. Household furniture,
5. Shop fixtures,
6. Furniture of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E (e.g., bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks).

C. **MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE**

1. **General.** PBP&E includes HHG in a member's/employee's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination ([B-171877.03, 15 December 1976](#), [B-196994, 9 May 1980](#), and [B-251563, 14 June 1993](#)).
2. The following items are PBP&E:
  - a. Reference material;
  - b. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;
  - c. Specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronauts' suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing;
  - d. Communication equipment used by a DoD civilian employee or DoD member in association with the MARS (DoDI 4650.02), <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/465002p.pdf> ;
  - e. Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment;
  - f. An official award given to a member by a Service (or a component thereof) for service performed by the member in the member's capacity or by a professional society/organization/U.S. or foreign Government for significant contributions ICW official duties;
  - g. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for official GOV'T business (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers); and
  - h. GOV'T-or uniformed service-owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing (OC&IE) property issued to the employee or member by the Agency/Service for official use.

D. **MEMBER'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE**

1. **General**
  - a. This is *not* applicable to an *employee's* dependent spouse.
  - b. PBP&E includes HHG in a spouse's possession needed for the spouse's employment or community support activities at the next or a later destination.
2. The following items are PBP&E:
  - a. Reference material,
  - b. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;

c. Specialized clothing such as diving suit, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, nurse uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing; and

d. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for business or community support activities (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).

**PROPORTIONAL MEAL RATE (PMR).** The average of the standard [GOV'T meal rate](#) and the meals portion of the applicable [M&IE rate](#), rounded up to the nearest dollar.

**PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM.** A form of commercial transportation (e.g., air, rail, bus, ship, etc.) used between authorized locations in the performance of official travel.

**REDUCED PER DIEM.** A per diem rate, lower than locality per diem, that is authorized by an agency when there are known reductions in lodging and meal costs that can be determined in advance.

**RELOCATION SERVICE COMPANY (RSC).** A third-party supplier under contract with an agency to assist a transferred employee in relocating to the new PDS. Services may include: Home sale programs, home inspection, home marketing assistance, home finding assistance, property management services, HHG shipment and storage, voucher review and payment, relocation counseling, and similar subjects.

**RENEWAL AGREEMENT TRAVEL (RAT) (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY)**

1. Travel and transportation allowance for the employee/dependents to return home on leave, between overseas tours of duty.
2. See JTR, Ch 5, Part K, for eligibility and limitations.
3. See **PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL**.

**REPEAT ORDER (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY).** See **ORDER**.

**RESERVE COMPONENT (RC).** The:

1. Army National Guard of the U.S.;
2. Army Reserve;
3. Naval Reserve;
4. Marine Corps Reserve;
5. Air National Guard of the U.S.;
6. Air Force Reserve;
7. Coast Guard Reserve; and
8. Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

**RESIDENCE-TYPE QUARTERS.** Lodging that are not hotel or hotel-like accommodations.

## SECRETARIAL PROCESS

A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**. Action by the PDTATAC Principal member or a subordinate level specified by the Principal. The Secretarial Process is (or the Processes are) in administrative and/or procedural issuances issued under JFTR, par. U1010-B.

B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**

1. Action by the PDTATAC Principal member, the Principal member's designated representative, or:

- a. Secretary of a Military Department,
- b. Director of a Defense Component,
- c. Director, Administration & Management for:
  - (1) Office of the Secretary of Defense,
  - (2) Washington Headquarters Services,
  - (3) Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
  - (4) Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences,
  - (5) U.S. Court of Military Appeals, and
- d. Designated representative for any of the above.

2. The Secretarial Process(es) is/are in administrative and/or procedural issuances issued under JTR, par. C1002.

## SECRETARY CONCERNED

A. As defined in [37 USC §101\(5\)](#), the Secretary of:

1. The Army, with respect to matters concerning the Army;
2. The Navy, with respect to matters concerning the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard when it is operating as a Service in the Navy;
3. The Air Force, with respect to matters concerning the Air Force;
4. Homeland Security, with respect to matters concerning the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a Service in the Navy;
5. Commerce, with respect to matters concerning the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and
6. Health and Human Services, with respect to matters concerning the Public Health Service.

B. When this term is used in the JFTR/JTR, the Secretary Concerned may authorize action by the PDTATAC Principal, without further delegation.

**SEPARATE DEPARTMENT (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY)**. See Different/Separate Departments and Agencies.

**SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY)**. Unless otherwise qualified, all separations except relief from active duty, placement on the TDRL, retirement, or transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

**SEPARATION TRAVEL (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY).** See **PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL**.

**SERVICE CHARGE FOR USE OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY).** Cost of maid service and fee for electricity.

**SERVICES.** See **UNIFORMED SERVICES**.

#### **SHORT DISTANCE MOVE**

##### **A. UNIFORMED MEMBER**

1. A move:
  - a. Involving HHG drayage or shipment for a short distance between residences;
  - b. To or from a NTS facility in the member's PDS area;
  - c. In the member's last PDS area when the member is authorized a final move during a separation or retirement;
  - d. Incident to reassignment or PCS to a new PDS near the old PDS;
  - e. Between residences within a metropolitan area; or
  - f. Not during a PCS, a move between residences within the daily commuting distance of the PDS.
2. A short distance HHG move includes necessary packing, crating, hauling, unpacking and uncrating.

**B. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE.** A PCS between PDSs within the same city/area when the old and new PDS are at least 50 miles apart. See JTR, par. C5080-F for authorization/approval and exceptions to the 50-mile rule.

**SPARE PARTS FOR A POV.** See **POV, SPARE PARTS**.

**SPECIAL CONVEYANCE.** Commercially rented or hired vehicles other than a POV and other than those owned or under contract to an agency.

**SPECIAL NEEDS.** Physical characteristics of a traveler not necessarily defined under disability. Such physical characteristics could include, but are not limited to, the traveler's weight or height.

**STANDARD CONUS PER DIEM RATE.** The per diem rate for:

1. Any CONUS location not included in a defined locality (county/area) in the CONUS per [diem rates \(http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm\)](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm), and
2. All CONUS locations when PDT is involved.

#### **STANDARD GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE (GMR)**

1. The daily rate paid for meals in a GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS including the operating cost.
2. See **GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE** for current rates.

## STORAGE IN TRANSIT (SIT)

1. Short-term storage that is part of HHG transportation.
2. May be at any combination of the origin, in transit, or destination.
3. Usually for 90 or fewer days, but may be extended.
4. See JFTR, par. U5375 and JTR, par. C5190.
5. Also referred to as temporary storage.

**SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES.** The same items as those included under **PER DIEM ALLOWANCE**.

**SUBSISTING OUT (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY).** The non-leave status of an inpatient no longer assigned a bed. An inpatient authorized to subsist out is not medically able to return to duty but continuing treatment does not require a bed assignment (DoD 6015.1-M, January 1999, P19.1.19).

**TEACHER (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY).** A civilian who is a U.S. citizen and whose services are required on a school year basis in a teaching position subject to 20 USC §901-907 in the DoD Education Activity System.

**TEMPORARY CHANGE OF STATION (TCS) (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY).** The relocation of an employee to a new PDS for a temporary period to perform a long-term temporary assignment, and subsequent return of the employee to the previous PDS after assignment completion.

## TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY)

### A. **UNIFORMED MEMBER**

1. Duty at one or more locations, away from the PDS, under an order providing for further assignment, or pending further assignment, to return to the old PDS or to proceed to a new PDS.
2. That period spent at a location while processing for separation from the Service, release from active duty, placement on the TDRL, or retirement, when the last PDS is different from the location at which processing is accomplished.
3. There are four types of TDY travel:
  - a. Business Travel. Conducting business at a location other than the PDS. It incorporates any type of travel not included in schoolhouse training, deployment and unit training or special circumstances travel. It also includes certain local travel, but not leave or evacuation.
  - b. Schoolhouse Training Travel. Travel ICW TDY attendance at formal course(s) of instruction by a uniformed member (other than a uniformed member who has not yet reached the first PDS).
  - c. Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together Under an Order Directing No/Limited Reimbursement, and Unit Travel. Includes a unit traveling in support of a combat mission, peacekeeping, and disaster relief. It also includes field/maneuver training and sea duty when troops involved are not permanently assigned to a ship. The GOV'T provides all transportation, lodging, and eating facilities when personnel traveling together are under an order directing no/limited reimbursement.
  - d. Special Circumstances Travel. See JFTR, Ch 7.

### B. **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE**

1. Duty at one or more locations, away from the PDS, under a order providing for further assignment or,

pending further assignment, to return to the old PDS or to proceed to a new PDS.

2. There are four types of TDY travel:

- a. Business Travel. Conducting business at a location other than the PDS. It incorporates any type of travel not included in schoolhouse training, deployment and unit training or special circumstances travel. It also includes certain local travel, but not leave or evacuation.
- b. Schoolhouse Training Travel. Travel ICW TDY attendance at formal course(s) of instruction by a civilian employee.
- c. Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together Under an Order Directing No/Limited Reimbursement, and Unit Travel. Includes a unit traveling in support of a combat mission, peacekeeping, and disaster relief. It also includes field or maneuver training and sea duty when troops involved are not permanently assigned to a ship. The GOV'T provides all transportation, lodging, and eating facilities when personnel traveling together are under an order directing no/limited reimbursement.
- d. Special Circumstances Travel. See JTR, Ch 7.

**TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) STATION.** A place, away from the PDS, to which the traveler is authorized to travel.

**TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) TRAVEL.** Travel to one or more places away from a PDS to perform duties for a period of time and, upon completion of assignment, return or proceed to a PDS.

#### TEMPORARY LODGING FACILITIES

1. Specifically identified Service-operated interim housing facilities that provide short-term housing accommodations for which a charge is levied, without direct charge against the occupant's QTRS allowance.
2. Includes guesthouses, except transient visiting officer QTRS occupied by official visitors to the **INSTALLATION**.
3. *Does not* include:
  - a. Facilities used primarily for rest and recuperation purposes, or
  - b. Unaccompanied officer and enlisted QTRS.

**TEMPORARY STORAGE.** See **STORAGE IN TRANSIT**.

**TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.** As released by the Office of the Geographer and Global Issues, 1 July 1997. The territories and possessions of the U.S. include:

1. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, i.e., Saipan, Saipan Lagoon, Tinian, Aquijan, Rota, Farallon De Pajaros (Uracas), Maug, Asuncion, Agrihan, Pagan, Alamagan, Zealandia Banks, Guguan, Sarigan, Anatathan, Farallon De Medinilla, Esmeralda Banks, and Northern Islands Sanctuary. (Island names from website: [www.saipan.com](http://www.saipan.com)).
2. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
3. American Samoa
4. Baker Island
5. Guam

6. Howland Island
7. Jarvis Island
8. Johnston Atoll
9. Kingman Reef
10. Midway Islands
11. Navassa Island
12. Palmyra Atoll
13. Virgin Islands
14. Wake Island

#### **TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES**

A. General. A U.S. territory is:

1. An incorporated/unincorporated territory over which the U.S. exercises sovereignty,
2. An area referred to as a dependent area or possession, and
3. Other areas subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

B. Incorporated vs. Unincorporated

1. "Incorporated" refers to territories that Congress has "incorporated" into the U.S. by making the Constitution applicable to those areas.
2. "Unincorporated" refers to any territories to which the Constitution has not been expressly and fully extended.

See **TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES**.

**TRANSOCEANIC TRAVEL**. Travel that requires oceangoing ships if performed by surface means of commercial transportation over a usually traveled route.

**TRANSPORTATION**. The means of moving people or things (particularly HHG) from one place to another.

**TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES**. The costs related to transportation (JFTR, par. U3001/JTR. Ch 2 and JFTR/JTR APP G.

**TRANSPORTATION, HHG**. The shipping, packing, crating, drayage, storage in transit, uncrating, and unpacking of HHG at GOV'T expense. Ch 5, Part D for specific regulations governing PCS HHG transportation and Ch 4, (JFTR, Part H and JTR, Part D) for TDY HHG transportation.

**TRANSPORTATION-IN-KIND**. Transportation provided by the GOV'T without cost to the traveler. It includes transportation by GOV'T aircraft, ship, or vehicle, and GOV'T-procured transportation via commercial carriers.

## TRANSPORTATION, POV

1. Transportation by ship, including port-handling charges, to, from, and between OCONUS ports.
2. The term does not include land transportation to or from such ports, except when POV transportation is IAW Service regulations and authorized by [37 USC §554](#), or [5 USC §5564](#).
3. Customs and other fees and charges required to effect entry of a POV into a country are not part of transportation. They are the traveler's financial responsibility.

**TRANSPORTATION REQUEST.** A written GOV'T request (including a GTR) to procure transportation, accommodations, or other services chargeable to the GOV'T, from a commercial provider ICW official travel.

**TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL.** A transportation terminal is a common carrier or GOV'T transportation (air, rail, bus, or ship) terminal, station, airport, or wharf. It includes a rental car pick-up or drop-off point if rental car is the transportation mode to and from the TDY location.

**TRANSPORTATION, USUAL MODE OF (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY).** A transportation mode that is authorized, required, or furnished for usual travel by direct route, including common carrier facilities within CONUS or commercial and GOV'T transportation facilities overseas that would be used for travel by the most direct usually traveled route between points of official travel.

**TRAVEL.** The term "travel" relates to movement of persons from place to place and includes authority for the use of QTRS facilities, allowances, and certain transportation and reimbursable expenses incidental to travel, subject to conditions and limitations in JFTR and JTR. When used ICW 'travel allowances', the term refers to per diem or AEA.

**TRAVEL ADVANCE.** Prepayment of estimated travel expense in the form of a loan.

**TRAVEL-APPROVING/DIRECTING OFFICIAL.** Individuals who direct and approve/disapprove travel requests and vouchers prior to claim settlement. They ensure the necessity and justification for travel orders.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER.** See **ORDER**.

**TRAVEL CLAIM (VOUCHER).** A written request, supported by applicable documentation and receipts, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of any official travel.

**TRAVEL, EMERGENCY (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY).** Travel that results from:

1. The traveler becoming incapacitated by illness or injury not due to personal misconduct;
2. The death or serious illness of a member of the traveler's family; or
3. A catastrophic occurrence or impending disaster, such as fire, flood, or an act of God, that directly affects the traveler's home.

## TRAVEL, INVITATIONAL

1. Authorized travel by individuals either not employed by the GOV'T or employed (under [5 USC §5703](#)) intermittently in the GOV'T's service as consultants or experts and paid on a daily when-actually-employed basis.
2. Used for an individual serving without pay or at \$1 a year when the individual is acting in a capacity directly related to, or ICW, official GOV'T activities.
3. Travel and transportation allowances authorized (APP E) for such a person are the same as those ordinarily

authorized for a civilian employee ICW TDY, except as in APP E2-A2m for spouse invitational travel.

**TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC)**

1. See **(CONTRACTED) COMMERCIAL TRAVEL OFFICE (CTO)**.
2. See **TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS)**.

**TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS)**. ([FTR §301-73.100-103](#)) A system to arrange travel services for Federal travelers on official travel, including reservation of accommodations and ticketing. A TMS includes a CTO, and an electronic system or other commercial method of arranging travel.

**TRAVEL, OFFICIAL**

1. Authorized travel and assignment solely ICW business of the DoD or the GOV'T.
2. Official travel may be performed:
  - a. Within/in the vicinity of a PDS;
  - b. To/from the actual residence to, from, or between PDSs; and
  - c. To, from, at, and between TDY assignment locations.
3. The below are not official travel. Travel:
  - a. And delays for personal reasons/convenience,
  - b. By a circuitous route,
  - c. By transportation modes other than authorized/approved,
  - d. For additional distances, or
  - e. To places ICW personal business.
4. Non-official travel status affects allowances, reimbursements, and pay status.

**TRAVEL ORDER.** See **ORDER**.

**TRAVEL REQUEST (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY)**. A written statement (for a travel order) that includes information regarding personnel, mission, pertinent dates or assignment period, transportation modes, allowances, limitations, special approval or instructions, justifications if necessary, and fund and accounting citation.

**TRAVEL-REQUESTING OFFICIAL (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY)**

1. The individual who initiates the request for a travel order and who has full knowledge of the purpose of, and requirements for, the travel mission.
2. DoD Components may permit travelers to be travel-requesting officials for their own travel orders.
3. When travelers are permitted to be travel-requesting officials for their own travel orders, under no circumstances may the travel-requesting official also be the travel-approving/directing and/or AO for the travel.
4. A travel request is subject to approval/disapproval by a travel-approving/directing official.

**TRAVEL STATUS.** The member's/employee's status for the elapsed period of time from the beginning to the end of official travel in compliance with the authority in an order, including time en route awaiting transportation connections and delays en route beyond the traveler's control (JFTR, par. U2200 and JTR, par. C1060). Travel status does not include travel taken for personal convenience, leave, civilian administrative leave or administrative absence ((Instruction only applicable to Uniformed members) [DoDI 1327.06, Leave and Liberty, 16 June 2009, incorporating change 1, 30 September 2011, Encl 2, par. 6, subpar. \(a-e\)](#)) while performing travel away from the PDS on public business under competent travel orders.

**TRIP RECORD.** Under DTS, this document, in either electronic or paper form, provides the vehicle on which is recorded each official order, initial options, modifications, and payment decisions. Prepared by the traveler, it is the single trip document that includes the order and fund cite, the should-cost estimate, the itinerary, updates to the itinerary made during the trip, and serves as the expense report when the traveler returns.

**UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE (UB).** See **BAGGAGE, UNACCOMPANIED.**

**UNACCOMPANIED MEMBER (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY).** A member whose dependents have not accompanied the member or have accompanied the member at personal expense and are not command sponsored.

**UNACCOMPANIED TOUR (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY)**

1. The authorized tour length at a specific overseas PDS for a Service member who is not accompanied by command-sponsored dependents.
2. A tour at a location with only an unaccompanied tour authorized is a dependent-restricted tour (see APP A definition).
3. For JFTR allowances, an unaccompanied tour also includes a dependent-restricted tour ([DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E2.1.50).

**UNIFORMED SERVICES.** The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, and Public Health Service.

**UNIT.** A military element whose structure is prescribed by competent authority, such as in a table of organization and equipment.

**UNITED STATES (U.S.).** The 50 states and the District of Columbia.

**UNUSUALLY ARDUOUS SEA DUTY (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY).** Duty aboard or with designated units. These units must be designated in writing and meet the criteria in [57 Comp. Gen. 266 \(1978\)](#).

**UPON SEPARATION FROM FEDERAL SERVICE (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY).** All dates following the date an employee is separated from Federal Service.

**U.S.-CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER.** A U.S.-certificated air carrier that holds a certificate under [49 USC §41102](#) and that is authorized either by the carrier's certificate or by exemption or regulation. U.S. certificated air carrier service also includes service provided under a code share agreement with a foreign (non U.S. certificated) air carrier IAW Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) when the ticket, or documentation for an electronic ticket, identifies the U.S. certificated air carrier's designator code and flight number.

**U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIER.** See **U.S.-CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER.**

**U.S. INSTALLATION**

1. A base, post, yard, camp or station:
  - a. Under the local command of a uniformed service,
  - b. With permanent or semi-permanent-type troop shelters and a **GOV'T DINING FACILITY/MESS**, and
  - c. At which there are U.S. GOV'T operations.
2. This term includes only that area actually occupied by those operations (plus the minimum surrounding area necessary for close-in security) and excludes contracted hotels not contained on and operated by the **INSTALLATION**.

**WARD.** A person, especially an infant, placed by authority of law under the care of a guardian.

**WEIGHT ADDITIVE.** See **HOUSEHOLD GOODS-WEIGHT ADDITIVE**.

**YEARS OF SERVICE (UNIFORMED MEMBER ONLY).** Any service authorized to be credited in computation of basic pay under [37 USC §205](#).

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**APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS (JFTR/JTR)**

**PART 2: ACRONYMS (JFTR/JTR)**

(C) means applicable only to JTR (U) means applicable only to JFTR

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
ADT	Active Duty for Training (U)
AEA	Actual Expense Allowance
AMC	Air Mobility Command
AO	Authorizing/Order-Issuing Official or Approving Official
AOR	Area of Responsibility
APP	Appendix
AT	Annual Training (U)
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
AWOL	Absent Without Leave (U)
BAH	Basic Allowance for Housing (U)
BAH-DIFF	Basic Allowance for Housing – Differential (U)
BAH-RC	Basic Allowance for Housing - Reserve Component (U)
BAH-T	Basic Allowance for Housing – Transit (U)
BAS	Basic Allowance for Subsistence (U)
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
_CA	Unrestricted capacity-controlled airfare (fare basis code). The unrestricted capacity controlled airfare, or “-CA”, differs from the unrestricted airfare (YCA) only in that the airline can limit the number of seats offered at the unrestricted capacity controlled airfare. See APP P, Part 1, par. A2.
CAP	Civilian Advisory Panel
CBA	Centrally Billed Government Travel Charge Card Account
CBCA	Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COCOM	Combatant Command
COLA	Cost of Living Allowance
CONUS	*Contiguous United States
CONUS COLA	*Contiguous United States Cost of Living Allowance (U)
COSTEP	Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program
COT	Consecutive Overseas Tour (U)
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System (C)
CTD	Civilian Travel Determination (C)
CTO	(Contracted) Commercial Travel Office
CWT	Hundred weight
DAS	Defense Attaché System
DDESS	Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary School
DFAS	Defense Finance and Accounting Services
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency

<b><u>Acronym</u></b>	<b><u>Meaning</u></b>
DLA	Dislocation Allowance ( <i>U</i> )
DoD	Department of Defense
DoDD	Department of Defense Directive
DoDDS	Department of Defense Dependents Schools ( <i>C</i> )
DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity
DoDFMR	Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation
DoDI	Department of Defense Instruction
DOHA	Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals ( <i>U</i> )
DoJ	Department of Justice
DoN	Department of the Navy (includes USN and USMC)
DoS	Department of State
DPM	Direct Procurement Method
DSSR	Department of State Standardized Regulations
DTMO	Defense Travel Management Office
DTOD	Defense Table of Official Distances
DTR	Defense Transportation Regulation
DTS	Defense Travel System
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EUM	Essential Unit Messing
EVT	Emergency Visitation Travel ( <i>C</i> )
FAM	Foreign Affairs Manual ( <i>C</i> )
FAST	Federal Automated System for Travel
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEML	Funded Environmental and Morale Leave
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System ( <i>C</i> )
FHA	Federal Housing Administration ( <i>C</i> )
FSH	Family Separation Housing ( <i>U</i> )
FSH-B	Family Separation Housing – BAH Based Location ( <i>U</i> )
FSH-O	Family Separation Housing – OHA Based Location ( <i>U</i> )
FTA	Foreign Transfer Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
FTR	Federal Travel Regulation
FUTA	Federal Unemployment Tax Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
FVT	Family Visitation Travel ( <i>C</i> )
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ( <i>C</i> )
GAO	Government Accountability Office (formerly General Accounting Office)
GARS	Government Administrative Rate Supplement
GCC	Government (Transportation) Constructed Cost
GMR	Government Meal Rate
GOV	Government owned vehicle
GOV'T	(U.S.) Government
GSA	General Services Administration
GSBCA	General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
GTCC	Government Travel Charge Card
GTR	Government Transportation Request (SF 1169)
HHG	Household Goods
HHS	Health and Human Services ( <i>U</i> )
HHT	House Hunting Trip ( <i>C</i> )
HOR	Home of Record
HOS	Home of Selection ( <i>U</i> )
HP	Home Port ( <i>U</i> )
HSTA	Home Service Transfer Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
IADT	Initial Active Duty for Training ( <i>U</i> )
IAW	In Accordance With
IBA	Individually Billed Government Travel Charge Card Account. <b><i>NOTE: Does not apply to any other form of personal credit card.</i></b>
ICW	In Connection With
IDT	Inactive Duty Training ( <i>U</i> )
IE	Incidental Expenses
IPCOT	In Place Consecutive Overseas Tour ( <i>U</i> )
IRC	Internal Revenue Code ( <i>C</i> )
IRS	Internal Revenue Service ( <i>C</i> )
ITA	Invitational Travel Authorization
ITDY	Indeterminate TDY ( <i>U</i> )
ITO	Installation Transportation Officer
ITRA	Income Tax Reimbursement Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
JFTR	Joint Federal Travel Regulations
JTF	Joint Task Force
JTR	Joint Travel Regulations
LPDCI	Living Pattern Data Collection Instrument ( <i>U</i> )
LPQ	Living Pattern Questionnaire ( <i>U</i> )
LPS	Living Pattern Survey ( <i>U</i> )
LWOP	Leave Without Pay ( <i>C</i> )
M&IE	Meals and Incidental Expenses
MALT	Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation
MALT PLUS	Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation Plus Flat Per Diem
MAP	Military Advisory Panel
MARS	Military Auxiliary Radio System
MCO	Miscellaneous Charge Order
MEA	Miscellaneous Expense Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
MHA	Military Housing Area ( <i>U</i> )
MIA	Missing in Action
MIHA	Move in Housing Allowance ( <i>U</i> )
MILAIR	Military Aircraft
MSC	Military Sealift Command ( <i>C</i> )

<b><u>Acronym</u></b>	<b><u>Meaning</u></b>
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology ( <i>C</i> )
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ( <i>same as USNOAA</i> )
NTE	Not to exceed
NTS	Non-temporary Storage ( <i>also referred to as Extended Storage</i> )
OC&IE	Organizational Clothing & Individual Equipment
OCONUS	*Outside the Contiguous United States
OHA	Overseas Housing Allowance ( <i>U</i> )
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
PBP&E	Professional Books, Papers and Equipment ( <i>also referred to as PRO-Gear</i> )
PCS	Permanent Change of Station
PDS	Permanent Duty Station
PDT	Permanent Duty Travel
PDTATAC	Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
PDUSD (P&R)	Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)
PEB	Physical Evaluation Board ( <i>U</i> )
PHS	Public Health Service ( <i>same as USPHS</i> )
PLEAD	Place from Which Entered (or Called) to Active Duty ( <i>U</i> )
PMR	Proportional Meal Rate
POA	Privately Owned Automobile
POC	Privately Owned Conveyance
PoC	Point of Contact
POD	Port of Debarkation
POE	Port of Embarkation
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
POW	Prisoner of War
PRO-Gear	Professional Gear ( <i>also referred to as PBP&amp;E</i> )
QTRS	Quarters
R&R	Rest and Recuperative Leave
RAT	Renewal Agreement Travel ( <i>C</i> )
RC	Reserve Component
RDD	Required Delivery Date ( <i>U</i> )
RIT	Relocation Income Tax ( <i>C</i> )
RPDCI	Retail Price Data Collection Instrument ( <i>U</i> )
RSC	Relocation Service Company ( <i>C</i> )
SDDC	(Military) Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
SEA	Subsistence Expense Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
SES	Senior Executive Service ( <i>C</i> )
SIT	Storage in Transit
SMA	Separate Maintenance Allowance ( <i>C</i> )

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
SR&R	Special Rest and Recuperative Absence ( <i>U</i> )
SROTC	Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
SSN	Social Security Number
TAD	Temporary Assigned Duty ( <i>same as TDY</i> )
TCS	Temporary Change of Station ( <i>C</i> )
TDRL	Temporary Disability Retired List ( <i>U</i> )
TDY	Temporary Duty
TEMDU	Temporary Duty ( <i>same as TDY</i> )
TEMDUINS	Temporary Duty Under Instruction ( <i>same as TDY</i> )
TLA	Temporary Lodging Allowance – OCONUS ( <i>U</i> )
TLE	Temporary Lodging Expense – CONUS ( <i>U</i> )
TMC	Travel Management Center ( <i>same as CTO</i> )
TMS	Travel Management System
TQSA	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowance ( <i>C</i> )
TQSE	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses ( <i>C</i> )
TQSE(AE)	Actual Expense Reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses ( <i>C</i> )
TQSE(LS)	Lump Sum Reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses ( <i>C</i> )
UB	Unaccompanied Baggage
UN	United Nations
U.S.	United States
USC	United States Code
USNOAA	United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ( <i>same as NOAA</i> )
USPHS	United States Public Health Service ( <i>same as PHS</i> )
USSM	Under Secretary of State for Management ( <i>C</i> )
UTD	Uniformed Travel Determination ( <i>U</i> )
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs ( <i>C</i> )
VAMC	Veterans Affairs Medical Center ( <i>U</i> )
VPC	Vehicle Processing Center
WAE	When Actually Employed ( <i>C</i> )
YCA	Unrestricted airfare (fare basis code). The unrestricted airfare, or “YCA”, has a last economy/coach seat on the aircraft availability to the traveler. See APP P, Part 1, par. A2.

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**APPENDIX G: REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

A. General. This Appendix addresses the more commonly incurred reimbursable expenses. *Incidental Expenses (defined as part of per diem in APP A1) are different than these expenses.* Finance regulations should be consulted regarding any required expense description/documentation on the travel voucher.

B. Transportation Expenses Incurred in or around a PDS or TDY Location. Reimbursement of these expenses is covered in JFTR/JTR, Chs 3, Part D and Chs 2, Part L.

C. Voucher Submission. [DoDFMR, Vol. 9, Travel Policy and Procedures](#) prescribes the voucher submission requirements, with supporting authority. Funds are obligated IAW finance policy (ordinarily prior to/at the time the expense is incurred).

D. Reimbursable Expenses Table. A traveler is authorized certain necessary travel and transportation related reimbursable expenses incurred on official business. Some reimbursable expenses are authorized for reimbursement by this Appendix; other reimbursable expenses require AO authorization/approval. Reimbursable expenses include the following (listed in alphabetical order):

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p><b>ATM Use (Civilian Employee).</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Reimbursable</u>. Administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with the GTCC up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance.</li> <li><u>Not Reimbursable</u>. Administrative fees for an ATM use of a personal charge card.</li> <li><a href="#">DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3</a> for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</li> </ol>			X	X
<p><b>ATM Use (Uniformed Member)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reimbursement is authorized for administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The GTCC, or</li> <li>An ATM or personal charge card used by personnel exempt (and the traveler must provide the exemption authority) from GTCC use for official travel,</li> </ol>                             up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance.                         </li> <li>Reimbursement for ATM administrative fees related to use of an ATM or personal charge card is at the rate applicable to that card if an advance is not otherwise provided by cash, check or EFT.</li> <li><a href="#">DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3</a> for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</li> </ol>	X	X		
<p><b>Baggage, Excess Accompanied (Transportation Cost).</b> Excess accompanied baggage transportation (APP A1 'Baggage' definition) costs may be authorized/approved by the AO (JFTR, par. U3105 and JTR, par. C3105). Excess accompanied baggage applies to any bag accompanying the traveler for which the airline charges a fee.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Baggage Expenses.</b> Reimbursement may be authorized/approved for necessary travel and transportation related baggage expenses 'handling' incurred on official business per the AO determination. This includes expenses for accompanied baggage that accompanies a traveler without cost on a transportation ticket such as baggage transfer fee when authorized. Charges relating to bags may be reimbursed as baggage or excess accompanied baggage expenses (APP A 'Baggage' definition) when the Service/DoD COMPONENT determines the baggage and related expenses are necessary and in the GOV'T's interest. Baggage expenses are not reimbursable when the bags and their contents (e.g., golf clubs, presents, etc.) are for personal convenience, permissive travel, personal hobby, recreational items or are for ineligible traveler(s) not associated with the official travel mission. Reimbursable expenses include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Baggage Transfer</u>. NTE the customary local rates for intermodal transfer, and necessity for the transfer must be explained. Intermodal transfer involves transfer of a traveler's baggage(s) between authorized transportation modes performed during official travel; not authorized for personal convenience travel.</li> <li><u>Baggage Storage</u> when charges are result of official business (with explanation).</li> <li><u>Curbside Baggage Check In Fee</u></li> </ol>	X	X	X	X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>a. <b>Uniformed Member.</b> Reimbursement of a fee charged for the use of optional curbside baggage check in service is not authorized. A tip, separate from the fee itself, is reimbursable.</p> <p>b. <b>Civilian Employee.</b> Reimbursable only when authorized under JTR, par. C7460-4, for a traveler with a disability/special need.</p>				
<p><b>Baggage Handling Tips.</b> Reimbursement is authorized/approved for necessary travel and transportation related baggage handling tip expenses incurred on official business per the AO determination. Baggage handling tip expenses are not reimbursable when the bags and their contents (e.g., golf clubs, presents, etc.) are for personal convenience, permissive travel, personal hobby, recreational items or are for ineligible traveler(s) not associated with the official travel mission.</p> <p>1. <b>Uniformed Member</b></p> <p>a. <b>Transportation Terminal.</b> Reimbursement is authorized for customary tips for handling <i>any</i> baggage (personal and/or GOV'T) at a transportation terminal.</p> <p>b. <b>Lodging Establishment.</b> Reimbursement is authorized <i>only</i> for transportation related tips for handling <i>GOV'T property</i> at lodging establishments.</p> <p>2. <b>Civilian Employee.</b> Baggage handling tips at transportation terminals or lodging establishments are covered by the IE portion of per diem and are <i>not</i> items for separate reimbursement <i>except</i> for the following:</p> <p>a. A traveler with a disability/special need (JTR, par. C7460-4),</p> <p>b. Handling of GOV'T property,</p> <p>c. Handling of a dependent's personal baggage when the dependent is not authorized per diem while traveling at GOV'T expense when unaccompanied by the sponsor, and</p> <p>d. Handling of a dependent's personal baggage that the sponsor cannot handle when the dependent is traveling with the sponsor.</p>	X	X	X	X
<b>Birth Certificate.</b> The cost of a birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of birth for official OCONUS travel.	X	X	X	X
<b>Carrier Terminal Fees.</b> Airport transit, service charge/tax, landing, port tax, embarkation/debarkation or similar mandatory charge assessed against a traveler on arrival/departure from a carrier terminal is authorized when not included in the ticket cost ( <a href="#">52 Comp. Gen. 73 (1972)</a> ).	X	X	X	X
<b>Cell Phone Use.</b> When a cell phone is used for official communication, each call must be documented showing the additional cost incurred outside of the normal usage covered in the cell phone contract. <i>Prepaid communication services (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X
<b>Check Cashing.</b>				
1. <b>Reimbursable.</b> Fees for cashing U.S. GOV'T checks/drafts issued for travel expense reimbursement in a foreign country.	X	X	X	X
2. <b>Not Reimbursable.</b> Fees for cashing salary checks/drafts are not authorized.				
<b>Check Costs.</b> The cost of no load electronic financial cards, traveler's checks, money orders, or certified checks for up to the amount of estimated per diem, and/or AEA, and/or travel expenses for the authorized travel.	X	X	X	X
<b>Clerical Assistance.</b> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<b>Communication Services.</b> GOV'T owned/leased services should be used for official communications, but when GOV'T services are not available commercial communications services may be used. <i>Prepaid communication (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones, subscriber identity module (SIM) cards) or in flight communication services are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X
<b>Computer Connections.</b> Connections (e.g., Internet connection) used for computers to perform official GOV'T business is reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. In flight computer connections are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.		X		X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<b>Conveyance Costs.</b> Public or special conveyance costs to and from the transportation terminal. JFTR/JTR, Chs 3, Part D.	X	X	X	X
<b>Currency Conversion Fees</b>	X	X	X	X
<p>1. <u>Reimbursable</u></p> <p>a. The fee charged ICW currency conversion, including cash conversions.</p> <p>b. The “international transaction fee” for official qualifying transactions charged by:</p> <p>(1) <u>GTCC</u>. This 1% charge is listed as a separate line item on the billing statement.</p> <p>(2) <u>Other than GTCC</u>. When a member (<i>NOT A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE</i>) is formally exempt from using the GTCC, this charge on a non GTCC billing statement is reimbursable.</p> <p>2. <u>Not Reimbursable</u>. Losses resulting from currency conversions (<a href="#">63 Comp. Gen. 554 (1984)</a>). <i>NOTE: A traveler is not liable to pay the GOV'T for gains resulting from currency conversion.</i></p> <p>3. <u>Exchange Rates</u>. A traveler who pays with a credit card for OCONUS expenses should check with the credit card vendor to determine the final bill in U.S. currency prior to travel claim submission. The currency exchange rate at which the credit card bill was settled may be used to determine OCONUS expenses charged to the card.</p> <p>4. <u>Supplemental Vouchers</u>. A traveler may have to submit a travel voucher prior to having access to the actual amount billed on the credit card. When the actual amount in U.S. currency is not known until after the required travel claim submission date, a traveler should be personally aware of any financial regulations that require submission of a supplemental voucher if the amount(s) submitted as expenses differ(s) from the actual amount billed on the initial travel claim.</p>				
<p><b>Conveyance, Government.</b> <i>When a GOV'T conveyance is authorized</i>, reimbursement is authorized for allowable expenses incurred in operating the GOV'T conveyance (other than an Aero Club aircraft) on TDY travel between two points which are a separate journey. When GOV'T supplies or facilities are not available, examples of allowable expenses are:</p> <p>1. Gasoline and oil;</p> <p>2. Parking fees;</p> <p>3. Repairs;</p> <p>4. Ferry fares;</p> <p>5. Bridge, road or tunnel tolls;</p> <p>6. trip insurance for travel in foreign countries (APP G, Insurance, Driving Related);</p> <p>7. Guards; and</p> <p>8. Storage fees.</p>		X		X
<b>Disease Prevention Measures.</b> When authorized/approved, charges for inoculations and other disease preventive medical prophylaxes (e.g., oral antimalarial prophylaxis) that are not available through a Federal dispensary for OCONUS travel. This does not include travel expenses incurred for obtaining the required inoculations.	X	X	X	X
<b>Driver (Vehicle) Services.</b> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<b>Energy Surcharge Fees</b>	X	X	X	X
<b>Green Card.</b> See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
<b>GTCC</b>				
<p>1. <u>Late Payment Delinquent Fees</u>. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only for a traveler in a mission critical travel category or who, through no personal fault, is unable to file a travel voucher and pay the GTCC bill because of circumstances specific to the travel. <a href="#">DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3, par. 031306</a> for definition of mission critical personnel and processing requirements.</p>	X	X	X	X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
2. <u>Expedited Delivery</u> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.				
3. <u>Chip/PIN Card Issue Fee</u> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.  (Eff 27 January 2013) *4. <u>Merchant Surcharge</u> . Reimbursement is authorized for merchant surcharge (up to 4%) for official travel expenses charged to the GTCC. Not all merchants impose a surcharge. Some state laws restrict or limit surcharges				
<b>Guide Services</b> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<b>Insurance, Driving Related</b> . Driving related insurance is reimbursable when a Service designated official determines that legal requirements/procedures of the foreign country involved make it necessary to carry driving related insurance ( <a href="#">55 Comp. Gen. 1343 (1976)</a> ) to cover potential liability for damage, personal injury, or death to third parties when travel is authorized by GOV'T conveyance/POC/rental car.		X		X
<b>Interpreter Services</b> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<b>Laundry/Dry Cleaning Expenses (Civilian Employee Only)</b>				
1. <u>Reimbursable for CONUS Travel</u> . Costs for personal laundry, dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during <b>TDY or PCS</b> travel (not prior to departing from the PDS nor after returning to/arriving at the PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense when travel <b>within CONUS</b> requires at least 4 consecutive nights lodging.			X	X
2. <u>Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel</u> . <i>Laundry/dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel.</i> It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for OCONUS travel.				
<b>Laundry/Dry Cleaning Expenses (Uniformed Member Only)</b>				
1. <u>Reimbursable for CONUS Travel</u> . Costs for personal laundry, dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during TDY travel (not prior to departing from the PDS nor after returning to/arriving at the PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense up to an average of \$2/TDY night, in addition to per diem/AEA, when travel within CONUS requires at least 7 consecutive nights of TDY lodging in CONUS (e.g., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE \$14, 8 nights, NTE \$16), etc.  <i>NOTE: Laundry/dry cleaning/pressing costs are a reimbursable expense and should only be reimbursed when a cost is incurred. Example: Member is TDY for 18 days (17 nights) - maximum possible reimbursement is \$34. Member incurs \$17 for laundry costs. The amount claimed and reimbursed should be \$17 as it does not exceed the allowable \$34 maximum. The member may not arbitrarily claim or be paid \$34.</i>		X		
2. <u>Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel</u> . <i>Laundry/dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel.</i> It is part of the significantly higher locality IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.				
<b>Legal Service Fees</b> . See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
<b>License/Permit, International Driver's</b>				
1. Reimbursable when traveling TDY to a country that requires an international driver's license/permit.				
2. The cost of license/permit photos is reimbursable.	X	X	X	X
3. <a href="http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html">http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html</a> for information on driving abroad.				
4. <i>This reimbursement applies only to a member/employee but not dependents.</i>				
<b>Lodging, Dual</b> . Reimbursable ICW an unexpected event, when approved after the fact (except as provided in par. U4135-B2) by the AO. Any period of dual lodging reimbursement is limited to a maximum of 7 consecutive days, with extensions beyond 7 consecutive days only if approved by the Secretarial Process, and is NTE the amount of per diem/AEA plus appropriate lodging tax (when separately reimbursable) that would have been paid had the traveler remained overnight. JFTR, par. U4135 and JTR, par. C4555-F.		X		X
<b>Lodging Fees/Daytime Lodging Charges</b> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. These include room occupancy lodging charges for late departure, early arrival, or airport daytime lodging facilities due to travel arrangements that are not for the traveler's convenience.		X		X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p><b>Lodging, Mandatory Fees/Charges.</b> Separately reimbursable, in addition to room rate, when the expense is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. not optional; and</li> <li>b. approved by the AO.</li> </ul> <p>Fees/charges include, but are not limited to a 'tourism fee', a 'safe fee', or a 'service charge.'</p>		X		X
<p><b>Lodging Reimbursement while on Leave (Uniformed Member Only).</b> Reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of lodging retained at the TDY location during leave, NTE the per diem rate lodging portion for the TDY location, for each day during contingency operations (JFTR, par. U7225), or authorized/ordered evacuations (JFTR, par. U7226-C).</p>		X		
<p><b>Lodging Tax</b> (except when 'MALT Plus' for POC travel is paid) in the CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (APP A).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Reimbursable.</b> Lodging tax reimbursement (CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS only) is limited to the tax on reimbursable lodging costs. Example: if the authorized maximum lodging rate is \$60/night, and lodging that costs \$110/night is chosen, tax on \$60 may be reimbursed, which is the maximum authorized lodging amount.</li> <li>2. <b>Not Reimbursable.</b> Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is part of per diem/AEA and is <i>not separately reimbursable</i>.</li> </ul>	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Medical Fees.</b> See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.</p>				
<p><b>Mission Related Expenses.</b> Mission related expenses <i>are not reimbursable as travel expenses</i>. These include (but are not limited to) equipment and materials (e.g., batteries, clothing, lost or missing keys (e.g., baggage/luggage, lodging, vehicle, etc.), medical equipment, parking or traffic ticket fines, tools, film, paper, books, medical supplies), gifts for child care, pet care, hotel concierge, workout room/gym fees, and similar items. See <a href="#">B-166411, 3 September 1975</a>; <a href="#">B-198823, 10 December 1980</a>; and <a href="#">B-198824, 23 January 1981</a>.</p>				
<p><b>Nonrefundable Room Deposits, Forfeited Rental Deposits or Prepaid Rent, and Early Checkout Penalties when TDY is Curtailed/Canceled/Interrupted.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When advance lodging arrangements (including deposits for rental units) are made and TDY is curtailed/canceled/interrupted, lodging cost reimbursement may be authorized/ approved by the AO.</li> <li>2. Reimbursement must not exceed the remaining amount of per diem/AEA plus appropriate lodging tax that would have been paid had the TDY not been curtailed/canceled/interrupted.</li> <li>3. <a href="#">59 Comp. Gen. 609 (1980)</a>, <a href="#">59 id. 612 (1980)</a>, <a href="#">60 id. 630 (1981)</a>, and cases cited therein.</li> <li>4. The AO should consider if the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Traveler acted reasonably and prudently in incurring lodging expenses;</li> <li>b. Traveler had a reasonable expectation of completing the TDY as authorized;</li> <li>c. Assignment was changed for official purposes or for an acceptable reason beyond the traveler's control; and</li> <li>d. Traveler took reasonable steps to obtain a refund once the TDY was officially canceled/curtailed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		X		X
<p><b>Paper Tickets.</b> Any additional paper ticket cost is reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO as necessary to meet GOV'T requirements (e.g., potential work stoppage by the airline or special circumstances involving international travel to foreign countries). <i>Paper tickets bought for personal convenience are the traveler's financial responsibility.</i></p>	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Parking Fees at a Terminal.</b> Transportation terminal parking fees (while TDY), NTE the cost of taxi fares (including associated tips) for one round trip to the terminal are authorized. JFTR, par. U4925 and JTR, par. C4760.</p>		X		X
<p><b>Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Exams, and Legal Services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Reimbursement Eligibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>General.</b> Reimbursement is authorized for a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Member,</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	X	X	X	X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>(2) Employee, and</p> <p>(3) Dependent (member's and/or employee's),</p> <p>b. <b>Uniformed Member.</b> Reimbursement authority is for a member who is:</p> <p>(1) Assigned to a foreign OCONUS area,</p> <p>(2) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of a continued assignment in a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(3) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below.</p> <p>c. <b>Civilian Employee.</b> Reimbursement authority is for an employee who is:</p> <p>(1) A U.S. citizen (required when serving under a transportation or renewal agreement in a foreign country, but not for TDY or a dependent.)</p> <p>(2) Hired locally or transported to a foreign OCONUS area at GOV'T expense,</p> <p>(3) Serving under a service or renewal agreement, and</p> <p>(4) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of continued employment in a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(5) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below.</p> <p>d. <b>Dependent</b> (Member's or Employee's). Reimbursement authority is for a dependent who is:</p> <p>(1) Authorized travel and transportation allowances to/from a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(2) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of the sponsor's continued assignment/employment in a foreign OCONUS area.</p> <p>2. <b>Acquired Dependent (Uniformed Member Only).</b> A member serving an unaccompanied OCONUS tour who acquires a dependent OCONUS is not authorized reimbursement of passport and visa expenses for the acquired dependent except when JFTR, par. U9000-A2 or U9000-A3 applies, and/or the dependent qualifies for travel and transportation from the OCONUS PDS IAW JFTR, par. U5222-G.</p> <p>3. <b>Biometric Fees.</b> Biometric fees which are mandatory for passport and/or visa issuance to the traveler is reimbursable. Biometric data collects the traveler's measurable physical or behavioral characteristics that can be used to verify the individual's identity or compare the identity against other entries when stored in a database. Examples of biometric data are face recognition, fingerprints, and iris scans.</p> <p>4. <b>Dependent Fee.</b> Dependent fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. <b>Example:</b> The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>5. <b>Emergency Technical Support Personnel.</b> A command/activity may be required to have emergency technical support personnel available for official travel on short notice. These personnel, if directed in writing by the AO to maintain current passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements and/or visas and/or green cards, may be reimbursed for the preparation expenses/fees paid for a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, photographs for OCONUS travel and physical examinations required to obtain a visa if examinations could not be obtained at a GOV'T medical facility (as of 11/1/01 obtainable only in Yokosuka, Japan)).</p> <p>6. <b>Visa, Green card, and Photograph Fee for OCONUS Travel.</b> These fees are reimbursable ICW official travel. A 'Green Card' is officially known as a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (<b>USCIS Form I-551</b>). A visa (nonimmigrant or immigrant) is a stamp or impression placed on a page of a valid passport by a foreign consulate/embassy or U.S. GOV'T empowered to grant permission for the applicant to enter and remain in that country for a specific period of time.</p> <p>7. <b>Legal Service Fees.</b> Expenses for legal services that include lawyer fees/charges (except retainer fees) for obtaining and/or processing applications for a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, or changes in status are reimbursable if local laws and/or customs require the use of lawyers in processing such applications. Reimbursement of legal service fees for acquired dependent(s), adoption, DHS/INS document processing fees, server fees, dependent custodial matters or fees for similar related circumstances are personal expenses to the individual which are not authorized.</p>				

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>8. <b>Medical Expenses.</b> Medical expenses associated with obtaining passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements, a visa and/or a green card, are <b>not</b> reimbursable, except for disease prevention measures (inoculations and other disease preventive medical prophylaxes (e.g., oral anti-malarial prophylaxis) as stated in this APP.</p> <p>9. <b>Passport Fees.</b> An official traveler ordinarily travels on a no fee passport. The three types of <a href="#">U.S. passports</a> are: book, card, and e-passport. A passport book is a regular passport; an e passport is a regular passport book with electronic biometric data; both passports can be used for any international travel. A passport card is limited to departure/entry to/from the U.S. through land and seaport entry between the U.S. and Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, and is not authorized for international air travel. Passport fees are reimbursable when travel on an official order is to and/or from a high threat area or high risk airport by commercial air and the traveler is authorized to obtain and use a <a href="#">regular fee passport</a>. Those traveling solely by MILAIR or AMC charter flight are not reimbursed for regular fee passports unless GOV'T transportation became available on short notice (that is, after commercial travel arrangements had been made and a passport purchased) or the travel priority is sufficiently high to require backup travel arrangements (which cannot include city pair reservations).</p> <p>10. <b>Physical Examination Fees.</b> These fees are reimbursable when required to obtain a visa and the examination could not be obtained at a GOV'T medical facility (as of 11/1/01 obtainable only in Yokosuka, Japan) (<a href="#">GSBCA 15435-RELO, 9 April 2001</a>). A dependent's fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. <b>Example:</b> The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>11. <b>Order for Visas and Physical Examinations.</b> An order should be issued to authorize/approve (JFTR/JTR, pars. U2210/C2210 and JTR, APP I2)) travel and transportation at GOV'T expense to:</p> <p>a. A visa issuing office located outside the traveler's PDS local area if the traveler's presence at that office is/was mandatory.</p> <p>b. Undergo a physical examination required to obtain a visa if travel is/was required to a location outside the traveler's PDS local area.</p> <p>12. <b>Travel Not Required.</b> Actual travel to obtain required documents is not required for reimbursement (e.g., the expenses may be related to mail).</p>				
<b>Personal Expenses.</b> <i>Personal expenses are NOT reimbursable.</i> These include batteries, clothing, lost or missing keys (e.g., baggage/luggage, lodging, vehicle, etc.), medical equipment, parking or traffic violation ticket fines, tools, film, gifts, pet care, hotel concierge, workout room/gym fees, and similar items. See <a href="#">B-166411, 3 September 1975</a> ; <a href="#">B-198823, 10 December 1980</a> ; and <a href="#">B-198824, 23 January 1981</a> .				
<b>Pet Quarantine.</b> JFTR and JTR, Ch 5, Part I for rules regarding pet quarantine ICW PDT.	X		X	
<p><b>Phone Calls (Official)</b></p> <p>1. The AO:</p> <p>a. May determine certain communications to a traveler's home/family are official (i.e., to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, inform/inquire about medical conditions, and advise regarding changes in itinerary),</p> <p>b. Should limit communications to a dollar amount in advance of the TDY, and</p> <p>c. May approve charges after the TDY completion, when appropriate (adopted from <a href="#">GSBCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998</a>).</p> <p>2. Prepaid communication services (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</p>		X		X
<b>Physical Examination Fees.</b> See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
<b>Prepaid Phone Cards/Cell Phones.</b> See Communication Services.				
<b>Preparatory Travel Expense Reimbursement when the Order is Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked.</b> Preparatory travel expenses, such as fees for traveler's checks, passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, and communications services, incurred prior to the order being changed are reimbursable provided the action taken is beyond the traveler's control, in the GOV'T's interest, and a refund is unobtainable.	X	X	X	X
<b>CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY:</b>				
<b>Privately Owned Conveyance Tax and License Fee</b> ( <a href="#">B-214930, 1 October 1984</a> ).				X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>A. <u>General</u>. Some states:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Require an ownership tax and license fee for a POC used in the state for over 30 days; and</li> <li>2. Allow a TDY traveler to apply for an exemption certificate upon first coming into the state.</li> </ol> <p>B. <u>Traveler Paid Charges</u>. If a TDY traveler has applied for and been denied an exemption certificate for ownership tax and licensing fee by the TDY state the traveler is reimbursed for such fees if all of the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. POC use is authorized as being to the GOV'T's advantage ICW a TDY assignment (see par. C4725).</li> <li>2. The traveler's PDS is not the state in which the TDY assignment is performed.</li> <li>3. The TDY period is in excess of the allowable time period that the employee would be exempt from state imposed ownership tax and license fee on a POC.</li> </ol> <p>C. <u>Documentation</u>. Payment documentation of the state imposed charges in the state in which the TDY was performed may be required.</p>				
<p><b>Privately Owned Conveyance (POC) Use on TDY.</b> In addition to a TDY mileage allowance, the following official business costs are allowable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ferry fares, bridge, road and tunnel tolls;</li> <li>2. Automobile parking fees; (related to official business only (except those incident to PDT)); and</li> <li>3. Aircraft landing, parking, and tie down fees.</li> </ol>		X		X
<p><b>Registered Traveler Membership Fee.</b> Individual traveler membership in a registered and/or trusted traveler program is <b>NOT</b> a reimbursable expense per JFTR/JTR, pars. U1215/C1215. Use of GOV'T funds to obtain membership in such a program is <b>statutorily prohibited</b> by <a href="#">5 USC §5946</a> per <a href="#">GSA Bulletin FTR 08-05 of 25 June 2008</a>.</p>				
<p><b>Registration Fee.</b> Registration fee reimbursement is authorized/approved when the fee is a condition for attendance. When the registration fee includes the cost of meals, per diem is computed under JFTR, par. U4165-2b or JTR, par. C4554-B2b.</p>		X		X
<p><b>Rental Car Reimbursable Expenses.</b> See Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle (Includes Rental Aircraft) Reimbursable Expenses</p> <p><i>NOTE: Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicles are NOT a reimbursable expense without an AO authorization/approval. APP G lists reimbursable expenses ICW an AO authorized/approved Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle.</i></p>		X		X
<p><b>Reports/Correspondence Preparation Services</b> (incl. associated necessary equipment). Services of typists, data processors, or stenographers and use of computers, printers, faxing machines and scanners are reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO (<a href="#">B-145883, 1 September 1970</a> and <a href="#">15 Comp. Gen. 257 (1935)</a>). This does not cover any materials. See Mission related expenses.</p>		X		X
<p><b>Resort Fees.</b> Resort fees, <i>that are mandatory</i>, are authorized.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Room Rental.</b> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only when used for official business.</p>		X		X
<p><b>Service and Processing Fees.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Service and processing fees (transaction fees) for arranging official transportation, rental car and lodging accommodations are authorized:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Through a CTO/TMC, and</li> <li>b. When a CTO/TMC is not available.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Reimbursement is authorized only when every reasonable attempt has been made by the traveler to engage CTO/TMC in the process and the CTO/TMC is not available, prior to official travel commencement.</li> </ol>	X	X	X	X
<p><b>Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle (Includes Rental Aircraft) Reimbursable Expenses</b></p> <p><i>NOTE: Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicles are NOT a reimbursable expense without an AO authorization/approval. APP G lists reimbursable expenses ICW an AO authorized/approved Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle.</i></p>		X		X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>1. <b>CTO Use.</b> A traveler who disregards a special conveyance arrangement made by a CTO must be prepared to provide justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost of using the CTO) is allowed.</p> <p>2. <b>Reimbursable Expenses.</b> <i>When the AO authorizes/approves special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following expenses are reimbursable:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any ‘per day’ administrative fee called for in the DTMO rental car agreements (including GARS) is authorized.</li> <li>b. Rental cost, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users.</li> <li>c. Necessary gas and oil.</li> <li>d. Aircraft landing and tie down fees.</li> <li>e. Transportation to and from the rental facility, public transit systems, and taxi fares.</li> <li>f. Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls.</li> <li>g. Traveler access fee (when charged).</li> <li>h. Garage, hangar, or boathouse rental.</li> <li>i. Operator’s subsistence.</li> <li>j. Optional extra collision hull insurance for rental aircraft.</li> <li>k. Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.</li> <li>l. Snow tires. Reimbursement is limited to the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for the required nonstandard equipment.</li> <li>m. Global positioning system (GPS) rental, when the AO determines it is necessary for official use.</li> <li>n. Toll collection transponder installed in rental car when necessary for official use (for both tolls and daily/weekly fee). Activation of the toll collection transponder, installed in a rental car for optional use, is not reimbursable unless the AO determines it was necessary for official business.</li> <li>o. The cost of buying collision insurance (e.g., collision damage waiver (CDW) adjustment, theft protection, etc.) is reimbursable only if the insurance is required by the rental company in a foreign area/country to provide full coverage insurance, or the insurance is necessary for certain classified special operations. See <a href="#">B-204486, 19 January 1982</a>.</li> <li>p. Breathalyzer installed in rental car when required in foreign country. See item 3e below.</li> <li>q. <b>Rented Motor Vehicle Damage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <b>DoD Travelers.</b> A traveler may be reimbursed for personal funds paid to rental car companies for damage sustained by a rented motor vehicle that is damaged in the performance of official business if the claim is adjudicated as being payable. The GOV’T may make direct payment to the rental car company instead of the traveler, if appropriate. In either case, the reimbursement is a reimbursable transportation expense. A request from a traveler or rental company for reimbursement/payment must be documented and submitted IAW the <a href="#">DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 4</a>. Statements, itemized bills, and an accident report are typical requirements (<a href="#">47 Comp. Gen. 145 (1967)</a>). If damage is to a rental car under the DTMO rental car agreement, a DoD traveler may file an accident report at the DTMO website <a href="http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Rental/">http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Rental/</a>.</li> <li>(2) <b>Uniformed Non DoD Service Member:</b> A request from a traveler or rental company for reimbursement/payment must be documented and submitted IAW Service written guidance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>r. Necessary nonstandard equipment and any additional charges when authorized in the order. Reimbursement is limited to the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for the required nonstandard equipment.</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Expenses that Are <i>Not</i> Reimbursable.</b> The following expenses are <i>not</i> reimbursable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Personal Accident Insurance.</b> Personal accident insurance is a personal expense and is not reimbursable.</li> <li>b. <b>Rental Car Insurance in the U.S./Non-Foreign OCONUS Location.</b> A traveler is not reimbursed for rental car insurance</li> </ul>				

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
coverage purchased in the U.S. or in a non-foreign OCONUS location regardless of from whom the rental car is rented. <i>See 2o above for classified operations.</i>				
c. <u>Damage to Rental Car when Being Used on Other than Official Business.</u> Reimbursement for personal funds paid for damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized. <b>Example: TDY ends on Friday; the traveler delays return to the PDS until Sunday and retains the rental car. On Sunday, the rental car was damaged. The traveler may not be reimbursed for the cost of repairs since the traveler was not on official duty at the time of the accident (GSBCA 16477-TRAV, 13 October 2004).</b>				
d. <u>Purchase of Equipment.</u> The cost of purchased (as opposed to rented) equipment (e.g., snow tires, GPS, toll transponder), is not reimbursable.				
e. <u>Breathalyzer Replacement Fee.</u> Reimbursement of any element of the breathalyzer fee is not authorized if the breathalyzer is used while on other than official business, for personal convenience, or if negligence is found by the appropriate authorities.				
<b>Storage of Property Used on Official Business.</b> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<b>Technology Equipment.</b> Use of computers, printers, faxing machines, scanners, telegrams, cablegrams, or radiograms is authorized. <i>Purchased (as opposed to rental) technology equipment (e.g., laptop, computer peripherals or software) is not reimbursable. For example, reimbursement of rent (or lease) to own of technology equipment is not authorized.</i>		X		X
<b>Tips Aboard Commercial Ships (Uniformed Member Only).</b> Tips to stewards and other attendants paid by or on behalf of the dependents aboard commercial ships are authorized. Service finance regulations should be consulted regarding any required expense description/documentation on the travel voucher.	X			
<b>Tips for Handling GOV'T Property.</b> Transportation related tips for handling GOV'T property at terminals and lodgings are authorized. Service finance regulations should be consulted regarding any required expense description/documentation on the travel voucher.		X		X
<b>Tips, Transportation Related.</b> Transportation related tips for taxis, limousines, and courtesy transportation are authorized. Service finance regulations should be consulted regarding any required expense description/documentation on the travel voucher.	X	X	X	X
<b>Transportation to/from Terminal.</b> POC transportation costs (ICW TDY travel) to and from the transportation terminal are authorized. JFTR, par. U4925 and JTR, par. C4760		X		X
<b>Travel and Transportation Related Expenses.</b> Travel and transportation related expenses similar to any in this table may be authorized.	X	X	X	X
<b>Value Added Tax (VAT) Certificate.</b> The cost of a Value Added Tax (VAT) certificate used to avoid paying TDY lodging taxes is reimbursable.		X		X
<b>Visa and Photograph Fees for OCONUS Travel.</b> See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				

## PART 2: COLA UNIQUE EXPENSES

A. Purpose. In some OCONUS areas, a member and/or dependent incurs significant mandatory and excessive expenses for items that a CONUS-based member never incurs. Since the expenses are not incurred in CONUS they cannot be made a part of the ordinary COLA index calculation. For these expenses, payment is a dollar for dollar reimbursement for a specifically authorized expense at designated authorized locations.

B. Criteria. A mandatory and excessive expense incurred periodically (i.e., annually, semiannually, etc.) that must meet all of the criteria below to be an authorized as a COLA - Unique Expense eligible for reimbursement. ***PDTATAC does not accept requests from individual members for COLA - Unique Expense authorization.*** All requests for specific expenses at specific locations must be forwarded through the Major Command level, then via the applicable Service representative (indicated under the heading “Feedback Reporting” in the JFTR introduction) to PDTATAC. The Secretary Concerned or Secretarial Process, at Service discretion, may reimburse COLA Unique Expenses for the locations and specific expenses cited in par. C of this Part with no further PDTATAC action required. There is no requirement for recovery of any amount refunded to a member by the foreign government agency involved. Each individual mandatory and excessive expense must be:

1. Incurred by a clear ***majority*** of members assigned at a duty station, and
2. An item/expense that exceeds 1% of Spendable Income for the typical uniformed member, and
3. An item/expense that is not purchased or paid by CONUS-based members, and
4. Specifically authorized/approved by PDTATAC for reimbursement are listed in par. C below, and
5. Verified by a valid receipt, and
6. Paid on or after 1 July 2006. No expenses paid before this date can be reimbursed.

\*C. Authorized Locations. Locations authorized a COLA-unique expense reimbursement (no other locations or expenses authorized):

1. Singapore. Mandatory and excessive Road Tax for one POV may be reimbursed as substantiated by receipts. Mandatory and excessive Registration/Transfer fees for one POV may be reimbursed as substantiated by receipts.

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