

JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOL. 2 (JTR)**CHANGE 573****1 JULY 2013**

- A. Authorized Personnel. These regulation changes are issued for all Department of Defense civilian employees.
- B. New Regulation Changes. Material new to this change is indicated by an asterisk (*) and is effective 1 July 2013 unless otherwise indicated.
- C. Civilian Principals. The following are the current Civilian Principals:

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

CAP 52-13(E)/MAP 60-13(E) -- Baggage for RAT. Clarifies that each employee and dependent on RAT is authorized 100 lbs. excess accompanied baggage in addition to 100 lbs. each unaccompanied baggage. Affects pars. C4490, C5160-B, C5168-A, C5524, C5526, C5539-A, APP A, Baggage.

CAP 54-13(I)/MAP 54-13(I) -- Ride Sharing. Adds language to encourage ride-sharing when a special conveyance (particularly a rental vehicle or 'taxi') must be used. Affects par. C2000-B6, Ch. 3, Part D, NOTE, APP G, APP O, and T4020-B3, APP O, T4030-C.

CAP 56-13(I)/MAP 56-13(I) -- CTO Use for Restricted Airfares. Clarifies language in JFTR, par. U3045/and JTR, par. C3045 to align them more closely with the new language in JFTR/JTR, APP H3C to allow the use of restricted airfares at the discretion of the AO.

CAP 57-13(I)/MAP 66-13(I) -- POC Use to & from Transportation Terminal-PDS. Clarifies that POC use to and from the transportation terminal or PDS is allowed for PCS travel. Affects par. C5900.

CAP 60-13(I) MAP 63-13(I) -- Tour Length – Ghedi, Italy. Changes the accompanied tour length to 36 months vice 24 months for Ghedi, Italy. Affects APP Q1.

CAP 64-13(I)/MAP 71-13(I) -- Recruit Mandatory City Pair User. Removes a DoD recruit traveling from Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) from the list of non-mandatory contract city pair program users. Affects APP P1, par. A5.

CAP 65-13(I)/MAP 72-13(I) -- Transportation of Remains. Moves information ICW “Transportation of Remains” from Ch 5 to Ch 7. Affects pars. C1015-C2m, C5850, C5855, C5860, C5865, C5870, C5875, C5880, C7930, C7931, C7932, C7933, C7934, C7935, C7936, C7937, and C7938.

CAP 67-13(I)/MAP 75-13(I) -- Expenses Incurred Prior to Order. Tightens wording on no reimbursement for expenses incurred prior to ‘travel contemplated/directed’ to ‘receipt of a written or oral order.’ Affects par. C2200-D.

CAP 77-13(I) -- Reference in Par. C5566-E2a. Corrects par. reference in C5566-E2a.

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C1000 APPLICATION

A. Personnel Covered. The JTR applies to:

1. A DoD civilian employee, including a direct hire non U.S. person employed by DoD in an OCONUS area, except as restricted and limited by OCONUS commands or by agreement with the host government.;
2. Dependent(s) of an employee/individual covered by JTR (unless eligible for separate Allowances);
3. A civilian official and/or employee of another GOV'T department and/or AGENCY who performs an official assignment for and at DoD's expense;
4. A DoD personal services contract employee ([27 Comp. Gen. 695 \(1948\)](#));
5. Civilian marine personnel of Military Sealift Command to the extent provided in NAVSO P833, [Civilian Marine Personnel Instruction \(CMPI\) Instruction 4650](#);
6. A person who performs travel under a DoD ITA (including a non U.S. person indirect hire);
7. A National Guard technician employed pursuant to [32 USC §709](#);
8. A person employed intermittently as a consultant/expert and paid on a WAE basis or a person serving without compensation or at one dollar a year for official travel away from home or regular place of business and while at a place of employment or service for the GOV'T;
9. A new appointee to the SES, and
10. Certain Presidential appointees.

B. Personnel Not Covered. The JTR does *not* apply to:

1. A Uniformed Service member;
2. Dependent(s) of an individual /employee covered by the JFTR;
3. A NAF official and/or employee traveling on NAF business (JTR may be adopted and interpreted by NAF activities for NAF employees.);
4. A contractor's representative and/or contractor's employee under a contract with DoD;
5. A DoD employee appointed under [22 USC §2385\(d\)](#); or
6. A DoD civilian employee who performs an official assignment (TDY, TCS or PCS) funded by a non DoD AGENCY and who is subject to the funding AGENCY's travel and transportation policies which includes travel (payment advance, authorization, reimbursement, and voucher submission), and transportation between the official locations (except the 'Fly America' always applies to DoD personnel).

C. Statutory Regulations. JTR:

1. Implements the basic statutory regulation issued by GSA (FTR), governing a civilian employee's travel and transportation at GOV'T expense.
2. Has the force and effect of law and is issued primarily under the authority of OSD and PDTATAC.

D. Travel Not Paid for by the GOV'T

NOTE: A traveler must not be directed to perform official travel at personal expense. Limited travel funds are not a basis for denying official travel reimbursement or reducing allowances.

1. General. The JTR:

- a. Addresses allowances paid/reimbursed by the GOV'T, and
- b. Does **not** address travel involving no reimbursement by/expense to the GOV'T (e.g., permissive travel, travel under a travel authorization but not on public business, return from leave to duty abroad, and attendance at public ceremonies). See DoDI 1400.25, Vol. 630 and Component supplemental personnel and travel guidance for excused absence and permissive travel policies, respectively.

2. Policy. When travel at GOV'T expense is not authorized, an employee may agree to pay all expenses for attendance at a technical, professional, scientific, or other similar organization meeting. See par. C5025 for policy on travel at GOV'T expense.

3. Employee Status

- a. An administrative determination must be made IAW civilian personnel policy to determine if the employee is in a duty or leave/other non-duty status. See DoDI 1400.25, Vol. 630.
- b. For a funded order to be issued, the employee must be in a duty status., An employee in a leave status when a funded order is issued, enters a duty status to execute the order.

E. FTR Authority Not Implemented. There may be circumstances when the FTR authorizes a discretionary travel and transportation allowance but the JTR remains silent. A discretionary FTR authority that is not addressed in the JTR is not implemented within DoD.

C1005 PROHIBITION NOT STATED

The FTR creates the authority for payment of certain allowances and is implemented in DoD by the JTR. There may be circumstances when travel and transportation allowances are prohibited and are so stated. ***However, just because a prohibition is not stated does not mean that an allowance exists or may be authorized (e.g., the philosophy of "It doesn't say I can't therefore I can." does not apply to JTR).***

C1015 IMPLEMENTATION

A. Regulatory Authority. Under [DoDD 5154.29](#) the provisions of and subsequent changes to the JTR are effective based on PDTATAC regulatory authority.

B. Allowance Implementation. ***The JTR requires no further allowances implementation.***

C. Administrative Procedures

1. The Services/Agencies (separately or jointly) may issue related administrative procedures provided they do not conflict with or unnecessarily duplicate JTR provisions.
2. The Services/Agencies (separately or jointly) should issue implementing administrative and/or procedural publications for certain allowances. The listing below cites allowances that do/should be implemented by Service/Agency issuances. The following list may not be all inclusive:
 - a. Completion and submission of travel vouchers (Ch 2, Part K);

- b. Appropriate authority/approval level for business class air travel (par. C3500);
- c. Authorization/order endorsement related to foreign flag carrier use (par. C3525-F);
- d. Meal ticket issuance, use, and care, and for the payment for meals procured with the tickets;
- e. Procedures and conditions under which advance payments are authorized including those in:
 - (1) PDT (Ch 5);
 - (2) Evacuation Allowances (Ch 6);
 - (3) Recruiting expenses (parking expenses only);
 - (4) TQSE (Ch 5, Part H,)
- f. Appropriate separation or retirement activities;
- g. Claims for personally procured HHG transportation;
- h. Traveler financial responsibility (pars. C2000, C3105-B, C5576-B, C5154, C5190, C5204, C5208, C5234-E, C5270-B, C5450 and C5576);
- i. Personal emergency determination (pars. C7365 and C7602);
- j. Establishing dependency (See APP A definition of DEPENDENT),
- k. CTO use policy (par. C2400);
- l. Procedures for extending evacuation safe haven allowances; and
- *m. Transportation of the remains of a deceased employee and/or a deceased dependent (Ch 7, Part W).

C1020 SERVICE/AGENCY IMPLEMENTATION ISSUANCE REVIEW PROCESS

A. Requirement. [DoDD 5154.29](#) requires that PDTATAC staff review all DoD written material that implements JTR provisions to ensure per diem, travel and transportation allowances, relocation allowances, and certain other allowances are uniformly applied.

B. Application. The review process applies to all DoD COMPONENTS.

C. Procedure. A WORD document of the written material should be forwarded, via the Service/Agency CAP representative found in the Introduction Feedback Reporting section to:

1. Email: pdttac@dtmo.pentagon.mil; or

2. Mail:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
Attn: Policy & Regulations Branch
4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01
Alexandria, VA 22350-9000

3. Fax: (571) 372-1301 DSN (312) 372-1301

C1025 EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

Nothing in JTR provides authority for expenditures for purposes not provided for in appropriations and/or in law.

C1030 DUPLICATE PAYMENT

1. A duplicate payment is a GOV'T payment claimed by a traveler for an expense paid to the traveler by another entity or two payments for the same expense.
2. *Expenses reimbursed, or to be reimbursed, by another entity must not be paid by the GOV'T.*
3. A nondeductible meal provided to a traveler in a per diem status is not a duplicate payment.
4. The traveler is financially responsible for returning duplicate payments received, including any allowances covered in the JTR.
5. The Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, [P.L. 107-300](#) may apply.

C1035 APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE REGULATIONS

A Service/Agency is expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or AO fails to follow these Regulations. Disciplinary action should be for *willful* violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), non-judicial action, or other appropriate personnel means. Action must *not* be through refusal to reimburse. See par. C2400-E for exceptions when reimbursement is *not* allowed.

C1040 REGULATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE

A change to JTR is effective, unless otherwise noted, on the published change date in which it first appears. This date appears in the lower left corner of each page. When an effective date is different from the published change date, that effective date is indicated.

C1045 INTERPRETATION OF THESE REGULATIONS AND THEIR UNDERLYING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The application of basic laws, appropriation acts, JTR (and FTR), and departmental instructions to specific travel circumstances is subject to interpretation by the OSD GC and DOHA (for uniformed members), and CBCA (for a DoD civilian employee). OSD GC, DOHA, CBCA, GSBICA, and GAO decisions provide guidance for similar cases/situations involving the same circumstances and where applicable are referenced. *Other interpretations are strictly advisory in nature.*

C1050 TERMINOLOGY

The terminology used in the JTR may be unique to the JTR. See APP A, Part 1 for definitions of terms, and Part 2 for acronyms. Use the relevant Chapters and Parts, with APP A to determine the exact definition of a specific term. Definitions in the JTR are not necessarily applicable to other GOV'T regulations.

PART A: GENERAL

C2000 OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN TRAVEL ([FTR §301-70.1](#))

NOTE: While requirements for additional receipts are discouraged; travelers are advised to retain ALL receipts for tax purposes or in the event questions arise about expenses (e.g., laundry/dry cleaning and taxi expenses that seem excessive and/or inappropriate to the AO and which the AO, as a certifying officer, can decline based on finance regulations to pay unless convinced of their validity). If a receipt is impracticable to obtain or it has been inadvertently lost/destroyed, a written statement, acceptable to the AO explaining the circumstances, must be furnished.

A. General. A traveler must exercise the same care and regard for incurring GOV'T paid expenses as would a prudent person traveling at personal expense. [CBCA 2852-TRAV, 28 August 2012](#).

B. Circumstances. The following circumstances include, but are not limited to, opportunities for travelers and commands to be good stewards of GOV'T funds and exercise prudence in travel. Travelers and commands must consider the following for use when appropriate without disrupting the mission:

1. Use of the least expensive transportation mode to and from the transportation terminal;
2. Use of the least expensive parking (ordinarily the long term lot) when POC parking is authorized at the transportation terminal or at other facilities (i.e., valet parking must be justified when self-parking is available);
3. Use of the least expensive public transportation in and around the TDY site (i.e., subway/streetcar/bus) in lieu of taxi;
4. Use of the least expensive authorized/approved Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle (both in terms of using the 'standard' compact size and the least expensive vendor);
5. Scheduling travel as early as possible to take advantage of the best offered fare/rate (e.g., such as a 'Dash'CA airfare in lieu of a YCA airfare); and

*6. When a special conveyance (particularly a rental vehicle or a 'taxi') must be used, sharing of the special conveyance by official travelers is encouraged to most efficiently use taxpayer dollars.

C. Receipts. IAW [DoDFMR 7000.14-R, Volume 9](#), a traveler must maintain records/receipts for:

1. Individual expenses of \$75 or more, and
2. All lodging costs.

D. Traveler's Financial Responsibility. Excess costs, circuitous routes, delays or luxury accommodations that are unnecessary or unjustified are the traveler's financial responsibility.

C2005 LODGING PROGRAMS

A. General

1. The Army Lodging Success Program, Navy Elite Lodging Program, and GSA's FedRooms Lodging Program provide adequate quality lodging at/below per diem and properties often are close to TDY location worksites.
2. Use of lodging facilities in these programs often results in cost savings to the GOV'T.
3. The FedRooms Lodging Program lodging rate is indicated by the use of an 'XVU' rate code as opposed to a 'GOV' or other rate code.

4. Not all programs are available to all official travelers.

B. Not Considered GOV'T QTRS. The following are *not* GOV'T QTRS:

1. Army Lodging Success Program,
2. Navy Elite Lodging Program,
3. GSA's Fed Rooms Lodging Program,
4. GOV'T contracted lodging not located on an Installation to which the traveler is assigned.

See [DOHA Claims Case No. 2009 CL 080602.2, 7 July 2010.](#)

C2010 TRAVEL OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

An official responsible for directing travel and/or approving reimbursement also is responsible for ensuring that funds are used for official travel purposes and IAW the conditions prescribed.

C2015 PASSPORT, VISAS, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND CLEARANCES

A. General. Applicable Service/Agency written material and (for DoD) the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide (FCG) located at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm> govern the requirements/procedures and documents relating to official travel to foreign countries regarding:

1. Passports,
2. Visas,
3. Immunizations,
4. Advance clearance,
5. Special conditions, and
6. Other restrictions.

B. No Fee Passport. The necessary passport, visa (including green card) when required (see APP G), and record of prescribed immunization (shots) must be in the traveler's possession when traveling, and a passport for each traveler is required for travel into a foreign country, or territory under control of a foreign country.

C. Time Limitations

1. A passport should be renewed before it expires, if practicable.
2. Most visas and immunizations have time limitations.

C2020 TRAVEL JUSTIFICATION ([FTR §301-71.101](#))

A. Directed Travel. GOV'T funded travel and transportation may be directed only:

1. When officially justified, and
2. By means that meet mission requirements consistent with good management practices.

B. Traveler Expenses. A traveler must not be directed to perform official travel at:

1. Personal expense, nor
2. Reimbursement rates/amounts inconsistent with the JTR.

C. Limited Travel Funds. Limited travel funds are not a basis for:

1. Denying official travel reimbursement, or
2. Reducing allowances.

C2025 STANDARD CONUS PER DIEM RATE

A. Definition. The Standard CONUS per diem rate is the rate for any CONUS location not included in a defined locality (county/area) in the CONUS.

B. CONUS PCS. The Standard CONUS per diem rate is used for all CONUS locations when PCS is involved.

C. Standard CONUS Per Diem Rate. The Standard CONUS per diem rate is:

Effective 1 October 2010		
<u>LODGING</u>	<u>M&IE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$77	\$46	\$123

C2035 PRIVILEGES WHILE ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A. General. A traveler under an official order may be able to use GOV'T:

1. QTRS,
2. Food services,
3. Exchanges, and
4. Recreational facilities owned, operated, or under DoD jurisdiction.

B. Availability/Use Determination

1. The local commander determines if GOV'T facilities may be used.
2. The conditions and limitations relating to facilities availability/use are in:
 - a. [AR 215-8/AFI 34-211\(I\); AAFES Operations](#);
 - b. [DoDI 1330.09, dated 7 December 2005, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness \(USD \(P&R\)\), Subject: Armed Services Exchange Policy](#); and
 - c. [DoDI 1330.17, dated 8 October 2008, Subject: Armed Services Commissary Operations](#).

C2040 IDENTIFICATION CARD

A. General. When an employee is authorized OCONUS TDY travel or a PCS assignment, identification card issuance is provided in:

1. [DoDI 1000.1, Identity Cards Required by the Geneva Conventions](#) (DD Form 489, Geneva Convention Card, for civilians), and
2. [DoDI 1000.13, Identification \(ID\) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals](#).

B. Issuance. Conditions and procedures for issuance and use are in applicable Service issuances.

PART C: TRAVEL ORDER

C2200 GENERAL

A. Travel Order. A document, issued/approved by the Secretarial Process, directing travel to/from/between designated points and serving as the basis for reimbursement by the GOV'T of official travel, transportation, and reimbursable expenses. *See APP I for more information on travel orders.*

B. Official Travel Conditions. The order establishes conditions for GOV'T funded official travel and transportation, and is the reimbursement basis for the traveler.

C. Issuance Prior to Travel. An order should be issued before travel is performed.

D. Unauthorized Reimbursement

1. Travel reimbursement is not authorized when travel is performed before receipt of a written/oral order.

*2. *Expenses incurred before receipt of a written or oral order are not reimbursable.*

E. Travel Order Necessity

1. Generally, an order is necessary except when same day in and around local travel with no lodging requirement is involved.

2. An order is *not* necessary when:

a. Travel is performed at/in the immediate vicinity of the PDS (local travel), and

b. The travel claim only involves reimbursement for transportation expenses authorized/approved as being in the GOV'T's interest.

3. If an order is not issued for local travel, voucher approval is sufficient for reimbursement purposes.

C2205 RETROACTIVE ORDER MODIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION/APPROVAL

A. Modifications

1. An order:

a. May be retroactively corrected to show the original intent, and

b. *Must not be revoked/modified retroactively to create/deny/change an allowance* ([24 Comp. Gen. 439 \(1944\)](#)). **Example:** After travel is completed, it would be improper to amend an order to 'un-authorize' POC travel that the order clearly permitted.

2. A TDY location can be changed to a PDS but a PDS cannot be changed to a TDY station once travel to the PDS is complete (i.e., traveler has reported for duty).

B. Allowances. Some allowances (because of law) may be:

1. Authorized only in advance of travel, or

2. Approved only after travel is completed, or

3. Authorized and/or approved.

See APP A for definitions of “AUTHORIZE” and “APPROVE”.

C. Approval after the Fact. When an allowance may be approved after the fact, that approval, after the fact, does *not* constitute 'retroactive modification' of an order to create/change/deny an allowance.

D. Deductible Meals. See par. C4554-B regarding the effect of deductible meals on meal rates.

C2210 TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT ORDER

A. Written Order. A written order:

1. Issued by competent authority is required for expense reimbursement ICW official travel.
2. That quotes/references an authority initiating the order is competent.
- *3. That does not have a box to check for a particular allowance should include a statement authorizing the allowance. **Example:** <http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-i/> indicates that a statement authorizing commercial vehicle rental must be contained in an order to expedite processing at a rental location.
4. May only contain authority for travel and transportation allowances provided in the JTR (i.e., other allowances cannot be 'created' by AOs).
5. Should include notice that if the order conflicts with the JTR, the JTR prevails ([CBCA 2143-RELO, 11 January 2011](#)).

B. Oral Order

1. An urgent/unusual situation may require that official travel begin/be performed before a written order can be issued. Under these circumstances an oral order, conveyed by any medium, may be given. When this occurs, ***the AO must promptly issue a confirmatory written order.***
2. An oral order:
 - a. Given in advance of travel,
 - b. Subsequently confirmed in writing giving the date of the oral order, and
 - c. Approved by competent authoritymeets the requirement for a written order.

C. Order Not Originated by Competent Authority. An order issued under unusual conditions and not originated by competent authority must be approved by the AO before travel expense reimbursement.

C2215 ITINERARY VARIATION

A. Variation Authorized in the Order. An order may include authority for itinerary variations to permit a traveler to:

1. Omit travel to named destinations,
2. Change the named destinations travel sequence,
3. Change the specified time for remaining at a named destination, and/or
4. Travel to additional destinations.

B. Variation *Not* Authorized in the Order. Itinerary variation:

1. Changes may be orally authorized by the AO later confirmed in writing when an order does not contain itinerary variation authority, but circumstances arising after travel begins require itinerary variation.
2. Must not be substituted for inadequate advance preparation.
3. Does not create a blanket order.

C2220 AMENDED, MODIFIED, CANCELED, OR REVOKED ORDER

A. Effective Date of Order. When determining the travel and transportation allowances and reimbursable expenses under an order that is amended, modified, canceled or revoked before the effective date, the order is effective:

1. When received by the traveler for travel performed by the traveler/dependents after order receipt, or
2. When, ICW a PCS, any transportation of HHG, mobile home or POV is begun or completed, even though leave, delay, proceed time, or TDY en route is involved.

B. Retroactive Modification. See par. C2205 for retroactive modification and authorization/approval.

C2225 BLANKET/REPEAT TDY ORDER

NOTE: *The blanket/repeat TDY order is not used in DTS.*

A. Travel Order Expiration. A blanket/repeat TDY order does not expire when the traveler returns to the PDS. It continues, in effect, until expiration by:

1. Time limit contained in the order,
2. Automatic cancellation upon PCS,
3. End of the fiscal year, or
4. Revocation.

B. Written Requirements. The following statements, when applicable, must be written into the blanket/repeat TDY order.

1. Identification as a “blanket/repeat” TDY order;
2. Traveler authority to depart at such times and to travel to locations within the specified geographic area, and with such frequency as the traveler deems necessary;
3. The specific geographic area limitations (e.g., continents, countries, states, etc.);
4. The TDY travel period within a given fiscal year (i.e., a blanket/repeat TDY order cannot cross fiscal years);
5. The reason(s) the blanket/repeat TDY order is necessary;
6. Estimated travel costs (transportation, per diem, and reimbursable expenses) for the period indicated in the blanket/repeat order;
7. Authority for special conveyance use reimbursement when approved on a travel voucher as being to the GOV'T's advantage, if appropriate;

8. Excess accompanied baggage authorization, if necessary; and
9. Other conditions, limitations, and instructions as appropriate.

C. 'Other than Economy/Coach' Accommodations Not Authorized. A blanket/repeat TDY order must *never* authorize 'other than economy/coach' transportation. If 'other than economy/coach' accommodations are necessary for one or more specific trips, an order amendment, containing the necessary separate required statements for each such trip, must be issued.

D. AEA

1. AEA is prescribed only on an individual trip basis, and only after consideration of the facts existing in each case.
2. AEA *must not be authorized* as part of a blanket/repeat TDY order or used as blanket authority to authorize/approve automatic AEA for all travel to an area.
3. See par. C4606 for AEA limitations.

C2230 TDY TIME LIMITATIONS (EXCEPT TDY FOR TRAINING)

A. General

1. The AO must determine that the assignment is not a TCS or PCS move before authorizing a long term TDY assignment away from the PDS. All of the following criteria must be met for an assignment to be TDY ([68 Comp. Gen. 465 \(1989\)](#)):
 - a. The duties to be performed are temporary in nature,
 - b. The assignment is for a reasonable time duration, and
 - c. TDY costs are lower than round trip TCS or PCS expenses.
2. The traveler's PDS is where the traveler spends, and is expected to spend, the most time.
3. The "temporary" designation of a traveler's duty station on an order is not necessarily controlling.
4. Long term TDY should not exceed 180 consecutive days ([64 Comp. Gen. 205 \(1985\)](#); [62 id. 560 \(1983\)](#)).

B. 180-Day Time Limitation

1. General. A TDY assignment at one location may not exceed 180 consecutive days, except when authorized under par. C2230-C ([36 Comp. Gen. 757 \(1957\)](#)).
2. Extensions
 - a. Bona fide assignment extensions that, when added to the originally authorized period, total 181 or more consecutive days may be directed.
 - b. Extensions are limited to those cases where there has been a definite change or unforeseen delays were encountered. This limitation does not apply to a traveler assigned TDY at more than one location that total 181 or more days if the duty period at any location is less than 180 days;

3. 180 Day Rule Violation. Issuing a TDY order for 179 consecutive days, followed by a brief return to the PDS, followed by another TDY order for return to the same location is a violation of the 180-consecutive-day policy if the known/reasonably anticipated, TDY duration was in excess of 180 days when the initial order was issued.

C. TDY Periods in Excess of 180 Consecutive Days

1. Authorization. When mission objectives/unusual circumstances require TDY at one location for more than 180 consecutive days the appropriate authority must determine if TDY of greater than 180 days is appropriate ([38 Comp. Gen. 853 \(1959\)](#)).
2. Authorizing/Approving Authority. The appropriate authority for authorizing/approving TDY assignments in excess of 180 consecutive days at any one location is:
 - a. The Secretary Concerned,
 - b. Service Headquarters, if delegated,
 - c. DoD COMPONENT Director,
 - d. The Chief of an appropriate bureau/staff agency specifically designated for that purpose (2 Star equivalent),or
 - e. Commander/Deputy Commander of a Combatant Command.

This authority must not be re-delegated, except as stated for Service Headquarters.

3. Written Request and Justification. A written request and justification must be forwarded to the appropriate authority as soon as practicable. This determination should be made before the order is issued.
4. Order Issuance after the Fact. If the situation does not permit determination before order issuance, the order may be issued and the case submitted immediately to the appropriate authority who must:
 - a. Approve the order as written, or
 - b. Direct that the order be amended to:
 - (1) Terminate the duty and return the traveler to the old station or assign a new station,
 - (2) Change the assignment from TDY to a PCS,
 - (3) Fix the period at 180 or fewer days from the reporting date at the TDY station, or
 - (4) Authorize a TCS (C2230-E), ***and***
 - c. Ensure the tax information in par. C2230-E is in the TDY order remarks section.

5. Per Diem

- a. If a traveler is transferred by a PCS order to the TDY location, per diem, being paid ICW the TDY assignment, stops on the date the traveler is notified of the transfer. See par. C4495.
- b. If a traveler is TDY in excess of 180 days without authorization/approval, the traveler's per diem stops as of the 181st day ([54 Comp. Gen. 368 \(1974\)](#) and [B-185987, 3 November 1976](#)). ***Authorization/approval to exceed the 180-day TDY limitation is essential.***

6. Civilian Employees Deployed to Afghanistan/Iraq Supporting Ongoing Contingency Operations

- *a. The requirements in par. C2230-C do not apply to a civilian employee's TDY assignment when deployed to Afghanistan/Iraq supporting ongoing contingency operations (APP A).
- b. The USD (P&R) memo, '[Building Increased Civilian Deployment Capacity](#)' of 12 February 2008 recognized that deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan are typically for TDY periods of 12 or more months.
- c. Prior to the official travel start, the order must cite the 12 February 2008 USD (P&R) memo as the waiver authority.
- d. The waiver authority does not require USD (CPP) review; however, the authority must be in the GOV'T's interest.
- e. This policy applies also to a non-DoD civilian employee if the order is DoD funded (par. C1000-A).
- f. The memo authority does not allow an Agency/Service to authorize SIT of HHG extension beyond 180 days (see par. C5191).

7. Previous Long-Term TDY Assignment

a. Taxable TDY Period. When, after an employee's TDY assignment has ended and the employee returns to the PDS, the employee returns to the same TDY location to perform another TDY assignment (within a 7 month time frame after return to the PDS); this second TDY period could be considered, by the IRS, to be part of the previous long-term TDY assignment and thereby establish a 'taxable' TDY period.

b. 7-Month Period Requirement

(1) Return to the previous long-term TDY location must not occur until at least a 7-month period at the PDS has transpired prior to return to the long-term TDY location.

(2) Only if the 7-month period at the PDS has transpired can the employee be returned to the TDY location without risk of having the two TDY periods considered one TDY assignment by the [IRS](#).

8. Agency Liability for Employment Taxes. Approving officials and Agencies must be aware that sending a traveler on TDY to one location for a year or more may result in Agency liability for employment taxes related to the TDY because the IRS considers such duty as a permanent move.

D. Temporary Change of Station (TCS) Instead of Extended TDY

- 1. The AO may authorize the limited PCS allowances of a TCS instead of TDY allowances when the extended TDY period is between 6 and 30 consecutive months.
- 2. Discretionary TCS allowances, authorized in the GOV'T's interest and IAW par. C5715-B, expire when the TCS mission is completed. See Ch 5, Part O.

E. Reimbursable TCS/TDY Allowances Taxation

- 1. The AO must advise the traveler of the potential federal, state, and local income tax obligations if the TCS/TDY assignment (including a training assignment) is at one location for more than a year. ***Tax rules may differ by state and locality.***
- 2. A traveler who performs TCS is subject to federal, state and local income tax obligations on some, but not all, of the TCS reimbursements. See par. C5650 for RIT allowance.

3. A TDY assignment at one location for more than a year may be considered, by the IRS, to be a permanent assignment and any reimbursement (e.g., per diem) may be considered taxable income by the IRS.
4. A traveler should research potential state and local income tax obligations incurred incident to an extended TDY assignment at one location. See par. C4715 for ITRA.
5. An IRS statute, ([26 USC §162\(a\)](#)) and the implementing IRS regulations in [26 CFR 1.162](#) do not permit travel expense deductions (including amounts for meals and lodging) during a TDY assignment at one location, if the assignment exceeds one year.
6. The traveler should check with state and local authorities regarding travel expense deductions during a TDY assignment exceeding one year at one location.

F. TDY Assignment *Initially* Expected to Last Less than 1 Year

1. A civilian employee's TDY assignment at one location that is initially and realistically expected to last less than 1 year, but at some later date during the TDY period the TDY assignment is expected to exceed 1 year; that TDY assignment may be treated by the IRS as temporary until the date that the employee's realistic expectation changed (to a period of one year or longer) ([CBCA 2594-TRAV, 13 April 2012](#)).
2. When an AGENCY has a "REALISTIC EXPECTATION" that the employee's travel will exceed 1 year, travel reimbursements become taxable going forward (i.e., it does NOT apply to travel reimbursements before that time). See the [IRS website](#). See par. C4715 for ITRA.
 - a. **Example 1:** An employee is issued a TDY order for a period NTE 1 year at the TDY location. While at TDY, the AGENCY learns that the employee is required to remain at the TDY location in excess of 1 year. When the decision is reasonably known that the assignment will exceed 1 year, the assignment is no longer considered temporary and the TDY allowances from that point forward become potentially taxable. The assignment may be considered permanent and taxable by the IRS from the time that the decision to extend the period to be longer than 1 year is reasonably known. Taxation of all time at the TDY location preceding the time that the decision is reasonably known is considered temporary and the IRS will determine taxability.
 - b. **Example 2:** An employee travels from the PDS to a TDY location in another state indefinitely twice a month. Travel is indefinite in nature, but expected to last over 1 year, or not expected to end in less than a year. Reimbursement of TDY allowances are considered taxable by the IRS because TDY period is expected to exceed 1 year.
3. When, after an employee's TDY assignment has ended and the employee returns to the PDS, the employee returns to the same TDY location to perform another TDY assignment within a 7 month time frame. After return to the PDS, this second TDY period could be considered by the IRS to be part of the previous long-term TDY assignment and thereby establish a 'taxable' TDY period. Return to the previous long-term TDY location must not occur until at least a 7-month period at the PDS has transpired prior to return to the long-term TDY location. Only if the 7-month period at the PDS has transpired can the employee be returned to the TDY location without risk of having the two TDY periods considered one TDY assignment by the [IRS](#).

Example: Traveler's PDS is Alexandria, VA. The traveler performs a long-term TDY assignment in Atlanta, GA, for 179 days. The TDY ends and the traveler returns to the PDS in Alexandria, VA. The traveler remains at the PDS for 6 months and then returns to the previous TDY location in Atlanta, GA, to perform another 179-day TDY. The second TDY may be considered by the IRS to be a part of the previous TDY assignment and taxable because the traveler did not remain at the PDS in Alexandria for more than 7 months before returning to Atlanta to perform another TDY.

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PART A: GENERAL

SECTION 2: TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

C3040 ALLOWABLE TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

A. General. Transportation expenses include the cost of:

1. Airline, train (including sleeping accommodations/parlor car seats), ship (including ocean, waterway or ferry), and bus tickets;
2. Transportation to/from carrier terminals; and
3. A special conveyance.

B. POC Operating Expenses. POC operating expenses ordinarily are reimbursed through a mileage allowance for TDY or a MALT for PCS/PDT.

C. Reimbursement. Transportation expense reimbursement and mileage are in addition to per diem or actual expense allowance. See Ch 4 for TDY expense allowances; and Ch 5 for PCS expense allowances.

C3045 PERSONALLY PROCURED COMMON CARRIER TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

A. Mandatory Policy

1. It is mandatory policy that all DoD civilian employees use an available DTMO contracted CTO, or a GSA contracted TMC (when a DTMO contracted CTO is not available) for all official transportation requirements.
2. The eligible traveler must contact the responsible Service/DoD COMPONENT designated official if there is not an available DTMO contracted CTO/GSA contracted TMC for the official travel.
3. Payment construction comparisons provided below should in no way be interpreted to suggest that use of other than the DTMO contracted CTO (or GSA contracted TMC) is authorized or encouraged.
4. The payment options are provided for situations when the CTO (or a TMC) cannot be used.
5. Par. C1035 applies to those who violate policy.

B. Reimbursement Limitations

1. Except for PCS transoceanic travel (see par. C5108-A), when a specific transportation mode is directed, a traveler, who must procure transportation without benefit of using a CTO, may be reimbursed for personally procured transportation NTE the directed mode cost. Otherwise, the traveler is authorized transportation cost reimbursement in pars. C3045-D, C3045-E, C3045-F, C3045-G, and C3045-H.
2. Reimbursement may not exceed the accommodations cost in Ch 3, Parts F, G, and H.
3. See Ch 4, Part K when the transportation is partly by POC.
4. If a traveler uses GOV'T procured transportation for part of a journey (see par. C3035), the limits in pars. C3045-D and C3045-E must be reduced by its cost.

C. Transaction Fee

1. The cost paid by the GOV'T for GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation, 'in house' or CTO transportation, frequently includes a transaction fee for arranging the transportation.
2. A CTO transaction fee incurred by a traveler is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense under APP G.
3. When a CTO is not available to the traveler, the transaction fee incurred for arranging transportation through other than a CTO is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense under APP G.

D. GOV'T CTO or 'In House' Is Available

1. General. When GOV'T CTO (see APP A) or 'in house' services are available and the traveler procures common carrier transportation (including sleeping accommodations) at personal expense under a travel order when the CTO could have provided the required services for the official travel, the traveler receives reimbursement for the actual transportation cost for the transportation mode authorized and used NTE the constructed transportation cost between authorized points had the transportation been purchased through the CTO. See also par. C1035.
2. Constructed Cost Basis. For air transportation, constructed costs are based on the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (see APP A) which includes the non capacity controlled city pair airfare. *Capacity controlled city pair airfares are never used for cost construction.*
3. City Pair Airfare Available. A city pair airfare is available if a contract airfare is offered between origin and destination. The airfare may involve a nonstop flight, a direct flight (same flight from origin to destination, but with one or more stops en route), or connecting flights (one or more plane changes and different flight numbers involved, but all included in one city pair arrangement). However, a city pair fare is not available if there is no contract airfare between origin and destination, even if two or more separate contract airfares may be used to route the travel.

Example 1: There is a contract city pair airfare between Charlotte, NC, and Los Angeles, CA, even though it is a connecting flight.

Example 2: There is no contract city pair airfare between Asheville, NC, and Los Angeles, CA. However, there is a city pair fare between Asheville, NC, and Chicago, IL, and then a city pair fare from Chicago, IL, to Los Angeles, CA. The two separate city pair fares do not constitute a city pair fare between origin (Asheville) and destination (Los Angeles). However, the two separate city pair fares may be combined to arrive at the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE.

4. Constructed Cost Limitations

- a. The constructed transportation cost is based on the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (with the par. C3520-A6 exception).
- b. **Example:** There is often no city pair airfare connecting origin and destination. Several POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARES (see APP A) between several origins/destinations must be combined to accomplish the travel from required origin to required destination. Even if all airfares being combined are city pair airfares, the combined airfares that eventually get the traveler from required origin to required destination does not constitute a city pair airfare. See C3045-D3.
- c. YCA city pair airfare transportation is presumed available if there is a city pair airfare established between the origin and destination points (as opposed to combining airfares, city pair or otherwise between origin and destination).

*5. Restricted Airfare Use

a. When any risk of trip cancellation/itinerary change is outweighed by potential cost savings, the AO might authorize”:

(1) A restricted airfare, available to the general public, in lieu of a city pair airfare (APP P1, par. A6c), or

(2) Any available restricted airfare for which the traveler qualifies in lieu of the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE.

b. Compliance with the ‘Fly America Act’ must be maintained (i.e., a less expensive restricted airfare on a non U.S. certificated airfare cannot be used in lieu of using an available U.S. certificated air carrier).

c. The AO must use the [APP H3C decision support tool](#) to assist in determining if a restricted airfare may be advantageous to the GOV’T.

d. See par. U3500 for use of restricted airfares.

E. GOV’T CTO or ‘In House’ Is Not Available

*1. In the *very rare circumstance* that a GOV’T CTO/‘in house’ service is documented as being unavailable and the traveler procures common carrier transportation at personal expense, the traveler receives reimbursement for the actual transportation cost for the mode authorized and used NTE the POLICY CONSTRUCTED commercial transportation cost between authorized points.

*2. A CTO itself (rather than a particular ticket) must be unavailable to qualify under this par..

*3. See par. U3500 for use of restricted airfares.

*4. Each non availability event should lead to correction(s) that make CTO service available should the same situation arise again.

F. Transoceanic Travel - GOV’T/GOV’T Procured Transportation Is Available

1. When GOV’T/GOV’T procured TDY transoceanic transportation is authorized and performed by common carrier at personal expense, the traveler is authorized reimbursement NTE the amount that would have been paid for the available GOV’T/ GOV’T procured transportation. See par. C5110 for PCS transoceanic travel.

2. If both GOV’T and GOV’T procured transportation are available, the lower priced mode is the maximum reimbursement measure.

3. When GOV’T/GOV’T procured transportation is *not available*, reimbursement is authorized for the transportation cost NTE the POLICY CONSTRUCTED airfare available over the direct route between the origin and destination.

4. See par. C3500-P for medically inadvisable airfare.

G. Transoceanic Ferry Fares. When a TDY traveler travels at personal expense on a transoceanic ferry that is authorized/approved as being to the GOV’T’s advantage, reimbursement is authorized for the cost incurred, including any part attributed to POC movement ([55 Comp. Gen. 1072 \(1976\)](#)). See par. C3665 for non U.S. certificated ferries.

H. Other Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursement for additional transportation expenses (e.g., taxicab, bus and streetcar fares) incurred in the performance of duty is allowable as authorized in Part E.

C3050 REIMBURSEMENT FOR USE OF OTHER THAN THE AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION MODE OR ROUTE ([FTR, Part 301-10, Subpart E](#))

A. General

1. Ch 3, Part F applies when reimbursement is limited by costs of travel by the authorized transportation mode over a usually traveled route ([18 Comp. Gen. 477 \(1938\)](#); [21 id. 116 \(1941\)](#)).
2. The TO determines the applicable transportation mode for constructed cost purposes.
3. Except for POC travel for personal convenience, when travel by a route/transportation mode other than that authorized in a travel order, reimbursement is subject to the conditions and restrictions stated in this par.

B. GOV'T and GOV'T Procured Air Transportation Available

1. When GOV'T/GOV'T procured air transportation use is required under pars. C3500-O, C3530, C3530-B, and C3530-C, but a traveler elects to travel by a different transportation mode at personal expense, reimbursement for the transportation cost must not exceed the amount that would have been paid for the available GOV'T/GOV'T procured air transportation.
2. Constructed costs are based on the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (see APP A) which includes the non-capacity controlled city pair airfare. ***Capacity controlled city pair airfares are never used for cost construction.***
3. Non-capacity controlled city pair airfare transportation is presumed available if there is city pair airfare between the origin and destination points, regardless of whether or not space would actually have been available had the traveler used air transportation for the official travel.
4. GOV'T/GOV'T procured air transportation is not available when:
 - a. An AO determines that GOV'T and/or GOV'T procured air transportation use for travel involves a total delay (including delay in initiation of travel from a PDS or TDY point, en route travel, and additional time at a TDY station before a traveler can proceed with assigned duties) of more than 48 hours;
 - b. GOV'T and/or GOV'T procured air transportation use would involve circuitous travel or undue inconvenience; or
 - c. Travel via aircraft is medically inadvisable.
5. The lower priced transportation mode is the reimbursement limit if appropriate GOV'T and GOV'T procured transportation are both available.
6. If only GOV'T procured transportation is available, its cost is the reimbursement limit.

C. GOV'T/GOV'T procured Air Transportation Not Available

1. When GOV'T/GOV'T procured air transportation is not available, or GOV'T air transportation is not available, reimbursement for transportation used must not exceed the POLICY CONSTRUCTED airfare (APP A definition) available for scheduled commercial air service over the usually traveled direct route between the origin and destination.
2. If aircraft travel is medically inadvisable, reimbursement is limited to the least costly passenger accommodations on a commercial ship.

D. Use of Non U.S. certificated Air Carriers or Non U.S. Registry Ships

1. There is no reimbursement (for any leg of the journey) for transportation cost when unauthorized/unapproved non U.S. certificated/registry carrier (or ship) service is used.
2. If U.S. certificated/registry carrier/ship service is available for an entire trip and the traveler uses a non U.S. certificated/registry carrier/ship for any part, or all, of the trip, the transportation cost on the non U.S. certificated/registry carrier or ship is **not payable** ([FTR §301-10.143](#)).

E. Computation

1. Except as prohibited in pars. C3525 and C3660, reimbursement for travel by other than that authorized transportation mode and/or route is limited to the cost the GOV'T would have paid for the authorized transportation mode and/or route. The traveler is paid whichever (actual or constructed) is less.
2. The authorized transportation mode means the transportation mode that would have been furnished IAW these Regulations.
3. Constructed reimbursement for taxicab fares, plus tip or public transit system fares, must not exceed the amount that would have been incurred by the authorized transportation mode.
4. Per diem is limited to the amount that would have been paid for travel by the authorized transportation mode.
5. The constructed transportation cost and the normal scheduled travel time for the carrier must be obtained from the appropriate transportation officer or other authentic tariff source.

F. Dependent Travel Limited to the GOV'T Offered Air Transportation Cost. Dependent travel reimbursement is subject to the travel order limitations. See par. C3500-O.

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PART D: TRAVEL BY TAXICAB, SPECIAL CONVEYANCE, BUS, STREETCAR, SUBWAY, OR OTHER PUBLIC CONVEYANCE

**NOTE: Available courtesy transportation services furnished by a lodging/similar facility should be used to the maximum extent possible. When a special conveyance (particularly a rental vehicle or a 'taxi') must be used, sharing of the special conveyance by official travelers is encouraged to most efficiently use taxpayer dollars.*

C3300 GENERAL

NOTE: The traveler and command must adhere to the prudent traveler rules for GOV'T funded official travel. See par. C2000 and [CBCA 2852-TRAV, 28 August 2012](#).

- A. TDY/PCS Public/Special Conveyance Reimbursement. This Part prescribes the allowable reimbursements for commonly incurred expenses associated with public/special conveyance use during TDY/PCS travel.
- B. Local Travel Transportation Expenses. For non-PCS/TDY transportation expenses incurred in and around duty stations, see Ch 2, Part L.
- C. Requirements. Each expense reimbursement request must be identified on the voucher by date, quantity, service, cost and other necessary expense particulars.

C3305 REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

- A. Allowable Reimbursement. A traveler may be reimbursed for transportation related reimbursable expenses, described in this Part. These expenses are incurred for travel between two points that are a separate journey (see par. C3035) when TDY mileage is not payable, even though the traveler begins or ends in a TDY mileage status during the same calendar day.
- B. Reimbursement Not Allowed. A traveler paid TDY mileage for the entire journey may not be reimbursed for transportation reimbursable expenses regardless of the transportation mode.
- C. Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle (Includes Rental Aircraft) Reimbursable Expenses. See APP G.

C3310 TAXICAB/LIMOUSINE SERVICE USE

- A. To/from Transportation Terminal
1. Authorized Reimbursement. Reimbursement is authorized for taxi/limousine fares plus tip between:
 - a. Place of residence/lodging/place of duty at the PDS/TDY station and transportation terminals;
 - b. Transportation terminals if a free transfer is not provided;
 - c. A transportation terminal and lodging when needed due to en route transportation delays beyond the traveler's control; and
 - d. A transportation terminal and limousine service terminal.
 2. PDS Boundary for Travel Reimbursement. The traveler's PDS boundary for travel reimbursement to/from a transportation terminal serving that area includes the place from which the traveler commutes daily to/from the place of duty.

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B. Between Residence and PDS on TDY Travel Day. Reimbursement is authorized for taxi/limousine fares plus tip from the:

1. Traveler's residence to the PDS on a TDY departure day requiring at least one night's lodging, and
2. PDS to the residence on the TDY return day.

C3315 BUS, STREETCAR, AND SUBWAY USE

A. To/from/between Transportation Terminals

1. Reimbursement is authorized for bus, streetcar, and subway fares as follows:
 - a. Between places of residence, lodging, or duty at the PDS/TDY station and the transportation terminal;
 - b. Between transportation terminals to change conveyance when free/timely transfer is not provided; or
 - c. From transportation terminal to lodging and return when needed due to en route transportation delays beyond the traveler's control.
2. The traveler's PDS boundary for travel reimbursement to/from a transportation terminal serving that area includes the place, within a reasonable distance, from which the traveler commutes daily to/from the place of duty.

B. Between Residence and PDS on the Day Travel Is Performed. Reimbursement is authorized for bus, streetcar, and subway fares from the traveler's residence to the PDS on the traveler's departure day on TDY when the TDY requires at least one night's lodging and from the PDS to the traveler's residence on the return day from TDY.

C3320 SPECIAL CONVEYANCE USE

A. Authorization/Approval. An AO may:

1. Authorize/approve special conveyance (e.g., rental car) use when the use is to the GOV'T's advantage.
2. Not authorize/approve special conveyance use for a traveler's personal preference or minor inconvenience.

B. To/from Carrier Terminals. The traveler:

1. May be authorized/approved special conveyance use for travel to and from local carrier terminals;
2. May be authorized/approved special conveyance use to/from/between carrier terminals, other than local terminals, by the AO when neither public nor GOV'T transportation between the terminals meets the ordered travel requirements; and
3. *Cannot be directed to use a special conveyance for transportation to/from carrier terminals.*

C. Between Duty Stations

1. The AO may authorize/approve travel by special conveyance:
 - a. To/from/between TDY stations under circumstances not permitting use of usual transportation modes, or
 - b. When special conveyance use is determined to be to the GOV'T's advantage.
2. Reimbursement is authorized for the total expense incurred in the special conveyance use.

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D. In and around PDS/TDY Station. See Ch 2, Part L for special conveyance use reimbursement in and around the PDS/TDY station.

E. Limited to Official Purposes. Special conveyance use is limited to official purposes, including transportation to and from ([65 Comp. Gen. 253 \(1986\)](#)):

1. Duty sites,
2. Lodgings,
3. Dining facilities,
4. Drugstores,
5. Barber shops,
6. Places of worship,
7. Cleaning establishments, and
8. Similar places required for the traveler's subsistence, health or comfort.

F. Reimbursement

1. General. See APP G for special conveyance reimbursement (including aircraft).

2. Limitation. When the AO does not authorize/approve special conveyance use, reimbursement is limited to the appropriate TDY POC mileage rate in par. C2600 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost. See par. C4780-B.

G. Special Conveyance Receipts. See par. C2000-B, and [DoDFMR 7000.14-R, Volume 9](#).

H. Special Conveyance Use for PCS Travel

1. A special conveyance:
 - a. May be used for PCS travel when other transportation modes are not to the GOV'T's advantage,
 - b. Must be authorized in a PCS travel order,
 - c. May not be authorized for traveler preference or inconvenience resulting from common carrier scheduling, and
 - d. Are not authorized at the PDS to travel to/from work, or for personal convenience.
2. Requirements for choosing the appropriate conveyance, obtaining receipts, purchase of extra collision insurance, and general guidelines for PDT are the same as for TDY.
3. A traveler is not authorized a rental car at the PDS to travel to/from work, or for personal convenience.

C3330 SELECTING A RENTAL VEHICLE

*A. Instructions and Guidance. See [DTMO rental car agreement](#), and <http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-i/> for instructions and guidance for the selection of rental vehicles.

B. CTO Use. It is *mandatory policy that a traveler uses an available* CTO to obtain a rental vehicle. It is *not mandatory* to use a CTO when renting an airplane or bus ([CBCA 2956-TRAV, 31 January 2013](#)).

C. Rental Service Cost

1. The lowest cost rental service that meets the mission transportation requirement must be selected for commercially rented vehicles.
2. The AO may authorize/approve an appropriately sized vehicle IAW mission requirements when a compact car (the 'standard' for TDY travel) does not meet the requirement.

D. DTMO Rental Car Agreement

1. Use of a company and rental car location participating in the DTMO rental car agreement is encouraged because its GOV'T rate includes full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T.
2. To view DTMO approved rental car companies and rates see [rental cars](#), or [rental trucks](#) .
3. A vehicle participating in the DTMO rental car agreement is listed on the DTMO website, and should be rented for official GOV'T travel.
4. A vehicle offered by a participating vendor, but not listed under the agreement, is not covered under the agreement. The specific vehicle does not have the full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage, and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel unless a similar vehicle is not otherwise available.
5. Most locations have at least one participating vendor offering a 'non-standard' vehicle, when required for official GOV'T travel.
6. **Example:** Rental Car Vendor A lists a SUV as a participating vehicle under the DTMO rental car agreement. If this SUV is rented, it has full liability and vehicle loss/damage insurance coverage for the GOV'T traveler on official GOV'T business. Rental Car Vendor B does not list a SUV as a participating vehicle, but has an SUV rental available. If the traveler rents a SUV from Rental Car Vendor B, the SUV is not covered with liability and vehicle loss/damage insurance coverage.

E. Additional Rental Car Cost. A traveler disregarding rental car arrangements made by a CTO may be required to provide justification for additional rental car costs before reimbursement is allowed, or will be financially responsible for the cost difference.

*F. Motor Pools and Commercial Rental Companies. See <http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-i/>, and Service regulations for policies, instructions, and guidance regarding motor pools and automobile rental from commercial rental companies.

G. DTMO Vehicle Rental Agreements. [DTMO](#) vehicle rental agreements apply to all DoD COMPONENTS.

H. Domestic and Foreign Rental Car Information. Current domestic and foreign rental car ceiling rates and additional rental vehicle information may be obtained by:

1. Mail:

Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO)
Commercial Travel Division
Program Management Branch
4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04J25-01
Alexandria, VA 22350-9000

2. Fax: (571) 372-1301, or

3. The [DTMO website](#).

I. Reimbursement Limitation. When an available CTO is not used, reimbursement is limited to what the cost would have been if a CTO had made the rental vehicle arrangements ([CBCA 2956-TRAV, 31 January 2013](#)).

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CHAPTER 5**PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL****Paragraph Title/Contents****PART A: APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES**

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SECTION 2: HHG TRANSPORTATION

C5158 RE-TRANSPORTATION OF THE SAME HHG

HHG returned to CONUS/the actual residence and then reshipped back to the OCONUS PDS during a continuous OCONUS employment period, do not require a new service agreement, and must be:

1. For reasons beyond the employee's control, and
2. Authorized/approved by the Headquarters of the DoD Service/Agency concerned.

C5160 TRANSPORTATION METHODS ([FTR §302-7.14](#))

A. HHG. The official designated by the Service/Defense Agency must authorize/approve the HHG transportation method. A cost comparison must be completed ICW each PCS order prior to authorizing a transportation method on that PCS order. *The servicing Personal Property Shipping Office must provide the rate comparison by computing the cost difference between the actual expense and commuted rate methods of HHG transportation.*

B. UB

1. General

- a. UB weight is part of the total authorized HHG weight allowance.
- b. UB is defined in APP A1. UB as noted in [FTR §302-7.300](#) is a UB shipment by air.
- c. Express and freight shipments made by the GOV'T must be made under GOV'T transportation policy and procedures.

*2. Weight Allowance. The UB weight allowance is 350 lbs. net weight for each adult and dependent age 12 or older, and 175 lbs. net weight for each child under age 12 (par. C5170) except that when air transportation of UB is used, par. C5160-B4 or par. C5524 applies. UB weight allowances air transportation includes the actual weight of the luggage or packing material.

3. Transportation. Except as in par. C5160-B4, UB must be transported under GOV'T transportation policy and procedures. The employee or employee's agent should contact the servicing transportation officer as soon as possible before travel begins to make arrangements for UB transportation.

4. Air Transportation (Expedited Mode) to/from/between OCONUS PDSs

a. General

(1) The UB total transported by air (or any expedited mode) must not exceed 1,000 lbs. net weight.

* (2) Air transportation is not authorized when an employee performs RAT, except when the additional tour of duty is served at a PDS in another OCONUS area and as authorized in pars. C5524 and C5526.

(3) UB may be transported by air from the old PDS to the appropriate POE to arrive before the employee's or dependent's transportation departure time.

b. Conditions. UB may be transported by air when:

- (1) Transportation by the lowest overall cost mode cannot provide the required service,
- (2) The employee certifies the UB is necessary to carry out the assigned duties, or
- (3) The AO determines that expedited transportation is necessary to prevent undue hardship to the employee and/or dependents.

C. Actual Expense (FTR §302-7.200)

1. GOV'T-procured. The GOV'T contracts, negotiates, audits and pays the Transportation Service Provider (TSP)/carrier/DPM vendor directly for transportation. A PCS order must state:

- a. The HHG transportation authority, and
- b. That the HHG are to be transported by a GOV'T-arranged move, and
- c. That unauthorized charges are the employee's financial responsibility.

2. Personally Procured. The employee must make the necessary arrangements for the HHG move, and pay for the move. Reimbursement is limited to actual expenses incurred by the employee, NTE the cost of a GOV'T-arranged move for the same HHG weight (par. C1101 - allowable travel advances).

3. GOV'T-arranged Move Cost. The GOV'T-arranged transportation cost in CONUS is determined by using the 'Best Value' methodology for the channel and the actual HHG weight transported (NTE the maximum weight (18,000 lbs. net weight)). The OCONUS cost is constructed using the 'Best Value' single factor rate. For details on how 'Best Value' cost is determined, refer to the USTRANSCOM website under DoD Personal Property program (DP3) business rules at http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtr_part_iv.cfm.

D. Commuted Rate (FTR §302-7.100)

1. Applicability. The commuted rate system may be used only for interstate HHG shipments between CONUS PDSs. The commuted rate system is not authorized for intrastate moves.

2. Arrangements. When authorized/approved by the official designated by the authorizing/order-issuing command, the employee makes arrangements for HHG transportation (other than by shipping the HHG within a mobile home).

3. Reimbursement Services. The employee is authorized reimbursement under the GSA Commuted Rate Schedule (FTR §302-7.101) for carrier services provided, including:

- a. Transportation,
- b. Packing,
- c. Unpacking,
- d. Crating,
- e. Drayage, and
- f. SIT.

NOTE 1: The Commuted Rate Schedule used must be in effect on the date the common carrier picks up the HHG, or if other than a common carrier is used, the date HHG begins movement.

NOTE 2: *If a third party (e.g., a new employer) pays for the HHG transportation, no reimbursement is authorized.*

4. Where to Get the Commuted Rate Schedule and Rate Tables. Contact GSA (<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21284>).

NOTE: *The servicing Personal Property Shipping Office must provide the rate comparison by computing the cost difference between the actual expense and commuted rate HHG transportation methods.*

E. Split Transportation (FTR §302-7.3). If actual expense HHG transportation is authorized, an employee may transport HHG by GOV'T-procured and/or personally moved/procured transportation as long as the combined HHG shipments do not exceed the:

1. Authorized HHG weight allowance, and
2. Cost of GOV'T-procured HHG transportation of the maximum HHG weight allowance in one lot between authorized places.

F. Employee Responsibility (FTR §302-7.14). An employee who chooses to personally arrange for HHG transportation (i.e., move the HHG themselves, or contract directly for the HHG to be moved) is entirely responsible for all issues related to the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), use of U.S. carriers, import/export processes, tariffs, customs, etc. If Service regulations require, preference also must be given to VISA (Voluntary Inter-modal Sealift Agreement) ship carriers when available.

G. Limitations

1. All HHG transportation for which the GOV'T pays must:
 - a. Be only for HHG within the employee's authorized HHG weight allowance;
 - b. Not exceed the GOV'T-arranged move transportation cost of transporting the maximum HHG weight allowance in one lot between authorized places, when GOV'T-arranged move is available; and
 - c. Be made on U.S. flag carriers, when reasonably available.
2. HHG may not be moved at GOV'T expense when:
 - a. There is no official employee movement (except when the advance return of dependents from an OCONUS PDS is authorized),
 - b. The employee violates the agreement under which the HHG originally were transported,
 - c. The employee has no transportation at GOV'T expense authorized by JTR, or
 - d. Authorized transportation does not begin within the prescribed time limits.
3. Payment, on a commuted rate basis, is not authorized when the employee fails to furnish the actual or constructed (cubic foot measurement) HHG transportation weight. When the actual or constructed weight is not provided, reimbursement is limited to the amount actually paid by the employee, or the commuted rate amount, whichever is less. The employee must furnish an acceptable estimated weight statement ([28 Comp. Gen. 95 \(1948\)](#)).

H. Cost Comparison

1. A cost comparison must be made between the actual expense and commuted rate methods of HHG transportation for each CONUS-to-CONUS PCS order. ***The servicing Personal Property Shipping Office must provide the rate comparison by computing the cost difference between the actual expense and commuted rate methods of HHG transportation.***
2. If the estimated costs are more than \$100 different, the more economical method must be authorized on the PCS order.
3. An employee's request for a particular method is the determining factor if the costs are within \$100 of each other.
4. A proper cost comparison must consider line haul transportation charges, administrative costs, and expected accessorial and packing charges.
5. If the cost comparison is not made, and/or if the PCS order does not explicitly say that the actual expense method is authorized, the commuted rate method applies ([GSBCA 15489-RELO, 20 December 2001](#)).
6. The chart below details considerations when determining a transportation method to authorize on a PCS order.

CONSIDERATIONS (FTR §302-7.15)		
Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
Commuted Rate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GOV'T is relieved of the administrative expense and responsibility of selecting and dealing with carriers and making other arrangements for transporting HHG. 2. The employee pays the authorized packing and accessorial charges from the amount allowed for those charges. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GOV'T cannot take advantage of special discounts offered. 2. An accurate cost estimate depends on weight estimate accuracy. 3. Commuted rate method does not apply to intrastate moves; and 4. Commuted rate method may not fully reimburse employee's out-of-pocket expenses.
Actual Expense	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GOV'T may take advantage of special discounts offered. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The GOV'T is responsible for selecting and dealing with carriers, preparing bills of lading, auditing and paying transportation vouchers, supervising HHG packing, handling employee loss and damage claims (in most cases), and other incidental expenses. 2. The GOV'T's cost depends on the weight involved, accessorial services required, packing quality, and the number of individual cartons, boxes, barrels, and wardrobes used by the carrier.

I. Multiple Transfers. When agencies have a large volume of HHG to move between the same origin and destination, at the same time (but not a mass move), multiple transfers (actual expense method) should be considered. DTR 4500.9-R, Part IV.

C5165 FACTORS AFFECTING HHG TRANSPORTATION

- A. Combining Weight Allowances when Husband and Wife Are Both Employees. See par. C5000-B.
- B. Improper Transportation. HHG that are improperly transported or otherwise unavoidably misdirected, through no fault of the employee, must be transported to the proper destination at GOV'T expense.
- C. Items of Extraordinary Value. Items of extraordinary or substantial value may be transported by an expedited mode that provides satisfactory service at the best value to the GOV'T, and may not be counted as UB. Examples of items of extraordinary value are: articles of gold and other precious metals; jewels; valuable art; rare and costly collections; and items of substantial value ordinarily worn or carried (cameras and accessories, binoculars, jewelry, including costume jewelry) which are prone to being stolen. ***Items that are irreplaceable or have extreme financial and/or sentimental value are not given special security even though extra-value insurance may be purchased.*** The net weight of such shipments is charged against the employee's weight allowance.
- D. Mobile Home Allowances. See Ch 5, Part F.
- E. HHG Transportation before a PCS Order Is Issued. HHG transportation may be authorized for a PCS before the PCS order is issued, but the PCS order subsequently must contain HHG transportation authority or the costs become the employee's financial responsibility.
- F. Time Limitation. The time limitation for HHG shipment to the CONUS/OCONUS PDS and from when successive PCS assignments are involved, may be extended beyond the initial 1 year from the employee's effective date of transfer under par. C1057, C5080-E, or C5750-C authority IAW Agency/Service regulations. [CBCA 524-RELO dated 21 March 2007](#).
1. CONUS to CONUS PCSs. The CONUS to CONUS HHG transportation time limitation is 1 year from the employee's report date at the new PDS. Par. 5080-E contains HHG movement delay incident to successive PCS assignments.
 2. To and between OCONUS PDSs
 - a. HHG transportation time limitation is 1 year from the employee's report date at the new PDS.
 - b. If HHG transportation to OCONUS is delayed, subsequent HHG transportation must not be authorized unless at least 1 year remains under the employee's current service period agreement or the employee agrees to serve at least 1 year after the HHG arrive OCONUS. ***NOTE: Both 1-year requirements are reduced to 6-months for Adak and Kodiak, AK.***
 - c. Par. C5080-E contains HHG transportation that is delayed incident to successive PCS assignments.
 3. From an OCONUS PDS
 - a. General
 - (1) HHG transportation from the OCONUS area must begin as soon as practicable after the employee's PCS or return for separation effective date.
 - (2) If practicable, HHG transportation is concurrent with the employee's departure or as soon afterward as appropriate transportation is available.
 - (3) Par. C5080-E contains HHG movement delayed because of successive PCS assignments.
 - b. New PDS Reassignment. Under no circumstances can HHG transportation begin later than 1 year (not counting any time that administrative embargoes or shipping restrictions make the transportation impossible) after the new PDS reassignment effective date.

c. Return for Separation. When an employee returns from an OCONUS assignment for separation the following conditions apply:

- (1) The HHG transportation authority (including PBP&E transportation in par. C5154-C3) is forfeited if not used within a reasonable time (NTE 1 year) after separation.
- (2) Upon a written request from the employee or surviving dependents, the OCONUS activity commanding officer may authorize delayed HHG transportation from the OCONUS area, under par. C5085-C2.
- (3) Upon arrival in the U.S., HHG transportation from storage is authorized provided the movement to the final destination begins within 1 year from the employee's separation effective date.
- (4) SIT of HHG is authorized for a period NTE 90 days. Upon an employee's written request, the initial 90-day period may be extended for an additional period NTE 60 or 90 days as applicable under conditions stated in par. C5190-B2 if approved by the employee's commanding officer or designated representative. *SIT in excess of 150 or 180 days as applicable at GOV'T expense cannot be authorized/approved except as noted in par. C5191.*

G. Alcoholic Beverage Shipment. Shipment of alcoholic beverages as HHG must conform to [27 USC §122](#) that states:

Sec. 122. - Shipments into States for possession or sale in violation of State law. The shipment or transportation, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of any spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor of any kind from one State, Territory, or District of the U.S., or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, into any other State, Territory, or District of the U.S., or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, or from any foreign country into any State, Territory, or District of the U.S., or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, which said spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor is intended, by any person interested therein, to be received, possessed, sold, or in any manner used, either in the original package or otherwise, in violation of any law of such State, Territory, or District of the U.S., or place noncontiguous to but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, is prohibited.

C5167 TRANSPORTATION UNDER A PCS ORDER

A. HHG Shipment between CONUS PDSs

1. CONUS HHG shipments may originate at the employee's old PDS/some other point selected by the employee, or partially at both.
2. The destination may be the new PDS, some other point selected by the employee, or both.
3. The GOV'T's cost obligation cannot exceed the costs over a usually traveled route between the old and new PDSs.
4. When the travel is to a first PDS, the GOV'T's cost is NTE the transportation cost from the actual residence at the time of appointment to the PDS by a usually traveled route.

B. HHG Transportation to and between OCONUS PDSs

1. General. OCONUS HHG transportation may be authorized between the same points as dependent movement in par. C5110.

2. Multiple Shipments. When the authorized maximum HHG weight allowance is not shipped to the OCONUS PDS during the initial tour of duty, the employee may be authorized transportation of the HHG balance through renewal agreement for an additional tour of duty at the same or different OCONUS PDS. The employee is financially responsible for transportation costs of any HHG that exceed the authorized weight limit.

Example. An employee with dependents ships 4,000 lbs. net weight of HHG from initial PDS residence and puts the remainder in NTS at GOV'T expense. The employee completes the required tour and enters into a renewal agreement for a tour of duty at a different OCONUS PDS where additional HHG are needed. The employee is authorized a HHG transportation of 4,000 lbs. net weight from the old OCONUS PDS to the new OCONUS PDS. The maximum weight allowable for transportation of additional HHG from the actual residence and/or NTS to the new PDS is limited to 14,000 lbs. net weight. The packing materials are limited up to 2,000 lbs. for the combined HHG shipments.

C. HHG Transportation from OCONUS to CONUS PDSs

1. General. HHG transportation to the employee's actual residence, wherever located at the time of the OCONUS assignment, may be authorized when an employee stationed OCONUS is authorized travel and transportation allowances at GOV'T expense incident to a PCS, separation, or dependent early return (pars. C5115 and C5450).

2. Advance Return Transportation of HHG

a. Authorized Return. The following conditions apply to authorized advance return of HHG:

- (1) The advance return transportation of all or any part of an employee's HHG (at GOV'T expense), while the employee remains assigned at an OCONUS PDS, is authorized only ICW, and under the same conditions as in, par. C5450 for the dependent's early return.
- (2) The allowable costs of advanced HHG transportation may be reimbursed by the GOV'T even if there was no advance return of dependents when the employee has earned return travel and transportation allowances, and an official PCS order has been issued directing the employee's PCS or separation travel (B-188345, 13 April 1977).
- (3) Reimbursement of the employee's transportation costs may not exceed the GOV'T's cost to transport the HHG at the time of the employee's actual return travel.
- (4) Paid receipts for expenses of \$75 or more.

b. Unauthorized Return

- (1) Advance HHG transportation at GOV'T expense is not authorized unless the employee has earned eligibility for return transportation by completing an agreed service period, or advance return travel has been authorized for the employee's dependents under par. C5450-A3b, as being in the GOV'T's interest.
- (2) If the employee has not completed an agreed period of service, the employee is financially responsible for the advance HHG transportation.
- (3) ***GOV'T transportation facilities may not be used ICW the advance HHG transportation.***

c. Employee Returning for Separation

- (1) HHG of an employee returning for separation may be transported at GOV'T expense from the OCONUS PDS and/or place of NTS to the actual residence at the time of appointment.

- (2) HHG transportation may be to any alternate destination, but reimbursement for transporting an employee's HHG from the OCONUS PDS and/or from NTS to an alternate destination must not exceed the GCC of transporting the maximum HHG weight allowance in one lot from the OCONUS PDS to the actual residence indicated in the employee's service agreement. When an employee retires at the OCONUS PDS, reimbursement for moving HHG in NTS is also limited to the GCC of transporting the maximum HHG weight allowance to the actual residence in the employee's service agreement ([CBCA 1162-RELO, 1 July 2008](#)).
- (3) The employee is financially responsible for any excess cost ([63 Comp. Gen. 281 \(1984\)](#)).
- (4) PBP&E transported as an administrative expense to an OCONUS location may be returned as an administrative expense to an employee's actual residence for an employee separating from GOV'T service ([FTR §§302-7.18 and 302-7.403](#); and JTR, par. C5154-C. The PBP&E may also be returned to an alternate destination as an administrative expense anywhere in the world but transportation reimbursement may not exceed the constructed cost of transporting the PBP&E in one lot from the OCONUS PDS to the actual residence indicated in the employee's service agreement.
- d. Evacuation. When the conditions in Ch 6 exist, HHG may be moved at GOV'T expense to the same location designated for dependent evacuation ([5 USC §5725](#)). If it is necessary and practical, HHG may be transported later at GOV'T expense from a safe haven location to the evacuated employee's assigned PDS.

SECTION 3: HHG WEIGHT

C5168 ADMINISTRATIVE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS ([FTR §302-7.17](#))

*A. Policy. When GOV'T furnishings are provided at an OCONUS location, HHG transportation at GOV'T expense to or from such an OCONUS location ordinarily is limited to 4,500 lbs. net weight, including UB weight. *See APP W for approved administrative weight allowance locations that may differ from the 4,500 lb. amount.*

*1. An allowance of up to 500 lbs. exclusive of the 4,500 lbs. net weight of the administrative weight limitation is used for packing weight covering barrels, boxes, cartons, and similar material but does not include pads, chains, dollies and other equipment to load and secure the shipment.

2. Only the authorized weight allowance that was shipped to the OCONUS location may be returned to CONUS upon the duty tour completion unless the Agency makes an exception IAW Agency regulations

NOTE: An order permitting the State Department administrative HHG weight limit of 7,200 lbs. is erroneous and only 4,500 lbs. net weight may be transported at GOV'T expense subject to the exceptions below.

B. Exceptions

1. This restricted weight allowance does not apply retroactively to HHG shipped to an OCONUS location prior to the effective date that an administrative weight limitation was imposed on the location concerned.

2. When an employee is advised that an item of GOV'T furnishings is not available at the OCONUS location, an amount equal to the weight of personal furnishings required in lieu of the unavailable GOV'T furnishings is added to the 4,500 lbs. net weight.

3. If all GOV'T furnishings are required to be returned to the GOV'T and/or the GOV'T furnishings become unserviceable and are not replaced, transportation of the employee's maximum weight allowance (18,000 lbs. net weight) minus the HHG weight previously shipped, is authorized from storage or designated place to the current PDS.

4. The AO or designee may increase the restricted HHG weight allowance if requested to do so by the employee. The increase is NTE the employee's maximum weight allowance (18,000 lbs. net weight) with HHG previously shipped or continued in storage counting against the increased weight allowance. One or more of the following conditions must apply:

- a. The employee is assigned consecutive full tour assignments to administratively weight restricted areas;
- b. The employee is on a tour that is extended one year or longer within the same administratively weight restricted area;
- c. Upon departure from an administratively weight restricted area if additional furnishings were acquired through marriage occurring after the employee was relocated to the administratively weight restricted area;
or
- d. Undue hardship to the employee would result if the full administrative weight restriction were imposed.

5. When a weight restriction is imposed for HHG shipped into a non foreign OCONUS area, the weight restriction does not apply to shipments from that location as long as the new PDS is not a weight restricted area.

NOTE: Appropriate storage, or transportation to a designated place, is authorized for the remainder of an employee's weight allowance.

C. Transportation from a Weight Restricted Area. If an employee is transferred from an OCONUS weight restricted PDS to a PDS at which GOV'T owned furnishings are not provided, HHG transportation may be authorized from the old PDS, storage, and/or the designated place to the new PDS as long as the total HHG transported does not exceed the authorized weight limit for the new PDS.

C5170 DETERMINING THE NET WEIGHT ([FTR §302-7.13](#))

A. Crated Shipments. The net weight of crated shipments:

1. Does not include the crating material weight,
2. Is 60% of the gross weight, and
3. May be computed at less than 60% of the gross weight if it was necessary (for reasons beyond the employee's control) to use unusually heavy crating and packing materials.

B. Uncrated Shipments. The net weight of uncrated shipments (commercial or noncommercial) is allowed an allowance of up to 2,000 lbs., exclusive of the 18,000 lbs. net weight of HHG shipment that is used for packing weight:

1. Is the weight shown on the bill of lading or weight certificate?;
2. Excludes the weight of barrels, boxes, cartons, and similar packing materials; and
3. Does not include pads, chains, dollies, and other equipment needed to load and secure the shipment.

C. Containerized Shipments. When containers designed for repeated use are used (e.g., lift vans, CONEX transporters, and HHG shipping boxes), the shipment net weight is:

1. Computed like an uncrated shipment if the container's weight includes interior bracing and padding materials,
2. 85% of the gross weight (after subtracting the container's weight) if the container's weight does not include the weight of interior bracing and padding materials, or
3. Based on constructed weight if the container's gross weight cannot be determined.

D. Constructed Weight. A constructed weight based on 7 lbs./cubic foot (***NOTE 2***) of properly loaded space should be used:

1. When an adequate scale is not available at origin, en route or at destination,
2. For a partial load when the HHG weight cannot be determined (without unloading the vehicle at origin, en route or destination), or
3. When the carrier's charges for a short distance or metropolitan area move are computed on a basis other than the shipment's weight or volume (e.g., when payment is based on an hourly rate and the distance involved).

NOTE 1: *The employee should obtain a statement from the carrier showing the amount of properly loaded space required for the shipment.*

NOTE 2: *PBP&E weight is based on 40 lbs/cubic foot.*

C5175 EXCESS CHARGES

A. Policy

1. GOV'T's Financial Responsibility

a. The GOV'T must pay the total transportation and other charges applicable to any excess weight that exceeds an employee's weight allowance and collect reimbursement from the employee. When HHG are weighed twice, the lesser weight is used to determine the employee's financial liability. For example, if the origin HHG weight is less than the destination HHG re-weigh, use the origin HHG weight or if the incoming/outgoing SIT/NTS of HHG weights are different, use the lesser weight to determine the employee's share of the cost ([CBCA 1500-RELO, 6 July 2009](#) and [CBCA 1534-RELO, 10 July 2009](#)).

b. Payment for the transportation and collection from the employee for excess charges are IAW finance regulations. ([FTR §302-7.200](#))

2. Employee's Financial Responsibility

a. For shipments in excess of the authorized weight allowance, the employee is financially responsible for all costs associated with the excess weight following transportation completion, as determined by the Service concerned.

b. The employee is financially responsible for excess weight charges.

3. Excess Weight Status. When an excess weight status is known or suspected (e.g., based on observations made during a pre-move survey) prior to transportation, Transportation Officers must notify the employee and the AO providing transportation funds.

NOTE: The employee is still financially responsible for excess weight charges, even if the excess weight status was known or suspected prior to transportation and the employee and/or the AO providing transportation funds were not notified by the Transportation Officer of the weight status ([CBCA 2076-RELO, 5 October 2010](#)). An agency may not pay the cost of transporting an employee's HHG in excess of 18,000 lbs. ([5 USC §5724\(a\)\(4\)](#)). See par. C5154-B for prescribed weight allowance. Erroneous advice, or lack thereof, by a GOV'T agent does not create an entitlement to reimbursement of, or shipment of HHG in excess of the weight allowed by statute.

B. Excess Weight beyond Employee Control. When HHG are transported in a crated condition and it is determined that for reasons beyond the employee's control, the use of heavy packing and crating materials caused the computed HHG net weight to exceed the allowed weight, the facts must be fully documented and the case forwarded with recommendations for adjustment action through channels as follows:

1. Army. Transportation Operations, Loss & Damage, Excess Cost, Claims & Adjustments Section, DFAS-Indianapolis ATTN: DFAS-JFNCC/IN, 8899 East 56th Street, Indianapolis IN 46249-0002;

2. Navy. See Transportation of Personal Property (NAVSUP P-490);

3. Air Force. Headquarters, U.S. Air Force (A4LE), 1030 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1030;
or

4. Department of Defense (DoD) COMPONENTS:: (APP A1 - DoD COMPONENTS) OSD/WHS/DoD Agencies: OSD/WHS/DoDAgencies - DoD Civilian Personnel Advisory Service, Compensation Division, Attn: Civilian Advisory Panel Member, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 05G21, Alexandria, VA 22350.

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PART K: RENEWAL AGREEMENT TRAVEL (RAT)

C5500 GENERAL

An employee, and the employee's accompanying dependents, may be eligible to receive travel and transportation allowances for returning home between OCONUS tours of duty. This Part applies to an employee serving OCONUS tours of duty. *See pars. C5506 and C5509 for an employee serving tours of duty in AK or HI.*

NOTE: *When an employee on a 12-month tour without dependents to a FEML area extends for a consecutive second 12-month tour, the employee is only eligible for one funded leave transportation program, the RAT or the FEML leave transportation program, but not both.*

C5503 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL OCONUS AREAS

A. **Eligibility.** An employee must meet the requirements in par. C5503-B to be eligible for the allowances in par. C5500.

B. **Requirements.** Prior to departure from the OCONUS PDS an employee must have:

1. Satisfactorily completed the prescribed tour of duty (par. C5570-C and APP Q3 for prescribed tours of duty), and
2. Entered into a new written service agreement for another tour of duty at an OCONUS PDS; (the new service agreement covers costs incident to travel to the employee's actual residence or alternate location IAW pars. C5536-A through C5536-C and return and any additional cost paid by the GOV'T as a result of the employee's transfer to another OCONUS PDS at the time of the tour RAT), and
3. (For HI or AK) Eligibility under pars. C5506 and C5509.

C5506 EMPLOYEE STATIONED IN AK OR HI ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1982

An employee whose status on 8 September 1982 was any of the situations below, involving a PDS in AK or HI, continues to be eligible to receive RAT travel and transportation allowances provided that the employee continues to serve consecutive tours of duty within AK or HI (as appropriate within the same State). On 8 September 1982, the employee must have been:

1. Serving a tour of duty in AK or HI; or
2. En route to a PDS in AK or HI under a written service agreement to serve a tour of duty; or
3. Engaged in tour RAT and have entered into a new written service agreement to serve another tour of duty in AK or HI.

C5509 EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED, APPOINTED, OR TRANSFERRED TO A POST OF DUTY IN AK OR HI AFTER 8 SEPTEMBER 1982

1. The travel and transportation allowances for RAT in this Part may not be authorized for an employee assigned, appointed, or transferred to a PDS in AK or HI after 8 September 1982, unless the DoD COMPONENT involved determines that payment of these expenses is necessary for recruiting/retaining an employee for a tour of duty in AK or HI.
2. This authority may be used only when required to fulfill DoD COMPONENT staffing needs for mission accomplishment. Use of these provisions is intended to ensure the availability of a well-qualified employee or an employee with special skills and knowledge who is not otherwise available in the local area, and to fill remote area positions.

3. DoD COMPONENT written material must prescribe criteria and guidelines to determine the need for RAT.
4. The DoD COMPONENT determination that RAT is necessary as a recruiting/retention incentive to fill a particular position in AK or HI must be reviewed and re-confirmed in writing periodically, but not less than every five years.
5. RAT travel and transportation allowances for recruiting/retention purposes is limited to two round trips beginning within 5 years after the employee first begins any period of consecutive tours of duty in either AK or HI. *An employee must be advised in writing of this limitation.*

NOTE: *The successive tours must be in the same State. A tour in HI followed by a tour in AK, or vice versa, does not qualify.*

C5512 ALLOWABLE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

An eligible employee and dependent(s) is authorized transportation (including transportation to and from common carrier terminals) from the OCONUS PDS to the employee's actual residence at the time of assignment to the OCONUS PDS. Transportation also is authorized from the actual residence to an OCONUS PDS; except for AK and HI. When AK and HI are involved, the return must be to a PDS in the same State (AK or HI) as the PDS at which the employee served immediately prior to RAT (par. C5506). *See par. C2203 for the mandatory use of CTOs/TMCs for transportation arrangements.* See par. C5530 for per diem.

C5515 RENEWAL AGREEMENT TRAVEL (RAT) DENIAL/DELAY

A. RAT Denial. Except for teachers as in par. C5542, RAT may be denied only when the employee:

1. Is being processed for separation, or
2. Is going to be involved in a RIF, or
3. Has a removal action pending, or
4. Has been reassigned to a U.S. position, or
5. Is to be reassigned to a CONUS position ICW rotation on a similar program that precludes a required period of service completion under a renewal agreement.

B. RAT Delay

NOTE: *Delay may not be imposed on a DoDEA teacher.*

1. General

- a. RAT at GOV'T expense may not be denied to an employee who has earned it except IAW par. C5515-A.
- b. The time at which leave is granted (to perform RAT) is subject to appropriate personnel written material.
- c. RAT ordinarily is performed between OCONUS tours of duty (par. C5572-C2). Travel at a later date, within a tour of duty, may be authorized/approved by the employee's OCONUS commander ([B-232179, 6 October 1989](#)) subject to leave being granted IAW personnel written material.

2. Delay at Management's Request

a. Management may request an employee to delay RAT by extending the initial tour (or tour then in effect) NTE 90 days if:

- (1) The employee is engaged on a project that is scheduled for completion within a reasonable time,
- (2) There is a temporary personnel shortage, or
- (3) For other good reasons.

b. Sufficient time must remain in the employee's renewal agreement tour (after adjusting the length of the tour by subtracting the number of days that the initial tour was extended) following RAT to serve at least 12 months upon return to the OCONUS PDS.

3. Delay at the Employee's Request. An employee may request an extension of the initial tour (or tour then in effect) to permit leave scheduling to accommodate personal/job related reasons acceptable to and permitted by the OCONUS commander concerned (par. C5570-C3). In this case, the employee's tour after performing RAT and returning to the OCONUS PDS is the greater of:

a. The renewal agreement tour for the PDS concerned, decreased by the number of days the initial tour was extended; or

b. 12 months.

4. Limits on OCONUS Assignments. A delay in performing RAT should not be authorized if the resulting extension to the new tour, or requirement to serve 12 months following return to the OCONUS PDS, requires the employee to remain at the OCONUS PDS beyond any 5- (or other-) year limit on OCONUS assignments contained in personnel written material, unless the employee is not affected by, or has been released from, the 5- (or other-) year OCONUS service limitation (par. C5570-C5).

5. Computing the Tour of Duty when Delayed RAT Is Involved and the Employee Is Not Affected by an OCONUS Service Limitation

Example

An employee's initial 36-month tour ended 30 June 2003. The employee was eligible to perform RAT beginning 1 July 2003 after signing a 24-month renewal agreement. The employee departed the PDS on 1 July 2003, performed RAT and returned 31 July 2003. The new tour of duty begins on 1 August 2003 and ends 31 July 2005 (i.e., 24 months after return from RAT).

If the initial tour was extended to 31 August 2003, delaying RAT for 62 days, and RAT for 30 days was performed from 1 to 30 September 2003, the employee's RAT tour after returning to the OCONUS PDS would be for 22 months beginning 1 October 2003 and ending 31 July 2005. The 22 months is computed by decreasing the 24-month tour prescribed for the PDS after RAT completion by the number of days the initial tour was extended (62 days).

C5518 TRAVEL IN FAMILY UNITS NOT REQUIRED

An employee may travel alone or with a dependent(s). A dependent may travel unaccompanied, but cannot perform round trip travel under renewal agreement authority if the employee does not, at some point, perform authorized RAT. An unaccompanied dependent must not be allowed delayed use of renewal agreement authority (i.e., start RAT) beyond 6 months after the date the employee begins travel, except for teachers IAW par. C5542.

C5521 RAT NON-CUMULATIVE

RAT must be used between consecutive periods of continuous OCONUS employment. RAT may be performed between the completion date of one service agreement and prior to serving another tour of duty pursuant to a written renewal agreement ([35 Comp. Gen. 101 \(1955\)](#)). *RAT authorization is not cumulative from one period of service to another if not used.*

C5524 BAGGAGE TRANSPORTATION

*A. General. Travelers should transport minimal baggage with them during RAT. The maximum baggage allowance that may be authorized at GOV'T expense for an employee and dependents returning to the actual residence to take leave between overseas tours of duty is determined by whether the baggage is accompanied or unaccompanied.

*B. Excess Baggage

1. Excess accompanied baggage weight allowance for each traveler is 100 lbs./person (gross weight).
2. The 100 lb. weight limit does not include free checkable accompanied baggage.

*C. Unaccompanied Baggage (UB). UB:

1. Is authorized for up to 100 lbs./person (net weight).
2. Does not accompany the traveler, but is transported separately by air (e.g., via postal service, FEDEX, etc.).

C5526 UB OF A DODEA TEACHER AUTHORIZED AN EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A teacher performing RAT for the purpose of advanced studies at a university in the U.S. and who also is on approved extended leave with/without pay for the current school is authorized transportation of:

1. 350 lbs. of UB for each eligible adult, and
2. 175 lbs. of UB for each dependent under age 12.

*The allowable weight is limited to baggage necessary to accommodate the employee's reasonable needs for additional clothing/personal effects. Up to 100 lbs. excess accompanied baggage is authorized ICW/in addition to this shipment IAW par. C5524. Transportation under par. C5526 is in place of UB the employee may be authorized to transport under the provisions of par. C5524.

NOTE: See par. C5160-B for UB ICW PDT.

C5527 HHG SIT

See par. C5190 for up to 90 days of HHG SIT.

C5530 PER DIEM

A. An Employee is Authorized Per Diem during the Allowable RAT Travel Periods between the OCONUS PDSs and the Authorized RAT Destination. *No per diem is authorized for the employee's dependent incident to RAT when the employee returns to the same OCONUS PDS for duty.* However, when the employee is to report to a different OCONUS PDS for duty, after leave, per diem is allowable for a dependent while en route, limited to the constructed time by the usual transportation mode and route *directly* between old and new OCONUS duty stations. See par. C5512 for allowable travel and transportation allowances.

NOTE: AEA in JTR, Ch 4, Part C may not be authorized/approved for RAT/PCS travel.

B. Per Diem Computation Example. The following example illustrates the method for per diem computation incident to RAT:

Renewal Agreement Travel			
<i>NOTE: See the Standard CONUS per diem rate or par. C5060-E3 for the current Standard CONUS per diem rate.</i>			
1. An employee and spouse performed RAT from OCONUS to CONUS, and return to the same OCONUS PDS.			
2. Itinerary	9/1	Depart OCONUS residence in Frankfurt, GE, at 0730 Arrive CONUS residence at 2230	
	9/2 – 9/30	Leave	
	10/1	Depart CONUS residence at 1400	
	10/2	Arrive OCONUS at 1015	
3. The employee is authorized per diem since actual time exceeds 12 hours. See par. C5060-G1.			
4. Maximum per diem rate at time of travel \$123 (\$77/ \$46) and OCONUS PDS per diem rate is \$239 (\$131/ \$108). (The destination per diem rate applicable for RAT to CONUS is the Standard CONUS per diem rate.)			
5. Reimbursement:	9/1	75% x \$46 (M&IE) =	\$ 34.50
	9/2- 9/30	No per diem	0.00
	10/1	75% x \$108 =	\$ 81.00
	10/1 – 10/2	75% x \$108 (M&IE) =	\$ 81.00
Total Reimbursement			\$196.50
6. Par. C5060-G1a applies and the destination M&IE rate (\$46) is used for computing per diem for that day since travel from Frankfurt to Chicago began and ended on the same day.			
7. On the return trip, the M&IE rate applicable to the OCONUS PDS (destination) is used for computing per diem. See par. C5060-G1a & C5060-G1c.			
8. <i>Per diem for dependents is not authorized for RAT.</i>			

C5533 LEAVE STATUS DURING ABSENCE FROM DUTY

The written material concerning leave of a Service or DoD COMPONENT applies regarding the employee’s leave ‘status’. Certain limitations may apply to teachers in the DoDEA IAW par. C5542.

C5536 ALTERNATE DESTINATION

A. Authorization

1. An employee/a dependent is authorized to perform RAT to a destination (other than the employee's actual residence) in:
 - a. A CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location, or
 - b. The country of the employee's actual residence.
2. Either destination listed above is an official travel destination.
3. Contract city-pair airfares may be available for use. *If the employee/dependent travels to a more expensive alternate destination, city-pair airfares are not authorized for any transportation related to the alternate destination and the employee is financially responsible for all excess cost.*
4. The POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A1) is to be used for constructed cost purposes (APP P 1-B1, [FTR §301-10.112](#) and [62 Comp. Gen. 596 \(1983\)](#)).

B. Examples. The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only.

1. Example 1

Employee's PDS is in OCONUS Location A and the actual residence is CONUS Location B. There is no city-pair airfare between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location B.	
The POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A1) between OCONUS Location A and CONUS Location B (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections):	\$1,200
Employee desires to utilize RAT to CONUS Location C.	
City-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location C:	\$1,400
Least expensive policy-constructed airfare to/from CONUS Location C:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from CONUS Location C is more expensive than transportation to/from CONUS Location B, no city-pair airfare may be used to/from CONUS Location C.	
The employee's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable .	

2. Example 2

Employee's PDS is OCONUS Location A and the actual residence is CONUS Location B.	
Round trip city-pair airfare trip cost:	\$980
Employee desires to utilize RAT to/from CONUS Location C.	
Round trip city-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location C:	\$840
Since transportation to/from CONUS Location C is less expensive than the transportation to/from the actual residence in CONUS Location B, the employee is authorized city-pair airfare to/from CONUS Location C (\$840) NTE the \$980 cost to the actual residence.	

C. Time and Location Requirement. If an employee's actual residence is in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location, the employee, and the employee's dependent, must spend the majority of the RAT time in the CONUS or that non-foreign OCONUS location for RAT to be authorized.

D. Alternate Destination Not Authorized. RAT must not be authorized to an alternate destination if the traveler:

1. Does not meet the conditions in par. C5542,
2. Is merely routed through the country of actual residence en route to another country, or
3. Travels to various points for personal reasons (e.g., a "travel tour").

E. Administration. An alternate destination:

1. Is determined in advance of travel and stated in the order,
2. Omitted from the order may be later added to the order as an amendment, or
3. May be specifically approved on the reimbursement voucher if permitted by finance written material.

F. Reimbursement. RAT reimbursement for travel to an alternate destination is NTE the amount allowed for transportation along a usually traveled route between the PDS and the actual residence.

C5539 LIMITATIONS

*A. HHG. There is no authority (ICW RAT) for HHG transportation except for necessary UB IAW pars. C5524 and C5526. Signing the renewal agreement ICW RAT can be the basis for reestablishing expired authority for HHG and dependent transportation to the extent of a prior order that was unused ([38 Comp. Gen. 653 \(1959\)](#)).

B. Unaccompanied Dependents. See par. C5518 for an unaccompanied dependent's travel and transportation authority.

C. Destination Point Relocation. RAT authority does not apply if an employee's travel destination is to a place other than in the country or area in which the actual residence is located.

D. Duplicate Eligibility. *Duplicate transportation is not authorized for persons who may be separately eligible for RAT as an employee and as a dependent (i.e., a couple, each with RAT authority, can only travel once. Each may not travel again as a 'dependent' of the other).*

E. RAT ICW other Travel. An employee may not be required to combine RAT with any other funded leave transportation program or travel allowance. An employer may not require that RAT be combined with any other funded leave transportation program or travel allowance.

C5542 DoD OVERSEAS DEPENDENTS SCHOOL SYSTEM TEACHER

A. Completion of Period of Service RAT. Under RAT authority, a teacher who satisfactorily completes the period of service in the service agreement is authorized travel to a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS actual residence during the summer recess. This travel is authorized whether return is to the same/a different OCONUS area.

B. Exceptions

1. General

a. A teacher is authorized to travel to a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location on the first portion of RAT authority to attend an accredited college/university.

b. Travel to the OCONUS area may be accomplished under the return portion of RAT authority upon completion of the study period.

c. Par. C5518 (Travel in Family Units Not Required) is exclusive of any time the teacher is actively enrolled at the college/university in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location.

d. The exceptions in par. C5542-A may be authorized/approved during a period of continuous service as provided in pars. C5542-B2 and C5542-B3.

2. Reassignment at Management's Request

a. Under RAT authority, after completing 1 school-year of service on a current service agreement, any teacher who is reassigned at management's request from one 2-year area to another 2-year area, may return to the CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS actual residence during the summer vacation.

b. The normal routing between the two PDSs must be through a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location and the teacher must sign a new renewal agreement for the new area of assignment.

c. Other reassignments at management's request do not qualify for RAT travel and must be limited to travel by direct routing as a PCS movement between the two PDSs.

d. The first school-year of service at the new location completes the second consecutive school-year of required service under the initial service agreement.

3. Attendance at an Accredited College/University

a. When the teacher desires to return to a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location for the summer at the end of the first school-year of service, the teacher may be authorized round trip RAT if the teacher is:

- (1) Under an agreement to attend an accredited college/university,
- (2) Pursuing courses for professional preparation/advancement that are related to the present/planned needs of the DoDEA, or
- (3) Pursuing other specific professional preparations meeting current DoDEA requirements, or
- (4) Attending courses that are required for continued certification in the teacher's home State.

b. The renewal agreement is signed before leaving the OCONUS area.

c. The teacher is required to present satisfactory evidence of acceptance by, or an acceptable intent to attend, an institution for an appropriate course of study of not less than 6 semester hours.

d. The teacher becomes financially responsible for previously GOV'T-paid travel costs, when travel was at GOV'T expense to a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location to attend a course of study and there is no satisfactory proof of:

- (1) Course(s) completion, or
- (2) Reasons for not completing the course(s).

e. A teacher who returns to a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location under the exception in par. C5542-A begins a new 2-school-year cycle under the renewal agreement upon return to the OCONUS area.

4. Attendance at an Accredited College/University Incident to Authorized Extended Leave of Absence. Round trip RAT may be authorized for the purpose of furthering professional growth in the case of a teacher who is authorized a leave of absence to attend an accredited college/university in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location provided the teacher:

a. Has satisfactorily completed 2 school-years in the DoD Overseas Dependents School System and meets the eligibility conditions for RAT,

b. Executes a renewal agreement - prior to departure ICW the authorized leave of absence, and

c. Presents to the appropriate official responsible for authorizing the extended leave of absence and RAT:

- (1) Acceptable evidence of intent to attend an accredited college/university to pursue a course of study leading to a higher degree or for graduate work in a chosen field,
- (2) Evidence that the course of study is not feasible through other means,
- (3) Proof/acceptance of the course of study, and
- (4) Information regarding successful course completion.

5. Reassignment to 1-year Tour Area. A teacher who requests reassignment at the end of the first school year, and receives management approval for reassignment to a new 1-year tour area, is authorized RAT to the CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS actual residence for the summer recess. Personnel written material applies for pay/leave status. RAT also is authorized from that CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS actual residence to the new OCONUS PDS indicated in the renewal agreement.

C. HHG Storage between School Years. See par. C5195-C.

1. Conditions. See par. C5195-C for HHG storage between school years.
2. In Addition to SIT. Authority for storage between school years (par. C5195-C) is in addition to authority for SIT ICW HHG shipment. Storage under these two authorities may overlap in time.
3. Substitute and Part-Time Teachers. *Substitute and part-time teachers are not eligible for storage between school years.*
4. Administrative Arrangements
 - a. The industrial relations/civilian personnel officer (administrative responsibility) must furnish the transportation officer notification about storage between school years. The notification must specify the storage period beginning and ending dates.
 - b. The transportation officer is responsible for storage arrangements.
 - c. The transportation officer must maintain a record of all storage costs or the reasonable value for storage furnished for each teacher.
5. Indebtedness Notification. Appropriate financial written material addresses indebtedness and appropriate notification so that collection action can be taken.
6. Consecutive School Terms in Different Locations
 - a. If a teacher is at different locations for consecutive school terms, storage costs are paid by the losing command/activity until the HHG are removed from storage for transportation to the new PDS.
 - b. The gaining command/activity pays for any storage costs after the date the HHG arrive at the new PDS.
 - c. Storage may be at either the old or new PDS whichever is most practical with the losing command paying only if storage is at the old PDS.

C5545 DEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION

A. When Authorized

1. Dependent transportation may be authorized ICW the employee's RAT.
2. Subject to the conditions in this Part, the dependent transportation costs is NTE the GOV'T's cost for transportation to the employee's authorized destination.
3. In these cases, dependent transportation may be as provided in par. C5545.

B. Dependent Eligibility. A dependent is authorized round trip transportation ICW the employee's renewal agreement, provided that the dependent:

1. Traveled to the OCONUS PDS within the prescribed 1- year limit, or
2. Became a dependent at the OCONUS area by marriage, birth, or adoption before the employee began round-trip travel under a renewal agreement.

C. Authorization Limitations. A dependent:

1. At the OCONUS PDS may:
 - a. Accompany the employee, and/or
 - b. Travel before/after the employee *but only after the employee has met RAT eligibility requirements and the renewal agreement is in place.*
2. Who did not travel to an OCONUS PDS during the preceding tour (including newly acquired dependents), is authorized one-way transportation to the PDS ICW the employee's renewal agreement.
3. Uses RAT to travel to the OCONUS PDS for the first time and may travel at different times than the employee or with the employee on return to the OCONUS PDS.
4. Travels, performed after the employee's RAT, must be completed within 6 months of the employee's RAT start date.
5. *May be authorized RAT only when the employee performs RAT ([35 Comp. Gen. 101 \(1955\)](#)).*

D. New Tour at Different OCONUS PDS. If the employee's new tour is at a different OCONUS PDS, a dependent who does not accompany the employee on RAT but remains at the old OCONUS PDS, is authorized to travel from the old to the new PDS.

E. TDY at the Expiration of Leave Prior to Returning to the OCONUS PDS. The dependent may return to the OCONUS PDS after the leave, when the employee:

1. And dependent travels to the actual residence for leave before beginning a new OCONUS tour, and
2. Performs TDY or attends a training course after the leave but before returning to the OCONUS PDS.

PART L: SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Section 2: Initial Agreements

C5564 INITIAL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION

Initial agreements must be negotiated with a/an:

1. New appointee to a first PDS;
2. Student trainee, when assigned on completion of college work, to a first PDS;
3. Employee transferred/reassigned from one OCONUS PDS to another OCONUS PDS;
4. New appointee recruited for OCONUS service at a geographical locality other than that in which the actual residence is located;
5. Employee transferred to and within CONUS;
6. Employee transferred to an OCONUS PDS; and
7. Employee recruited OCONUS for assignment to an OCONUS PDS.

C5566 OCONUS LOCALLY HIRED EMPLOYEE INITIAL AGREEMENTS

A. General

1. An initial agreement is not an entitlement for a locally hired person.
2. An initial agreement is a recruitment incentive for locally hiring a civilian employee with an actual residence in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS area, outside the PDS geographical locality, to accept Federal employment in an OCONUS area.
3. An individual must not automatically be granted an initial agreement because the individual meets eligibility requirements.

B. Local Commander Negotiation Restrictions

1. Foreign Areas. A foreign area local commander may negotiate an initial agreement with a locally hired employee if the conditions in par. C5566-E are met.
2. Non-foreign OCONUS Areas. A non-foreign OCONUS local commander may negotiate an initial agreement with a locally hired person for recruitment purposes if the conditions in par. C5566-E are met, **but only if the position is one for which qualified local applicants are not readily available**.

C. Eligibility Determination

1. Eligibility for travel and transportation allowances for dependents and/or HHG from the employee's actual residence to the foreign OCONUS PDS and/or return transportation to the actual residence must be determined at the time:
 - a. Of appointment, or
 - b. The employee loses eligibility for return travel and transportation allowances.

2. The eligibility decision must be recorded in the initial agreement.
3. See par. C5570-C7 ICW credit for prior service.
4. See par. C5572-C1 ICW when a tour of duty begins.

D. Travel and Transportation Authorization

1. An OCONUS locally hired employee who is granted an initial agreement is authorized the same travel and transportation allowances as a traveler transferred/appointed from CONUS.
2. Pars. C7002-B3 and C5167-B1 prescribe the conditions for authorizing travel and transportation allowances for dependents and HHG from the traveler's actual residence to the OCONUS PDS.
3. See par. C5212-A5 ICW local hire POV transportation prohibitions and exceptions.

E. Initial Service Agreement Requirements. An initial service agreement may be negotiated with an eligible local hire only if the specific requirements noted below are met.

1. Requirements

- a. The commanding officer/designated representative, must determine that another candidate would have to be transferred/appointed from outside the local area to fill the position involved unless an initial agreement is offered to a locally hired candidate; ***NOTE: A locally hired candidate is not eligible for an initial agreement if the position is one for which out-of-country recruitment normally is not undertaken.***
- b. At the time of appointment/assignment, or at the time eligibility for return travel is lost, the locally hired candidate must be able to prove actual residence in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS area. The residence must be outside the PDS geographical locality.

2. Eligible Locally Hired Employees

*a. All Requirements. Requirements 1(a) **and** 1(b) or 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) must be met for the following eligible locally hired employees:

(1) Former Military Member. A former military member must be:

- (a) Separated/retired locally (within the foreign OCONUS country in which the civilian position is located to which the individual is appointed) while serving in a foreign OCONUS area, **and**
- (b) Appointed to a vacant appropriated-fund civilian position before expiration of that individual's authorization for return travel and transportation to a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS area accruing from the prior military service.

(2) Employee Operating in U.S. Support. An employee of another Federal department, agency, or instrumentality, GOV'T contractor, Red Cross, non-appropriated-fund activity, international organization in which the U.S. participates, and any other activity/agency which the foreign OCONUS area command determines to be operating in support of the U.S. or its personnel in the area, provided the individual was:

- (a) Recruited in a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS area under employment conditions that provided for return travel and transportation allowances,
- (b) Committed to a specific vacant position before separation from prior employment, **and**
- (c) Is appointed not later than 1 month after termination of such employment.

b. Requirement 2. Requirement 2 must be met for the following eligible locally hired employees:

(1) Former Employee. A former employee of the same/another Federal department/agency who:

- (a) Was separated by reduction in force during the previous 6 months,
- (b) Is on a reemployment priority list, and
- (c) Has been authorized delay in return travel for the primary purpose of exercising reemployment priority rights;

(2) Dependent of a Member/Employee. An individual, who accompanied/followed a spouse to the foreign OCONUS area and, at the time of hiring, had authorization for return transportation as a dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a civilian GOV'T employee serving under an initial agreement providing for return travel, if one of the following circumstances occurs:

- (a) The spouse dies,
- (b) The sponsoring spouse becomes physically or mentally incapable of continued GOV'T employment,
- (c) Divorce or legal separation, (A legal separation exists at such time as either the employee or the spouse initiates legal action to dissolve the marriage or one separates from bed and board short of applying for a divorce.), or
- (d) The spouse permanently departs the post/area.

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C5900 AUTOMOBILE USE ([FTR Part 302-4](#))

A. General

1. Automobile use is to the GOV'T's advantage for:
 - a. First duty station travel by a newly recruited employee or appointee,
 - b. PCS travel, or
 - c. Separation travel.
2. MALT reimbursement for automobile travel is at the appropriate MALT rate in par. C2605.
3. RAT by automobile is to the GOV'T's advantage when travel and transportation costs at the applicable MALT rate, plus per diem for the travel period (NTE the time required to complete the trip at a rate of 350 miles per calendar day) are less than common carrier transportation, including per diem. *See par. C5060 for travel time and par. C4780 for RAT reimbursement by automobile.*

B. Using One or Two POCs ([FTR §302-4, Subpart F](#))

1. When a traveler and dependent relocate incident to a traveler's PCS move, reimbursement is authorized for one or two POCs (two POCs if the traveler has a dependent who is relocating) with the prescribed MALT rate (see par. C2605) and car ferry fees applicable for each POC.
2. Except as in par. C5900-C, MALT reimbursement authorized for the dependent's travel is for the use of one or two POCs. ***NOTE: The traveler may be reimbursed for use of two POCs by dependents only if the employee travels by common carrier (e.g., the employee is not reimbursed automatically for three POCs to allow the employee to use one and the dependents to use two.)***
3. MALT reimbursement for PCS travel by POC does not affect authorization for transportation-in-kind or common carrier use for other dependents who did not travel by POC.

C. Using More than Two POCs (FTR §302-4.500 and 302-4.700d)

NOTE: The terms "family members" or "dependents" in par. C2159 include only those traveling by POC.

1. General. Reimbursement for the use of more than two POCs, within the same household for PDT, may be authorized/approved if determined to be appropriate, through the Secretarial Process.
2. Examples of When More than Two POCs Are Routinely Authorized/Approved:
 - a. There are more family members (i.e., employee and dependents) than reasonably can be transported, together with luggage, in two POCs;
 - b. Because of age or physical condition, a family member needs special accommodations in one POC and second and third POCs are required for the other family members;
 - c. An employee must report to the new PDS before the dependents for acceptable reasons (e.g., school term completion, property sale, personal business affairs settlement, HHG and personal effects disposal and/or shipment, or non-availability of adequate housing at the new PDS) and there are more family members than reasonably can be transported, together with luggage, in one POC;

- d. Dependents perform unaccompanied travel between authorized points other than those for the employee's travel (e.g., travel to a designated place or to the new PDS when the employee has TDY en route) and there are more family members than reasonably can be transported, together with luggage, in one POC;
- e. Dependents perform unaccompanied travel to the new PDS in advance of the employee's reporting date for acceptable reasons (e.g., to enroll dependents in school at the beginning of the term) and there are more family members than reasonably can be transported, together with luggage, in one POC; or
- f. Special circumstances not included in this subparagraph exist (as determined through the Secretarial Process), such as travel over the ALCAN Highway, where extra spare tires, parts and tools must be carried. ***NOTE: Possession of more than 2 POCs with more than 2 licensed drivers in the family does not constitute a special circumstance. Example:*** An employee, spouse and 2 teenage drivers with 4 POCs does not constitute a special circumstance and reimbursement for more than 2 POCs is not authorized based solely on these facts.

3. MALT and Ferry Fares

- a. When reimbursement for the use of more than two POCs is authorized/approved, the MALT and car ferry fees apply for each POC.
- b. If the same POC is used for more than one trip, MALT and car ferry fees apply for each trip. The standard MALT rate is applied for each one way official distance between the old and new PDSs. ***Example:*** The employee drives the spouse and three children on the first trip (and receives MALT for the one way official distance followed by a second trip in which the employee and one of the already transported children return to transport two remaining children. The employee is paid MALT for the one way official distance between the old and new PDSs on the second trip).

4. Documentation. The applicable conditions in par. C5900-C2 should be shown in the travel order or approved by travel order amendment after the fact. See APP I, Part II for travel order policy.

D. Parking, Tolls and Other Costs. Reimbursement for parking, ferry fares, bridge, road, and tunnel tolls is authorized for the direct route between the official points involved.

*E. POC Use to and from Transportation Terminal or PDS

*1. When a POC is driven round trip to drop off and/or pick up a traveler at a transportation terminal, the traveler paying POC operating expenses is:

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

for the most direct route.

*2. If a member of the traveler's family drives the traveler to and/or from the transportation terminal, it is presumed that the traveler incurs the expense.

C5905 AIRCRAFT

A. Privately Owned Airplane

1. The use of a privately owned airplane for:

- a. First duty station travel by a newly recruited employee or appointee,
- b. PCS travel,
- c. Separation travel, or
- d. RAT

is to the GOV'T's advantage when travel costs at the applicable MALT rate, plus per diem for the travel period (NTE the time required to complete the trip at a rate of 350 miles per calendar day), are less than common carrier transportation, including associated per diem. Nautical miles must be converted to statute/regular miles when submitting a claim. One nautical mile = 1.15077945 statute mile. **Example:** 250 nautical miles multiplied by 1.15077945 = 288 statute/regular miles.

2. Reimbursement for travel by privately owned airplane that is to the GOV'T's advantage is at the appropriate TDY mileage rate in par. C2600.
3. Travel time is as provided in par. C5060.
4. Reimbursement computation for travel by privately owned airplane is in par. C4780.

B. Privately Owned Aircraft other than Airplane (e.g., Helicopter)

1. Operation Cost. The actual operation cost, rather than a commuted rate mileage, is paid.
2. Expenses
 - a. Reimbursable Expenses. The following expenses are reimbursable: fuel; oil; and aircraft parking, landing, and tie-down fees.
 - b. Non-reimbursable Expenses. The following expenses are not reimbursable: charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil change, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses.

C5910 PRIVATELY-OWNED MOTORCYCLE

A. PCS-related Travel Policy. The use of a privately owned motorcycle is to the GOV'T's advantage for:

1. First duty station travel by a newly recruited employee or appointee,
2. PCS travel,
3. Separation travel, or
4. RAT

when travel costs at the applicable MALT rate, plus per diem for the travel period (NTE the time required to complete the trip at a rate of 350 miles/calendar day) are less than common carrier transportation.

B. TDY Related Travel Policy. TDY motorcycle travel reimbursement that is to the GOV'T's advantage is paid at the appropriate TDY mileage rate in par. C2600.

C. Travel Time. Travel time is as provided in par. C5060.

D. Computation. Reimbursement computation for travel by privately owned motorcycle is in par. C4780.

C5915 TRANSOCEANIC TRAVEL BY PRIVATELY OWNED BOAT

When an employee travels by POC using a personally owned boat, constructed or actual (fuel, oil, and docking fees) reimbursement is authorized NTE the airfare (contract city pair airfare if available). ***Per diem and travel time are based on the air travel time.*** ([59 Comp. Gen. 737 \(1980\)](#)) The AO, IAW par. C3210-C2 and APP I3, par. E4a(5), must ensure a statement is on the travel order indicating that GOV'T procured air transoceanic travel is authorized and reimbursement for travel at personal expense (including per diem) cannot exceed the amount that would have been paid for the available GOV'T procured air transportation (plus appropriate per diem).

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A. DoD COMPONENT Responsibility. Each DoD COMPONENT must provide assistance in arranging, and must pay the expenses for, the preparation (par. C7933) and transportation (par. C7934) of the remains of:

1. An employee who dies while:
 - a. On official travel or on a TDY assignment, or
 - b. Performing official duties outside CONUS, or
 - c. Absent from duty IAW par. C7932-B, or
 - d. Reassigned away from the HOR under a mandatory mobility agreement executed as a condition of employment;
2. A dependent who dies while residing:
 - a. With an employee performing official duties outside CONUS, or
 - b. Away from the employee's HOR pursuant to a mandatory mobility agreement executed as a condition of employment; and
3. Transportation costs to return the deceased employee's and surviving dependents' baggage, HHG, and POV to the employee's official station or actual residence while assigned:
 - a. To perform official duties outside CONUS, or
 - b. Away from the employee's actual residence pursuant to a mandatory mobility agreement executed as a condition of employment.

B. Application. This Part applies whether or not the:

1. Employee's death is work related, and
2. Employee is serving under a service agreement, including a locally hired employee at an OCONUS PDS.

C. Operational Requirements. The transportation procedures for the remains of a deceased employee and/or a deceased dependent(s) is established by the:

1. DoDD 1300.22, Mortuary Affairs Policy. <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/130022p.pdf>, and
2. DTR
 - a. Part VII, Ch 701 (http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtrpart7/dtr_part_vii_701.pdf), and
 - b. Part VII, Ch 702 (http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtrpart7/dtr_part_vii_702.pdf), and

3. Sponsoring Service/Agency Regulations.

C7931 RESPONSIBILITY

A. General. A commander, or the commander's designee, upon being informed of the death of an employee covered by this Part, must immediately:

1. Inform the decedent's next of kin or legal representative of the allowances under this Part;
2. Render every reasonable assistance in arranging for the preparation and transportation of the remains of the decedent when death occurs ICW par. C7930-A1; and
3. Provide necessary assistance for the return of the decedent's dependent's baggage, HHG and POV IAW par. C7930-A3.

B. Applicable Regulations. Departmental regulations apply with regard to care and disposition of remains of deceased persons, reporting and notification procedure, and disposition of personal property.

C7932 DEATH RELATED EXPENSES

A. Death Related to Official Duty Performance. When an employee's death results from injuries sustained while actually performing official duty, the expenses for preparation and transportation of the remains properly are payable under regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under authority contained in 5 USC §8134. For further information contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Division of Federal Employees' Compensation (DFEC), 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210-0002 or <http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/contacts/fecacont.htm>.

B. Death During an Absence from Duty. Death related expenses must be paid for an employee who dies while on leave or on a non-workday while on TDY or assigned at an OCONUS PDS. Payment is NTE the amount allowed if death had occurred at the TDY station or the OCONUS PDS.

C7933 PREPARATION OF REMAINS

A. Employee

1. Preparation of Remains. The DoD COMPONENT must pay all actual costs including:
 - a. Embalming or cremation;
 - b. Necessary clothing;
 - c. Casket or container suitable for shipment to burial place;
 - d. Expenses necessary IAW local laws at the POE in the U.S.; and
 - e. Similar expenses.
2. Transportation of Remains. The DoD COMPONENT must pay all actual costs involved in the transportation of remains by common carrier (ordinarily used for transportation of remains), hears, other means, or a combination thereof, from the TDY station or OCONUS PDS (or CONUS in the case of an employee reassigned away from the HOR under a mandatory mobility agreement) to the employee's actual residence, PDS, or burial place, including:
 - a. Movement from place of death to a mortuary and/or cemetery;
 - b. Shipping permits;

- c. Outside case for shipment and sealing of the case, if necessary;
- d. Removal to and from the common carrier;
- e. Ferry fares, bridge tolls; and
- f. Similar expenses.

3. Limitations

- a. Costs for an outside case are not authorized when transportation is by hearse.
- b. Transportation costs by hearse or other means is NTE the common carrier cost ordinarily used for transportation of remains.
- c. Transportation costs to burial place is NTE transportation costs to the actual residence.

B. Employee's Dependent

1. General. When an employee's dependent dies while residing with an employee stationed OCONUS or while in transit to that PDS, if requested by the employee, the DoD COMPONENT concerned must furnish mortuary services and supplies on a reimbursable basis when:

- a. Local commercial mortuary facilities and supplies are not available; or
- b. The commander determines that the cost of available mortuary facilities and supplies is prohibitive.

2. Reimbursement. Reimbursement for the cost of mortuary services and supplies furnished under par. C7933-B1 are collected and credited to current appropriations available for the payment of these costs.

C7934 TRANSPORTATION

A. Remains of Employee. When an employee dies while performing official TDY anywhere or while assigned at an OCONUS PDS (or CONUS in the case of an employee reassigned away from the actual residence under a mandatory mobility agreement), payment is authorized for the cost of transporting the remains to the employee's actual residence, PDS, or interment place. The transportation cost is NTE the cost to the actual residence or PDS, whichever is more distant.

B. Remains of Employee's Dependent. When an employee's dependent dies while residing with the employee stationed OCONUS or while in transit to the PDS, if requested by the employee, the DoD COMPONENT must pay the cost for transportation of the dependent's remains to the dependent's actual residence. If the employee elects an alternate destination, and it is approved by the commander or designee, expenses paid are NTE the cost of transportation to the dependent's actual residence. ***Burial expenses may not be paid when an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed OCONUS.***

C. Dependent(s), Baggage and HHG

1. While Performing Duties OCONUS

- a. General. The cost of return transportation of a deceased employee's dependent(s), baggage, and HHG (and that of the decedent) must be paid when an employee dies ICW par. C7930-A1. Transportation costs are NTE the cost of returning the dependent(s), baggage, and HHG from the place at which official duties were performed or were to be performed, by the most direct route to the decedent's actual residence or to any other place the commander concerned or designee designates. ***The GOV'T's cost is NTE the transportation cost to the deceased employee's actual residence.***

- b. Time Limitation. Travel of the dependent(s) and HHG transportation must begin within 1 year from the employee's date of death. The commander concerned or the commander's designee may grant one, and only one, one-year extension if requested by the family before the end of the initial one-year limit.
- c. Dependent and HHG Transportation. Except for the limitation imposed in par. C7934-C1b, dependent and HHG transportation under this Part is provided to the same extent as in par. C5085, for the dependent of an employee eligible for separation travel and transportation from OCONUS duty.
2. While Stationed in CONUS. When an employee stationed in CONUS dies while on TDY, transportation expenses may not be authorized for a dependent or HHG. The deceased employee's baggage at the TDY point must be transported to the employee's PDS or actual residence as determined by the employee's dependent(s).
3. Baggage
- a. The DoD COMPONENT must pay transportation costs to return GOV'T property and the deceased employee's personal baggage to the employee's PDS or actual residence.
- b. *Expenses for POC baggage transportation, that would not have been incurred if the baggage had been transported by common carrier, are not reimbursable.*
- c. *Reimbursement for loss or damage to baggage during transit and charges for insurance are not allowed.*
4. POV
- a. OCONUS. Transportation of a POV may be authorized:
- (1) When an employee dies while stationed at an OCONUS PDS or while in transit to/from the PDS, and
 - (2) At GOV'T expense, NTE the cost, including overland transportation, from the employee's OCONUS PDS to the employee's actual residence, and
 - (3) When established that the POV at the OCONUS PDS was in the GOV'T's best interest.
- b. CONUS. When an employee dies while on TDY in the U.S., the employee's commanding officer or designee may authorize the return shipment expenses for the POV when established that the POV was authorized and its presence CONUS was in the GOV'T's best interest (66 Comp. Gen. 677 (1987)).

C7935 PER DIEM TERMINATION

Authorized per diem terminates at the end of the calendar day on which an employee dies. All travel advances in excess of the earned per diem may be collected.

C7936 ESCORT(S) FOR EMPLOYEE REMAINS

- A. Authorization. Escort(s) for an employee's remains may be authorized when an employee's death occurs ICW par. C7930-A1.
- B. Limitations. Travel expenses may be authorized for no more than two escorts.
- C. Travel Expenses. IAW Ch 4, round-trip travel expenses for the escort(s) of the employee's remains may be authorized from/to any place appropriate for burial as determined by the AO.

D. Escort Travel

1. GOV'T Employee. If an authorized escort is a GOV'T employee:
 - a. A TDY order must be issued for travel and transportation at GOV'T expense, and,
 - b. Transportation must be arranged IAW par. C2203.
2. Other than GOV'T Employee. If an authorized escort is not a GOV'T employee:
 - a. An ITA should be issued for travel and transportation at GOV'T expense IAW APP E and APP I 3, par. G, and,
 - b. Transportation
 - (1) Should be provided by the AO through a CTO, or
 - (2) If justified, the least expensive unrestricted *economy/coach* transportation may be arranged directly with the common carrier.
3. Separate Travel. Family members traveling together as escorts should not be separated.

C7937 PCS EXPENSES

A. PCS Payment to the Employee's Dependent(s)/Immediate Family. A DoD COMPONENT must continue payment of PCS expenses for an employee's dependent(s)/immediate family if the dependent(s)/immediate family chooses to continue the PCS and are included on the employee's PCS order when an employee dies:

1. While in transit to a new CONUS PDS.
2. After reporting to a new CONUS PDS, and the dependent(s)/family was in transit to the new PDS or had not begun en route travel.

B. Authorized Expenses. When the dependent(s)/immediate family chooses to continue the PCS IAW par. C7937-A, the following expenses must be authorized:

1. Travel to the new PDS;
2. Travel to an alternate destination, selected by the dependent(s)/immediate family, NTE the remaining constructed travel cost to the new PDS;
3. TQSE(A) for NTE 60 days, to be based on the per diem rate for an unaccompanied spouse/domestic partner and other dependent(s)/immediate family;
4. HHG transportation and POV shipment to:
 - a. The new PDS,
 - b. The old PDS, or
 - c. An alternate destination selected by the immediate family, NTE the GCC between the old and new PDSs;
5. HHG SIT for NTE 90 days; and
6. Reimbursement of real estate expenses incident to the PCS.

C7938 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

A. General

1. Allowable expenses may be paid:
 - a. Directly to the person performing the services, or
 - b. By reimbursement to any person making the original payment.
2. Claims for reimbursement must be supported by required receipts.
3. Payment should be made IAW financial management procedures.

B. Payment Prohibition when Other Laws Apply

1. Payment of allowances provided in this Part is prohibited if any other law of the U.S. authorizes payment.
2. The allowances provided by this Part may not be denied because the deceased employee is eligible for burial benefits as a veteran of the Armed Forces of the U.S.

C. Expenses Incident to Death of an Employee Serving in a Contingency Operation. In addition to the allowances in this Part for the preparation and transportation of an employee's remains, the DoD COMPONENT concerned may pay the following expenses incident to the death of an employee who dies while serving with an Armed Force in a contingency operation (APP A1):

1. Round trip transportation and associated per diem for one person to escort the employee's remains to the place authorized in par. C7934;
2. Presentation of a U.S. flag to the employee's next of kin;
3. Presentation of a flag equal to the flag presented in par. C7080-2 to the employee's parents(s), if the person to be presented a flag under par. C7938-C2 is other than the employee's parent.

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. U3510-A/JTR, par. C3510-A.

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. U3510/JTR, par. C3510 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.

ACTIVE GUARD AND RESERVE (AGR). Active duty performed by a member of an RC of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, or full-time National Guard duty performed by a member of the National Guard pursuant to an order to full-time National Guard duty, for a period of 180 consecutive or more days for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the RCs (10 USC 101(d)6).

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). Except for long term TDY for an employee, 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. For an employee on long term TDY, the UB is not part of HHG, but is personal effects needed by the traveler that exceeds the baggage allowance.*

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. Refer to the [Defense Almanac](#) and/or the [DoD](#) website for Unified Combatant Commands.

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 ([P. L. 104-88](#)) 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 SIT. It includes costs of line haul transportation, packing, crating, unpacking, drayage incident to transportation and other accessorial charges, and costs of SIT within the applicable weight limit for storage including in and out charges and necessary drayage. Rate table information and commuted rate schedule for transportation, storage, packing, unpacking, crating, drayage and other accessorial charges incident to transportation can be found at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/105054>, <http://www.moving.org/> (AMSA) or the appropriate office designated in your Service/DoD COMPONENT. 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 AK and HI 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](#), [§12304a](#), [§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, refer to the [Defense Almanac](#) and/or the [DoD 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 (JCS))	Defense Media Agency (DMA)	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)	Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)	National Intelligence University (NIU)
	Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO)	Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)	Defense Security Service (DSS)	
Department of the Army	Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA)	Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA)	Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	Defense Acquisition University (DAU)
Department of the Air Force		Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)	Missile Defense Agency (MDA)	National Defense University (NDU)
Department of the Navy (including the Marine Corps)	DoD Education Activity (DoDEA)	Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)	National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA)	
DoD Inspector General (DoD IG)	DoD Human Resources Activity (DHRA)	Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)		Joint Professional Military Education Colleges
	Office of Economic Adjustments (OEA)	Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)	National Security Agency (NSA)/Central Security Service	
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces	TRICARE Management Activity	Defense Legal Services Agency		Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU)
	Washington Headquarters Services (WHS)	Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)	Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFFA)	

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 GSBGA and Comptroller General decisions. Some quotes from those decisions are as follows:

GSBGA 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, [GSBGA 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, [GSBGA 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. [GSBGA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](#); [GSBGA 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 AZ state law (the state in which the power of attorney was executed and in which the uniformed member resided) for guidance. Under AZ 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 less than 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% 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.*

NOTE 5: *Whether or not an individual is considered to be an employee'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:*

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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](#)
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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:

<u>EXAMPLE 1</u>	
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
<u>EXAMPLE 2</u>	
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
<u>EXAMPLE 3</u>	
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 an 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 ([P. L. 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 HI and AK 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). 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. See [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) are 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 or UB ICW long term TDY;

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](#));

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) are required of the carrier.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS TRANSPORTATION. See **TRANSPORTATION, HHG.**

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.

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. C2600.

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. U3045 and JTR, par. C3045),
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 and JTR, par. C2605 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 AK and HI, 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 AK, HI, 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.

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 location and reimbursement in the IE for travel to obtain suitable meals is inadequate, reimbursement may be authorized/approved under JFTR, par. U2810-C and JTR, par. C2810-C.;
3. Laundry/dry cleaning, and/or pressing of clothing when travel is to an OCONUS location;
4. Potable water and ice ([28 Comp. Gen. 627 \(1949\)](#));
5. Tax and service charges (other than vendor surcharges for using a credit card) for any of the expenses listed in item F.; and
6. Any other necessary expenses related to lodging that are listed in the room account.

NOTE: Incidental expenses do not include any products or services purchased/used for personal hygiene (e.g., barbers, hairdressers, toothpaste, haircuts, razors, blow dryers, manicurists, masseurs or other similar items or services) that would ordinarily be purchased on a recurring basis 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 \(CBCA\)](#). PDTATAC 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 payment), 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 or of the permanent duty station of a shore based 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. U2240 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, HI) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in TN and KY), 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, HI) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in TN and KY), 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, HI. 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. U2240. See JFTR, par. U2240 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, HI) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in TN and KY), 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, HI) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft Campbell is in TN and KY), 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 to 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. U3325-F/C3325-F.
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. U1015-C.

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. C1015.

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 POC 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).
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. U3040/JTR. par. C3040 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. U2250 and JTR, par. C2250). Travel status does not include travel taken for personal convenience, leave, civilian administrative leave or administrative absence ((Instruction only applicable to DoD 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](#).

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>ATM Use (Civilian Employee).</p> <p>1. <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.</p> <p>2. <u>Not Reimbursable</u>. Administrative fees for an ATM use of a personal charge card.</p> <p>3. DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3 for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</p>			X	X
<p>ATM Use (Uniformed Member)</p> <p>1. Reimbursement is authorized for administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with:</p> <p>a. The GTCC, or</p> <p>b. An ATM or personal charge card used by personnel exempt (and the traveler must provide the exemption authority) from GTCC use for official travel,</p> <p>up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3 for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</p>	X	X		
<p>Baggage, Excess Accompanied (Transportation Cost). 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>Baggage Expenses. 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> <p>1. <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.</p> <p>2. <u>Baggage Storage</u> when charges are result of official business (with explanation).</p> <p>3. <u>Curbside Baggage Check In Fee</u></p>	X	X	X	X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>a. Uniformed Member. 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. Civilian Employee. Reimbursable only when authorized under JTR, par. C7460-4, for a traveler with a disability/special need.</p>				
<p>Baggage Handling Tips. 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. Uniformed Member</p> <p>a. Transportation Terminal. Reimbursement is authorized for customary tips for handling <i>any</i> baggage (personal and/or GOV'T) at a transportation terminal.</p> <p>b. Lodging Establishment. Reimbursement is authorized <i>only</i> for transportation related tips for handling <i>GOV'T property</i> at lodging establishments.</p> <p>2. Civilian Employee. 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 travels with the sponsor.</p>	X	X	X	X
Birth Certificate. The cost of a birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of birth for official OCONUS travel.	X	X	X	X
Carrier Terminal Fees. 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 (52 Comp. Gen. 73 (1972)).	X	X	X	X
Cell Phone Use. 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
Communication Services. 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
Computer Connections. 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
Conveyance Costs. Public or special conveyance costs to and from the transportation terminal. JFTR/JTR, Chs 3, Part D.	X	X	X	X
<p>Currency Conversion Fees</p> <p>1. Reimbursable</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) GTCC. This 1% charge is listed as a separate line item on the billing statement.</p> <p>(2) Other than GTCC. When a member (<i>NOT A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE</i>) is formally exempt from using the GTCC, this</p>	X	X	X	X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
charge on a non GTCC billing statement is reimbursable.				
2. <u>Not Reimbursable</u> . Losses resulting from currency conversions (63 Comp. Gen. 554 (1984)). NOTE: A traveler is not liable to pay the GOV'T for gains resulting from currency conversion.				
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.				
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.				
<u>Conveyance, Government</u> . When a GOV'T conveyance is authorized, 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gasoline and oil; 2. Parking fees; 3. Repairs; 4. Ferry fares; 5. Bridge, road or tunnel tolls; 6. trip insurance for travel in foreign countries (APP G, Insurance, Driving Related); 7. Guards; and 8. Storage fees. 		X		X
<u>Disease Prevention Measures</u> . 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
<u>Driver (Vehicle) Services</u> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<u>Energy Surcharge Fees</u>	X	X	X	X
<u>Green Card</u> . See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
<u>GTCC</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3, par. 031306 for definition of mission critical personnel and processing requirements. 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. 	X	X	X	X
<u>See Merchant Surcharge</u>				
<u>Guide Services</u> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<u>Insurance, Driving Related</u> . 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 (55 Comp. Gen. 1343 (1976)) 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

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
Interpreter Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
Laundry/Dry Cleaning Expenses (Civilian Employee Only) 1. <u>Reimbursable for CONUS Travel.</u> Costs for personal laundry, dry cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during TDY or PCS travel (not prior to departing from the PDS nor after returning to/arriving at the PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense when travel within CONUS requires at least 4 consecutive nights lodging. 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.			X	X
Laundry/Dry Cleaning Expenses (Uniformed Member Only) 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> 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.		X		
Legal Service Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
License/Permit, International Driver's 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. 3. http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html for information on driving abroad. 4. <i>This reimbursement applies only to a member/employee but not dependents.</i>	X	X	X	X
Lodging, Dual. 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
Lodging Fees/Daytime Lodging Charges. 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
Lodging, Mandatory Fees/Charges. Separately reimbursable, in addition to room rate, when the expense is: a. not optional; and b. approved by the AO. Fees/charges include, but are not limited to a 'tourism fee', a 'safe fee', or a 'service charge.'			X	X
Lodging Reimbursement while on Leave (Uniformed Member Only). 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).		X		

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>Lodging Tax (except when 'MALT Plus' for POC travel is paid) in the CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (APP A).</p> <p>1. Reimbursable. 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.</p> <p>2. Not Reimbursable. Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is part of per diem/AEA and is <i>not separately reimbursable</i>.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>Medical Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.</p>				
<p>Merchant Surcharge (Civilian Employee).</p> <p>1. Reimbursement is authorized for merchant surcharge (up to 4%) for official travel expenses charged to the GTCC.</p> <p>2. Reimbursement is not authorized for merchant surcharge for the use of a personal charge card.</p> <p>3. See DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3 for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</p> <p>4. Not all merchants impose a surcharge. Some state laws restrict or limit surcharges.</p>			X	X
<p>Merchant Surcharge (Uniformed Member)</p> <p>1. Reimbursement is authorized for merchant surcharge (up to 4%) for official travel expenses charged with:</p> <p>a. The GTCC, or</p> <p>b. A personal charge card used by personnel exempt (and the traveler must provide the exemption authority) from GTCC use for official travel.</p> <p>2. See DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 3 for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</p> <p>3. Not all merchants impose a surcharge. Some state laws restrict or limit surcharges.</p>	X	X		
<p>Mission Related Expenses. 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), use of clerical assistance (e.g., typists, data processors, stenographers), technology equipment (e.g., computers, printers, faxing machines, and scanners), gifts for child care, pet care, hotel concierge, workout room/gym fees, and similar items. See B-166411, 3 September 1975; B-198823, 10 December 1980; and B-198824, 23 January 1981. See DoDFMR Volume 10, Ch 11 for reimbursement.</p>				
<p>Nonrefundable Room Deposits, Forfeited Rental Deposits or Prepaid Rent, and Early Checkout Penalties when TDY is Curtailed/Canceled/Interrupted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. 59 Comp. Gen. 609 (1980), 59 id. 612 (1980), 60 id. 630 (1981), and cases cited therein.</p> <p>4. The AO should consider if the:</p> <p>a. Traveler acted reasonably and prudently in incurring lodging expenses;</p> <p>b. Traveler had a reasonable expectation of completing the TDY as authorized;</p> <p>c. Assignment was changed for official purposes or for an acceptable reason beyond the traveler's control; and</p> <p>d. Traveler took reasonable steps to obtain a refund once the TDY was officially canceled/curtailed.</p>		X		X
<p>Paper Tickets. 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

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
Parking Fees at a Terminal. 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.		X		X
Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Exams, and Legal Services.	X	X	X	X
<p>1. <u>Reimbursement Eligibility</u></p> <p>a. <u>General.</u> Reimbursement is authorized for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Member, (2) Employee, and (3) Dependent (member's and/or employee's), <p>b. <u>Uniformed Member.</u> Reimbursement authority is for a member who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Assigned to a foreign OCONUS area, (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 (3) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below. <p>c. <u>Civilian Employee.</u> Reimbursement authority is for an employee who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.) (2) Hired locally or transported to a foreign OCONUS area at GOV'T expense, (3) Serving under a service or renewal agreement, and (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 (5) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below. <p>d. <u>Dependent</u> (Member's or Employee's). Reimbursement authority is for a dependent who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Authorized travel and transportation allowances to/from a foreign OCONUS area, or (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>2. <u>Acquired Dependent (Uniformed Member Only).</u> 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. <u>Biometric Fees.</u> 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. <u>Dependent Fee.</u> Dependent fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>5. <u>Emergency Technical Support Personnel.</u> 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. <u>Visa, Green card, and Photograph Fee for OCONUS Travel.</u> These fees are reimbursable ICW official travel. A 'Green Card' is</p>				

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
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officially known as a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551). 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.				
7. <u>Legal Service Fees</u> . 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.				
8. <u>Medical Expenses</u> . Medical expenses associated with obtaining passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements, a visa and/or a green card, are not reimbursable, except for disease prevention measures (inoculations and other disease preventive medical prophylaxes (e.g., oral anti-malarial prophylaxis) as stated in this APP.				
9. <u>Passport Fees</u> . An official traveler ordinarily travels on a no fee passport. The three types of U.S. passports 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 regular fee passport . 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).				
10. <u>Physical Examination Fees</u> . 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) (GSBCA 15435-RELO, 9 April 2001). A dependent's fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.				
11. <u>Order for Visas and Physical Examinations</u> . 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A visa issuing office located outside the traveler's PDS local area if the traveler's presence at that office is/was mandatory. 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. 				
12. <u>Travel Not Required</u> . Actual travel to obtain required documents is not required for reimbursement (e.g., the expenses may be related to mail).				
Personal Expenses . <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 B-166411, 3 September 1975 ; B-198823, 10 December 1980 ; and B-198824, 23 January 1981 .				
Pet Quarantine . JFTR and JTR, Ch 5, Part I for rules regarding pet quarantine ICW PDT.	X		X	
Phone Calls (Official) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The AO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. May determine certain communications to a traveler's home/family are official and are reimbursable (i.e., to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, inform/inquire about medical conditions, and advise regarding changes in itinerary) and should limit these communications to a dollar amount in advance of TDY, b. May determine certain communications to reserve lodgings are official and are reimbursable, and c. May approve charges after TDY completion, when appropriate (adopted from GSBCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998). 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. 		X		X
Physical Examination Fees . See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
Prepaid Phone Cards/Cell Phones . See Communication Services.				

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
Preparatory Travel Expense Reimbursement when the Order is Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked. 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
Privately Owned Conveyance Tax and License Fee (B-214930, 1 October 1984). CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ONLY: A. <u>General</u> . Some states: 1. Require an ownership tax and license fee for a POC used in the state for over 30 days; and 2. Allow a TDY traveler to apply for an exemption certificate upon first coming into the state. 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: 1. POC use is authorized as being to the GOV'T's advantage ICW a TDY assignment (see par. C4725). 2. The traveler's PDS is not the state in which the TDY assignment is performed. 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. C. <u>Documentation</u> . Payment documentation of the state imposed charges in the state in which the TDY was performed may be required.				X
Privately Owned Conveyance (POC) Use on TDY. In addition to a TDY mileage allowance, the following official business costs are allowable: 1. Ferry fares, bridge, road and tunnel tolls; 2. Automobile parking fees; (related to official business only (except those incident to PDT)); and 3. Aircraft landing, parking, and tie down fees.		X		X
Registered Traveler Membership Fee. Individual traveler membership in a registered and/or trusted traveler program is NOT a reimbursable expense per JFTR/JTR, pars. U1215/C1215. Use of GOV'T funds to obtain membership in such a program is statutorily prohibited by 5 USC §5946 per GSA Bulletin FTR 08-05 of 25 June 2008 .				
Registration Fee. 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.		X		X
*Rental Vehicle Reimbursable Expenses. See Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle (Includes Rental Aircraft) Reimbursable Expenses *NOTE: <i>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. When a special conveyance (particularly a rental vehicle or a 'taxi') must be used, sharing of the special conveyance by official travelers is encouraged to most efficiently use taxpayer dollars.</i>		X		X
Resort Fees. Resort fees, <i>that are mandatory</i> , are authorized.	X	X	X	X
Room Rental. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only when used for official business.		X		X
Service and Processing Fees. 1. Service and processing fees (transaction fees) for arranging official transportation, rental car and lodging accommodations are authorized: a. Through a CTO/TMC, and b. When a CTO/TMC is not available.	X	X	X	X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
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.				
<p>*Special Conveyance/Rental Vehicle (Includes Rental Aircraft) Reimbursable Expenses</p> <p>*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. When a special conveyance (particularly a rental vehicle or a ‘taxi’) must be used, sharing of the special conveyance by official travelers is encouraged to most efficiently use taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>1. <u>CTO Use</u>. 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. <u>Reimbursable Expenses</u>. When the AO authorizes/approves special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following expenses are reimbursable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any ‘per day’ administrative fee called for in the DTMO rental car agreements (including GARS) is authorized. b. Rental cost, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users. c. Necessary gas and oil. d. Aircraft landing and tie down fees. e. Transportation to and from the rental facility, public transit systems, and taxi fares. f. Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls. g. Traveler access fee (when charged). h. Garage, hangar, or boathouse rental. i. Operator’s subsistence. j. Optional extra collision hull insurance for rental aircraft. k. Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries. l. Snow tires. Reimbursement is limited to the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for the required nonstandard equipment. m. Global positioning system (GPS) rental, when the AO determines it is necessary for official use. 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. 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 B-204486, 19 January 1982. p. Breathalyzer installed in rental car when required in foreign country. See item 3e below. q. <u>Rented Motor Vehicle Damage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <u>DoD Travelers</u>. 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 DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 4. Statements, itemized bills, and an accident report are typical requirements (47 Comp. Gen. 145 (1967)). 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 http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Rental/. (2) <u>Uniformed Non DoD Service Member</u>: A request from a traveler or rental company for reimbursement/payment must 		X		X

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
be documented and submitted IAW Service written guidance.				
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.				
3. <u>Expenses that Are <i>Not</i> Reimbursable.</u> The following expenses are <i>not</i> reimbursable:				
a. <u>Personal Accident Insurance.</u> Personal accident insurance is a personal expense and is not reimbursable.				
b. <u>Rental Car Insurance in the U.S./Non-Foreign OCONUS Location.</u> A traveler is not reimbursed for rental car insurance 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. 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).				
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.				
<u>Storage of Property Used on Official Business.</u> Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
<u>Tips Aboard Commercial Ships (Uniformed Member Only).</u> 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			
<u>Tips for Handling GOV'T Property.</u> 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
<u>Tips, Transportation Related.</u> 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
<u>Transportation to/from Terminal.</u> POC transportation costs (ICW TDY travel) to and from the transportation terminal are authorized. JFTR, par. U4925 and JTR, par. C4760		X		X
<u>Travel and Transportation Related Expenses.</u> Travel and transportation related expenses similar to any in this table may be authorized.	X	X	X	X
<u>Value Added Tax (VAT) Certificate.</u> The cost of a Value Added Tax (VAT) certificate used to avoid paying TDY lodging taxes is reimbursable.		X		X
<u>Visa and Photograph Fees for OCONUS Travel.</u> See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				

APPENDIX O

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

This Appendix contains a summary of travel and transportation allowances for business, training and deployment TDY. This Appendix does not contain all of the information required. Consult JFTR/JTR, Chs 1 to 4 for further details.

T4000 INTRODUCTION

A. Application. In this APP:

1. Except where differences are identified, the allowances and responsibilities apply equally to a uniformed member and a DoD civilian employee and any other non DoD GOV'T employee working for DoD and paid travel allowances funded by DoD; and
2. "Authorizing official" or "AO" means the individual who:
 - a. Controls the mission,
 - b. Authorizes the trip, and,
 - c. Controls funds for TDY travel (APP A1).

B. Common TDY Travel Types. This APP:

1. Is a summary of the travel and transportation allowances and responsibilities of a traveler who performs the most common TDY travel types as authorized by law for a uniformed member, DoD civilian employee and any non DoD GOV'T employee working for DoD and paid travel allowances funded by DoD;
2. Covers individual:
 - a. travel for business,
 - b. travel for schoolhouse training,
 - c. deployment or personnel traveling together via no/limited reimbursement, and,
 - d. certain travel under special circumstances.
3. Is to be used ICW the JFTR and JTR where more detailed allowances are prescribed.
4. Is to be used for ITAs. See also JFTR/JTR, APP E.

C. Special Circumstances and Categories Travel. JFTR/JTR, Ch 7, not this APP, contains provisions for travel of:

1. Senior ROTC;
2. RC member travel for medical and dental care;
3. Retirees called to active duty;
4. A Ready RC member authorized muster duty allowance;
5. ADT tours of 140 or more days at one location (except as noted in JFTR, par. U2240-B) and active duty for

other than training for more than 180 days at one location (except when due to unusual circumstances per diem has been authorized IAW JFTR, par. U7150-A4b(3)).

D. PCS Move Travel. *TDY, performed as part of a PCS move (i.e., TDY en route), is not paid through DTS.*

E. Evacuations. See JFTR/JTR, Ch 6.

T4005 APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW JFTR/JTR

Commands/units are expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow JFTR/JTR. Disciplinary action should be for *willful* violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), or non-judicial action (uniformed member), or other personnel means (civilian employee). Action must *not* be through refusal to reimburse (par. T4025-A4 when reimbursement is *not* allowed).

T4010 REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Rates for private conveyance mileage reimbursement rates are found in JFTR, par. U2600/JTR, par. C2600. GOV'T dining facility/mess food and operating expense rates are found in JFTR/JTR, APP A, Government Meal Rate. [Per diem rates](#) by location showing the lodging, meals and IE components are provided by the DTMO (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>).

T4020 TDY TRAVEL POLICY

A. Criteria for TDY Travel. TDY travel is mission support. TDY travel is performed when there is no other means to successfully complete the mission. When the mission can be achieved by another means, such as written correspondence or teleconferencing, the AO must choose that method.

B. Traveler Rights and Responsibilities

1. A traveler must follow JFTR/JTR, and use good judgment in incurring official travel related expenses, as if traveling using personal funds (JFTR, par. U2000/JTR, par. C2000).

2. A traveler is provided transportation, lodging, and food, or must be reimbursed promptly for reasonable and necessary authorized expenses if the traveler purchases them. An AO must authorize/approve reimbursement for other travel related expenses appropriate to the mission.

*3. It is *mandatory* that the traveler arranges commercial transportation, rental vehicles (if authorized/approved), through an available CTO or in-house travel arranger per JFTR, par. U2400/JTR, par. C2400 ([CBCA 2956-TRAV, 31 January 2013](#)). DTS estimates the total cost for the trip (a "should cost" estimate) forming the estimated reimbursement basis.

4. It is *mandatory* that the traveler makes the official travel and transportation arrangements through the CTO. Only in extremely unusual circumstances in which the traveler cannot communicate with the CTO should the CTO not be used. A traveler:

a. Who does not use a CTO or the GTCC to purchase transportation must submit the ticket receipt (if \$75 or more) for reimbursement (*NOTE: A receipt must be submitted for each transportation ticket of \$75 or more for which reimbursement is desired regardless of how acquired, except that a ticket received in exchange for frequent traveler benefits is not reimbursable and should not be submitted.*),

b. Must use economy/coach accommodations for all official GOV'T funded travel, unless 'other than economy/coach' accommodations are authorized before/approved after travel at the appropriate level listed in JFTR, par. U3510 /JTR, par. C3510. Reason for use examples, when authorized/approved:

(1) Medical reasons – See JFTR, par. U2110-J/JTR, par. C2110-J, or

- (2) Mission requirement - TDY mission timing requires 'other than economy/coach'. When 'other than economy/coach' TDY transportation is authorized/approved because the mission timing is "so urgent it cannot be postponed," 'other than economy/coach' transportation should only be authorized on the way to the TDY site. Economy/coach accommodations use should be annotated on the trip record and used for the return transportation if the return timing is not critical and the traveler can rest before reporting back to work. See JFTR, par. U3510 /JTR, par. C3510.
- c. Must *not* use foreign flag transportation, even if U.S. certificated air flag carrier fares are higher,
- d. Who uses other than economy/coach or a foreign flag transportation presumably at GOV'T expense (i.e., reimbursable) must provide to the AO adequate acceptable justification that meets the JFTR/JTR requirements for reimbursement (see par. T4020-B9 for non-reimbursable expenses), and
- e. Should promptly update the Trip Record, and confirm/modify arrangements when communication with the CTO was not possible.
5. Each traveler is advised, in advance, of the allowances, arrangements, probable expenses, and an estimate of what should be reimbursed.
6. A traveler should use a GTCC. The policies and procedures for the GTCC program (including central billing and unit cards) are found in the DoDFMR (DoD 7000.14-R), Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures" (<http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>).
7. When using the DTS for TDY over 45 days, a request for scheduled partial payments should be included with the order so the traveler is paid every 30 days. This helps to ensure the traveler is paid for expenses prior to GTCC bill receipt.
8. A traveler must comply with Federal and Departmental ethics rules when accepting travel benefits (i.e., goods, services or payment) from non Federal sources. For DoD, Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD 5500.7-R, Ch 4. For Coast Guard, COMDTINST M5370.8 (series). For NOAA Corps, Department of Commerce Administrative Order 202-735. For Public Health Service, Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual CC26.1, Inst 1. A traveler may keep items of nominal value (as defined in applicable ethics regulations). A traveler also may keep benefits received for voluntarily vacating a seat on an overbooked flight, but should not vacate the seat if the GOV'T would incur additional costs or if it would affect the mission (Seat Relinquishing – par. T4020-B9c).
9. Non-Reimbursable Expenses
- a. General. The JFTR/JTR addresses "reimbursable" allowances funded by the GOV'T. Non-reimbursable expenses, for goods or services obtained through personal purchase, or under the same conditions as those offered to the general public and at no additional GOV'T cost, does not require authorization/approval, but is still not reimbursable regardless of the AO's authorization/approval. Pars. T4020-B9b through T4020-B9d provide clarification.
- b. Promotional Materials/Benefits
- (1) A traveler on official business traveling at GOV'T expense AGENCY (APP A1) funds may keep promotional material (including frequent traveler benefits, such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities) for personal use.
- (2) The promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must be at no additional GOV'T cost. Examples include vendor provided complimentary upgrades to rooms or transportation accommodations and upgrades 'purchased' using frequent traveler benefits and/or personal unreimbursed funds.

(3) Promotional benefits or materials received from a travel service provider ICW planning and/or scheduling an official conference or other group travel (as opposed to performing official travel) are considered GOV'T property, and may only be accepted on the GOV'T's behalf.

(4) Promotional items received for travel using funds other than those of an agency are not covered by this rule. The traveler should seek guidance from the funding authorities.

c. Seat Relinquishing

(1) Voluntary. A traveler may keep payments from a carrier for voluntarily vacating a transportation seat. However, no additional expenses (per diem or reimbursable) may be paid as a result of the traveler's delay. ***Additional travel expenses incurred as a result of voluntarily giving up a seat are the traveler's financial responsibility.***

(2) Involuntarily. If a traveler is involuntarily denied boarding on a flight, compensation for the denied seat belongs to the GOV'T (59 Comp. Gen. 203 (1980)). The traveler must request that the carrier shows the "Treasurer of the United States" as payee on the compensation check and forward the payment according to Service/Agency directives.

d. Lost, Delayed, or Damaged Accompanied Baggage. A traveler may keep payments from a commercial carrier for accompanied baggage that has been lost, delayed, or damaged by the carrier. If the traveler intends to make a claim against the GOV'T for the loss, delay, or damage, the traveler should see the Claims Office prior to accepting a carrier's compensation. By accepting the carrier's compensation, the traveler may be accepting that amount as payment in full. (31 USC §3721, The Personnel Claims Act, P. L. 88-558 for reimbursement claims when the traveler has not been compensated by the carrier for lost or damaged baggage.)

10. Each traveler must be treated as an honest, responsible customer, and must follow JFTR/JTR. The DoDFMR, Vol. 9, JFTR, par. U2705/JTR, par. C2705, apply when a fraudulent claim submission is suspected.

T4025 ARRANGING OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A. CTO Use

1. Mandatory Policy

a. It is MANDATORY DoD policy that all Uniformed Service member and DoD civilian travelers use an available DTMO contracted CTO, or a GSA contracted TMC (when a DTMO contracted CTO is not available) for all official transportation requirements (CBCA 2956-TRAV, 31 January 2013). The eligible traveler must contact the responsible Agency/Service designated official if there is not an available DTMO contracted CTO/GSA contracted TMC for the official travel. A command must not permit a CTO to issue other than the least expensive unrestricted economy/coach tickets purchased at GOV'T expense without prior proper authority (JFTR, pars. U2400, U3500, U3600, and U3650, and JTR, pars. C2400, C3500, C3600, and C3650 for exceptions).

b. A command must not permit a CTO to issue a YCA airfare purchased at GOV'T expense to a traveler when a _CA airfare is available and the AO determines that a _CA airfare meets mission needs.

NOTE: This does not establish the _CA as the basis for POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE – that remains the YCA airfare.

2. Service Issuances. DoD COMPONENT/Service issuances address CTO use.

3. Failure to Follow Regulations/Issuances. A command/unit is expected to take appropriate:

a. Disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow the regulation issuances concerning

CTO use (par. T4005).

b. Action for reimbursement to the GOV'T when a traveler and/or AO allows a CTO to issue a YCA airfare when there is a _CA airfare available that meets mission needs. (CBCA 1511-TRAV, 7 May 2009.)

c. Disciplinary action for *willful* violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), or non-judicial action (uniformed member), or other personnel means (civilian employee). Action must *not* be through refusal to reimburse (par. T4025-A4 when reimbursement is *not* allowed.)

4. Reimbursement Not Allowed. Reimbursement is *not allowed* when the traveler does not follow the JFTR/JTR for foreign flag carriers (par. T4025-C).

B. Requirements

1. When making travel arrangements, the traveler should use the following in priority order:

a. Services available at a DTMO contracted CTO (or GSA contracted TMC in the absence of a DTMO contracted CTO), or

b. In-house travel offices.

2. All travel arrangements must be made IAW:

a. DoDD 4500.09E, Transportation and Traffic Management, 11 September 2007 (<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/450009p.pdf>); and

b. Service issuances.

C. Foreign Ship or Aircraft Transportation. Transportation in foreign ships or aircraft of foreign registry must *not* be authorized/approved unless the conditions in par. T4060-B3 are met (JFTR, par. U3525-H/JTR, par. C3525-H).

D. Transportation Reimbursement

1. CTO Available. When a CTO is available, but not used by the traveler, reimbursement for the transportation cost is limited to the amount the GOV'T would have paid if the arrangements had been made directly through a CTO (CBCA 2956-TRAV, 31 January 2013).

2. CTO Not Available. When the AO certifies that a CTO was/is not available to arrange the required official transportation, reimbursement is for the authorized/approved transportation actual cost NTE the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (APP A) that meets mission requirements. ***NOTE: CTO service not being available should be an extremely rare occurrence. Each event of non-availability should lead to correction(s) that make CTO service available should the same situation arise again.***

NOTE: The cost paid by the GOV'T for GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation, in house or CTO transportation, frequently includes a transaction fee for arranging the transportation. A CTO transaction fee incurred by a member/employee is reimbursable under APP G. When an available CTO is not used and no transaction fee is included in the GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation, the transaction fee for personally procured transportation from other than a CTO may be reimbursed NTE the GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation cost.

T4030 GETTING THERE AND BACK (TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES)

A. Transportation Mode. The AO may direct travel by any mode (e.g., GOV'T or commercial air, bus, train) except the AO cannot require the traveler to use a personal or rental vehicle for official travel. ***If a certain mode is directed and another mode is used, transportation reimbursement is NTE the directed transportation mode cost.***

B. Commercial Transportation. The Services must require that the CTO arrange commercial transportation IAW law, GOV'T policies, agreements and contracted rates using U.S. certificated carriers and economy/coach accommodations, whenever possible. The AO may, under certain conditions, authorize the CTO to arrange other than contract city pair flights, or to arrange non U.S. certificated carriers, or business (but not first) class accommodations (JFTR, par. U4326, ***NOTE 1***/JTR, par. C4485, ***NOTE 1***) when needed to fulfill a documented mission requirement as specified in par. T4060-B1. Only the officials listed in JFTR, pars. U3510, and U3620 (trains only)/JTR, pars. C3510, and C3620 (trains only), may authorize/approve business or first class accommodations use.

*C. Special Conveyances (Includes Aircraft) Reimbursement. The AO may authorize an appropriately sized rental vehicle IAW mission needs when a compact rental car (the "standard" for TDY travel), does not meet requirements. ***It is mandatory to obtain rental vehicles (except for aircraft or bus) through the CTO per JFTR, par. U2400/JTR, par. C2400, when the CTO is available. When a special conveyance (particularly a rental vehicle or a 'taxi') must be used, sharing of the special conveyance by official travelers is encouraged to most efficiently use taxpayer dollars.*** When the AO authorizes special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following reimbursements are authorized IAW APP G.

1. Rental costs, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users, necessary gas and oil, landing and tie-down fees, and transportation to/from the rental facility.
2. Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls; traveler access fee (when charged); GARS; garage (POC parking is a separate reimbursable expense), hangar or boathouse rental; operator's subsistence; and optional extra collision hull insurance for rental aircraft.
3. Snow tires and similar non-standard equipment necessary for travel when authorized/approved in the order. Reimbursement NTE the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for required non-standard equipment. Disregard of a special conveyance arranged by a CTO, requires justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost using the CTO). ***Reimbursement for purchase of snow tire and other non-standard items is not authorized.***
4. Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.
5. A claim for damage to a rental vehicle, while the rental vehicle is being used for official business, is reimbursable to the traveler or the rental car vendor as a reimbursable expense. The claim must be adjudicated as payable per the DoDFMR, Volume 9, Ch 4, (<http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>) (or appropriate Service issuances for the non-DoD Services). 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 <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Rental/>. When the AO has not authorized/approved special conveyance use, reimbursement for rental car use is limited to the POC mileage rate in JFTR, par. U2600/JTR, par. C2600 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost (JFTR, par. U4920-A1/JTR, par. C4720, item 8).

NOTE 1: A traveler is not reimbursed for rental car insurance coverage purchased in the U.S. or in a non-foreign OCONUS location regardless of from whom the rental car is rented [CBCA 2956-TRAV, 31 January 2013](#).

NOTE 2: Reimbursement for personal funds paid for damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized.

NOTE 3: Some vehicles are not covered with liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance for the traveler or the GOV'T when rented for official GOV'T travel. To view appropriate rental car companies and rates go to the DTMO website (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil>) and select Car/Truck Rental Programs in the left hand column. A vehicle listed in the rental car agreement on the DTMO website is covered under the DTMO rental car agreement. A vehicle, offered by a vendor that is under the DTMO rental car agreement but not listed on the DTMO list as a vehicle "in that category", does not have the full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T, and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel. Usually, there is at least one vendor listed that has a vehicle available for official GOV'T travel and this vendor should be used.

D. GOV'T Transportation

1. The TO arranges international GOV'T airlift under AMC contract/control, when it is available and satisfies mission requirements.

2. The TO provides GOV'T ground transportation. (Within the Navy, GOVs are obtained directly from the providers, ordinarily Public Works.) Use GOV'T transportation only for official business to commute to/from the traveler's: TDY location, lodgings, dining facilities, and other locations for comfort and health reasons. If it is used for any other purpose, and the traveler has an accident, the traveler may be financially responsible. Use GOV'T servicing for the vehicle whenever possible. When GOV'T servicing is not available, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of actual vehicle operating expenses. These expenses include: gas and oil; parking fees; repairs; ferry fares; bridge, road or tunnel tolls; trip insurance for travel in foreign countries; guards; and storage fees.

E. POC. When the AO authorizes/approves a POC as being to the GOV'T's advantage, reimbursement is authorized at the standard rate per mile for the POC type and the distance between duty locations or between home and TDY location(s). Reimbursement of parking fees, ferry fares, and road, bridge, and tunnel tolls for travel over a direct route is authorized. If the AO does not authorize/approve using a POC as being to the GOV'T's advantage and one is used anyway, reimbursement is authorized at the standard rate per mile plus reimbursable expenses (parking fees, etc.) NTE the constructed cost of AO authorized transportation (e.g., commercial plane). In either case (to the GOV'T's advantage or not), reimbursement is only authorized for the traveler paying the POC operating expenses. 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 official traveler passenger(s) is/are picked up/dropped off at their homes. The extra distance is based on odometer readings (or other acceptable evidence) of the actual necessary extra distance traveled. If reimbursement at the published rate does not cover expenses, or if there is no established rate for the POC type being used, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of necessary transportation costs incurred for uniformed personnel. For distance determination (DTOD requirements), JFTR, par. U2650-A/JTR, par. C2650-A. ***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 (roundtrip) 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 roundtrip (400 miles one way) at its discretion.***

F. Rest Stops. Normally, a traveler is not required to travel during unreasonable night hours. If the traveler is required to travel during normal sleeping hours, or the scheduled flight time, including stopovers and plane changes, exceeds 14 hours, and the traveler is not authorized first/business class accommodations, the AO may authorize/approve a rest stop en route or a rest period at the TDY location before reporting for duty. ***Scheduled flight time is the time between the scheduled aircraft departure from the airport serving the PDS/TDY point and the scheduled aircraft arrival at the airport serving the TDY point/PDS.*** Rest stops must not exceed 24 hours. ***NOTE: A traveler is disqualified from using business class accommodations at GOV'T expense if (a) a 'stopover' en route is an overnight stay, (b) a rest stop en route is authorized/approved, or (c) an overnight rest period occurs at the TDY location before beginning work.***

G. Insurance Coverage in Foreign Areas. The AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for mandatory insurance coverage required in foreign areas for a rental, GOV'T, or POC used for official travel.

H. Allowable Travel Days. The number of allowed travel days is determined by the transportation mode. For commercial air travel, one day is allowed in CONUS and within OCONUS areas. For travel between CONUS and OCONUS via commercial air, the actual elapsed time is used based on the scheduled departure and arrival times. For travel by commercial ground transportation, the scheduled departure and arrival dates are used. The actual time is used for travel by GOV'T/GOV'T procured air transportation based on scheduled departure and arrival dates. When the AO authorizes/approves travel by private, rental or GOV (other than GOV'T/GOV'T procured air), one travel day is allowed for each 400 miles or increment thereof. If travel by POC is used, but not authorized/approved by the AO as advantageous, travel time is limited to one day for each leg (for example, from PDS to TDY stop) requiring an overnight stay.

I. Authorized Trips Home during Extended TDY. A traveler on extended TDY (other than deployment), for a continuous period of more than three weeks, may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other non-workdays.

J. Voluntary Return Home during Intervening Weekend/Holidays. If the AO does not authorize travel home periodically on weekends or non-workdays, it may still be performed for personal convenience. If so, reimbursement for the roundtrip transportation and en route per diem is authorized, but limited to the amount of per diem the GOV'T would have paid had the traveler remained at the TDY location.

K. Constructed Cost. Constructed transportation costs are based on the non-capacity controlled city pair airfare (YCA), not the capacity controlled city pair airfare (_CA), if both are available. If a city pair airfare is not available between origin and destination, the constructed transportation cost is limited by the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (see APP A1). City pair (YCA) airfare transportation is presumed available if there is a city pair between the origin and destination points, regardless of whether or not space would actually have been available had the traveler used air transportation for the official travel.

L. Travel to/from Transportation Terminals. For transportation to and from transportation terminals JFTR, pars. U4925, U3310-A, U3320-B, U3315-A, and Ch 3, Part D, NOTE/JTR, pars. C3310-A, C3320-B, C3315-A, C3310, Ch 3, Part D, NOTE, and C4760.

T4040 LIVING EXPENSES (PER DIEM)

The "Lodging Plus" computation method is used to reimburse TDY living expenses. A traveler is paid the actual lodging cost up to a limit, plus a set amount for M&IE. Per diem rates for lodging and M&IE vary by location, but should be sufficient for a comfortable, safe trip. A traveler also can be reimbursed for other necessary allowable travel related reimbursable expenses (APP G) if the AO authorizes/approves them as appropriate to the mission.

A. Lodging Overnight Required - Business Travel Standards

1. Sleeping

- a. The cost estimate for lodging should include tax.
- b. Uniformed Member – A member ordered to a U.S. INSTALLATION (as opposed to a geographic location like a town or city) is required to check the GOV'T QTRS availability (e.g., using Service/Agency procedures) at (*not near*) the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY to facilitate the AO's decision about requiring GOV'T QTRS use.
- c. The AO may direct adequate (based on DoD and Service standards) available GOV'T QTRS use for a uniformed member on (*not near*) a U.S. INSTALLATION only if the uniformed member is TDY to that U.S. INSTALLATION. (*DOHA Claims Case No. 2009-CL-080602.2, 7 July 2010*).
- d. GOV'T QTRS availability/non-availability must be documented as indicated in JFTR, par. U2570-A.
- e. A member, as a prudent traveler, should use adequate available GOV'T QTRS on the U.S. INSTALLATION at which assigned TDY; however:
 - (1) when adequate GOV'T QTRS use is directed, and
 - (2) when adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which a member is assigned TDY, and
 - (3) the member uses other lodgings as a personal choice, lodging reimbursement is NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY (*44 Comp. Gen. 626 (1965)*).

2. *Per diem cannot be limited based on the presence of 'nearby' GOV'T QTRS (i.e., not on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY but on another 'nearby' U.S. INSTALLATION or other uniformed facility or elsewhere). The non-availability indicated in JFTR, par. U2570-A is required only for GOV'T QTRS 'on' the U.S. INSTALLATION at which the member is assigned TDY.*

NOTE: *The member is not required to seek (or check for) GOV'T QTRS when TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION after non-availability documentation has been initially provided. Checking QTRS availability is a onetime requirement at a TDY U.S. INSTALLATION. (Example: A member who is required to check QTRS availability at a U.S. INSTALLATION, does so, and documents non-availability cannot be required to re-check later for QTRS availability at that U.S. INSTALLATION during that TDY period) IAW JFTR, par. U2570-A.*

3. Civilian Employee

a. *An employee may not be ordered/required to use GOV'T QTRS, nor may the lodging reimbursement simply be limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost.*

b. IAW the requirement to exercise prudence when incurring expenses, an employee should check for GOV'T QTRS availability, and is encouraged to use those QTRS when TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION.

c. The proper authority under par. C4550-C may prescribe a reduced per diem rate based on the GOV'T QTRS cost and other considerations.

d. Reduced per diem rates can be established only before travel begins.

e. The head of a DoD COMPONENT (APP A1) concerned may authorize zero per diem or a per diem rate (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiem.cfm>) in a lesser amount if the circumstances of the travel or duty to be performed so warrant and are peculiar to that particular DoD COMPONENT. This authority may be delegated to a chief of an appropriate bureau or staff agency of the appropriate DoD COMPONENT's headquarters, and may not be re-delegated.

f. In the absence of a reduced or no per diem authority on the order before travel begins (or as part of an order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the order was issued), an order, modified after the fact, prescribing a different per diem rate is without effect and the locality per diem rates are used.

g. Reduced per diem rates should incorporate amounts for laundry/dry cleaning/pressing of clothes if the travel is OCONUS or for less than 4 days in CONUS for an employee or less than 7 days in CONUS for a member. **NOTE 1** (applicable to a civilian employee) following par. T4040-A9 for an explanation concerning separate reimbursement for laundry/dry cleaning/pressing of clothing.

4. Commercial Lodging Reimbursement

a. Commercial lodging reimbursement is based on the single occupant rate, up to the TDY site or stopover location maximum.

b. If only lodgings that cost more than the published maximum rate are available, the AO may authorize/approve the higher amount such that the actual lodging cost and the per diem M&IE does not exceed 300% of the published rate (lodging plus M&IE). For example, a member is TDY to a location with a maximum per diem rate of \$122 (\$76/ \$46). The AO could authorize up to \$320 for lodging (300% x \$122 = \$366 - \$46 (for M&IE) = \$320) if AEA for meals is not authorized. These rates must be placed on the Trip Record.

c. Under special or unusual circumstances a uniformed member may require more than 300% for lodging OCONUS. Rates in excess of 300% may be authorized *only in advance* ([47 Comp. Gen. 127 \(1967\)](#)) by PDTATAC, or the Secretary Concerned (for a classified mission), and for *only a uniformed member*.

JFTR, par. U4250. The traveler is personally financially responsible for charges beyond the basic room fee and tax. The traveler must retain all lodging receipts.

***NOTE 1:** *Tax paid on lodging in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to lodging expense except when 'MALT Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid to a uniformed member. The locality per diem lodging ceiling (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>) in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area does not include lodging tax.*

***NOTE 2:** *Tax paid on lodging at a foreign area is not separately reimbursable. The locality per diem lodging ceiling (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>) in a foreign OCONUS area includes lodging tax.*

NOTE 3: *The TDY locality per diem rate is used for computation. However, if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available at the TDY location and lodging must be obtained in an adjacent locality at which the locality rate is higher, the AO may authorize/approve the higher locality per diem rate for the lodging facility location.*

5. Lodging with a Friend or Relative

a. Applicable to a Uniformed Service Member. *Reimbursement of lodging cost is not authorized when staying with a friend or relative.* A member, who lodges with a friend or relative, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.

b. Applicable to a Civilian Employee. When a traveler lodges with a friend or relative - with or without charge - the traveler may be reimbursed for additional lodging costs the host incurs in accommodating the traveler, if the traveler can substantiate the costs, and the AO determines the costs are reasonable. *The traveler may not be reimbursed the cost of comparable conventional lodging in the area or a flat "token" amount.* GSBCA 16836-RELO, 5 June 2006. A traveler, who lodges with a friend or relative, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.

NOTE 1: *If the friend or relative is in the business of renting on a regular basis the lodgings involved – for example, if that individual is operating a hotel or apartment house – the "friends or relatives" provision does not apply.* GSBCA 14398-TRAV, 24 Feb 1998.

NOTE 2: *Shortly after being transferred to a new PDS, an employee was sent TDY to the old PDS where the employee stayed at the former residence which was not yet sold. GSBICA ruled that the employee was not authorized reimbursement for lodging at the former residence.* GSBCA 15600-TRAV, 7 March 2002.

NOTE 3: *A traveler assigned at Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR), Florida lives in the Avon Park area during the week at a location approximately fifteen miles from the PDS and commutes to and from the family residence near Orlando, Florida, approximately 100 miles from the AFR, on weekends. The traveler had to attend a meeting near Orlando at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 February. The meeting location was approximately twelve miles from the family residence. The meeting lasted until Friday, 25 February. The traveler began TDY travel to the Orlando area on the evening of Tuesday, 22 February. GSBICA ruled that the traveler should be authorized travel expenses both to and from the TDY location and M&IE even though the traveler lodged at the family residence in the TDY area. GSBICA also indicated that for the first and last days of the TDY, 22 and 25 February (unless the traveler was authorized to return on the 26th) the traveler is authorized 75% of the applicable M&IE rate for each day. M&IE for the days between the first and last days is authorized at the full rate.* GSBCA 16652-TRAV, 26 August 2005.

6. If the traveler is on 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. When longer term lodging is used, the allowable lodging cost includes the rent; charges for furniture rental (as long as an option to buy is not exercised); utilities connections, use and disconnection fees; cleaning fees; telephone monthly use fees, but not toll charges; and other services ordinarily provided by a hotel. Follow Service/Agency procedures for making lodging

arrangements.

a. If a recreational vehicle (RV) is used for lodging, additional fees that are part of the lodging cost are the charge for the RV parking space, dumping and shower fees, special user fees (for example, cable TV charges) if normally included in the price of hotel rooms in the area, and plug-in fees. Expenses that do not accrue on a daily basis (such as dumping fees) may be averaged over the number of days the traveler is authorized per diem.

b. Allowable Expenses When a Residence is Purchased and Used for TDY Lodging:

Civilian Federal Employees – IAW FTR §301-11.12(b) dated 14 October 2011, reimbursement for any lodging expense under this paragraph is not allowed. Also see JTR, pars. C4555-D and C4555-E.

Uniformed Service Members – reimbursement for mortgage interest and property taxes under this paragraph is not allowed under orders issued on/after 1 January 2012. ***Effective 10 January 2012 utilities on a dwelling purchased on/after 1 January 201 (including a recreational vehicle) may not be reimbursed.*** For Uniformed Service Members under orders that were issued before 1 January 2012 who purchased a dwelling before 1 January 2012, reimbursement may be claimed until the order expires to include all extensions to the existing order, limited to the following conditions:

Allowable expenses are the monthly:

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

prorated based on the number of days in the month rather than by the actual number of days the traveler occupied the residence. ([57 Comp. Gen. 147 \(1977\)](#)). ***In no case may the total lodging per diem payable exceed the applicable maximum locality per diem rate for the area unless an AEA (JFTR, Ch 4, Part C) is authorized/approved. JFTR, par. U4141 does not apply when the residence is purchased.***

NOTE: A traveler who purchases or rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished temporary duty lodgings, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. GSBCA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005.

7. If the traveler incurs an exchange fee to trade an owned timeshare period for a comparable period at lodgings at the TDY point, the exchange fee (but not the annual maintenance fee) is reimbursed as a lodging cost (***B-254626, 17 February 1994***).

8. On-Line Booking Tool. Although savings may be realized through online booking agents, the traveler should follow Service/Agency procedures for making lodging reservations, or (if permitted by Service/Agency procedures) reserve a room directly with the hotel/chain. ***Lodging reimbursement is authorized for hotel lodging obtained through an online booking agent only when the traveler can provide a documented itemized receipt for room cost from the hotel or 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.

9. Eating

a. The M&IE for the departure day is 75% of the M&IE rate for the traveler's stopover point or TDY location, as appropriate, that night. If the traveler is traveling and lodging is not used, the M&IE rate is based on the next stopover point or TDY location. The M&IE for the return day to the PDS is 75% of the M&IE rate for the preceding day (last TDY location or stopover point), as appropriate. Any TDY en route locations, on the day travel ends, do not affect the M&IE rate for that return day unless overnight lodgings are required.

<u>Example</u>	
1 Sep	Depart PDS
1 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	

b. On other days, the meals and incidentals allowance is the full M&IE for the TDY location or stopover point where lodgings are required unless for Uniformed Service members, the AO specifies one of two other meal rates based on GOV'T dining facility/mess availability. The two rates are either the GMR when all meals on a given day are available or the PMR when at least one meal a day is available. (IE are added to the GMR or PMR.) A GOV'T dining facility/mess is available only if: GOV'T QTRS on a U.S. INSTALLATION are available and the command controlling the dining facility/mess has made the dining facility/mess available to the traveler. A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available on interim travel days. When actual dining facility/mess availability differs from the pre-trip information, the AO may authorize/approve a higher rate (e.g., from PMR plus IE to the locality M&IE rate). ***The meal rate established cannot be reduced after the fact except for a free meal as described in par. T4040-A9c below.***

NOTE: In circumstances in which 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 GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the GMR/PMR and \$5 (in CONUS) or the locality IE rate OCONUS (unless the \$3.50 IE rate is authorized for incidental expenses under par. T4040-A9). Just because the 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 meal rate to GMR/PMR.

c. When the GOV'T purchases at least one or two meals on a calendar day through some means such as a registration fee, the PMR plus IE applies for that day. This does not apply on travel days to and from the PDS. The GOV'T should not pay for the same meal twice (originally by registration fee, etc., and again through per diem). A meal that is provided to the traveler for which the GOV'T pays nothing does not affect per diem. A meal served on a common carrier is not "purchased by the GOV'T." The traveler must indicate on the Trip Record how many meals were purchased by the GOV'T and for which dates.

NOTE 1: If all three meals are provided, only the IE for that day is payable.

NOTE 2: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) are a deductible meal if otherwise qualified above and served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast - 0600-0800). Light refreshments served during a break (not at a meal time) are not a deductible meal.

d. A meal provided by a friend/relative or a common carrier does not affect per diem. A complimentary meal provided by a lodging establishment does not affect per diem as long as the room charge is the same with/without meals. JFTR, par. U4165, items 2e and 2f (uniformed member)/JTR, pars. C4554-B5 and

C4554-B6 (civilian employee) when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost. Also JFTR, pars. U4165 and U4167/JTR, par. C4554-B.

e. In very rare instances, the M&IE rate may not be sufficient and the AO may authorize AEA for M&IE (in addition to AEA for lodging) up to 300% of the locality M&IE rate. The reimbursement limit is the lesser of the actual expenses incurred or the AEA M&IE maximum amount. The maximum reimbursement for IE is \$5 in CONUS and either the locality IE rate or \$3.50 OCONUS for all full stationary (non-travel) TDY days when the AO determines \$3.50 IE is adequate. If AEA is authorized/approved it applies to the entire time at that location and all travel days if no other TDY location is involved.

10. Incidental Expenses (IE). The traveler is paid an IE allowance, for such things as the cost of tips and laundry (in some instances), incurred while traveling. This is the IE part of the M&IE. The daily IE in CONUS is \$5. The OCONUS daily IE is the rate for the applicable per diem locality, or \$3.50 when the AO determines \$3.50 to be adequate for anticipated IE. ***The \$3.50 IE rate does not apply on any day the traveler is traveling.***

NOTE 1: Applicable to a civilian employee:

a. The cost incurred during TDY/PCS travel (not after arriving at or returning to the PDS) for personal laundry, dry cleaning, and pressing of clothing is a separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel is within CONUS and requires at least 4 consecutive nights TDY/PCS lodging in CONUS.

b. The cost for laundry, dry cleaning, and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for travel OCONUS and is included as an incidental expense within the per diem authorized for OCONUS travel.

NOTE 2: Applicable to a uniformed member:

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 separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel within CONUS requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging in CONUS.

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

B. Lodging Overnight Required - Schoolhouse Training Standards

1. Schoolhouse training standards are the same as for business travel. However, for training, the training location commander, not the AO, decides if GOV'T QTRS use by a uniformed member is directed and if one of the two M&IE rates based on GOV'T dining facility/mess availability is appropriate. ***GOV'T QTRS use may not be directed for a civilian employee. See par. T4040-A3.***

2. In some situations, the Secretary Concerned may authorize EUM for students in particular courses when readiness requires GOV'T dining facility/mess use. When EUM applies, a member receives the IE amount, a civilian employee receives the IE amount and reimbursement for the amount paid for food. The prohibition on the meal portion of per diem begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on the last full EUM day. The AO may authorize/approve the actual amount paid NTE the PMR for commercial meals the traveler is required to purchase.

3. The Trip Record must indicate dining facility/mess availability. If that information is not available prior to the trip, the information must be provided to the traveler upon arrival at the school and the trip report changed. When actual dining facility/mess availability differs from the pre-trip information, the AO may approve on a daily basis the PMR (1 or 2 meals) plus IE or the locality M&IE rate (all 3 meals) depending on how many meals were available. The traveler must note on the Trip Record how many meals by date were not available.

C. Lodging Overnight Required - Standards for Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together with No/Limited Reimbursement, and TDY aboard Ships. Other reimbursable expenses (par. T4040-F and APP. G) are authorized in the same manner as for business travel. The AO may authorize/approve the actual amount paid up to the PMR (but no IE) for meals and/or payment for lodging when the traveler is not authorized per diem but is required to purchase these items. See par. T4040-A13 if the lodging cost exceeds the published maximum rate.

1. The phrase 'Personnel traveling together' refers to travel away from the PDS during which the mission requires control of the group of travelers. Ordinary business travel reimbursements apply unless the travelers' order directs no/limited reimbursement, in which case all transportation, food, lodging, and other items ordinarily reimbursed, should be provided to the travelers. ***No per diem is payable when no/limited reimbursement is directed in the order for personnel traveling together.*** The restriction on paying per diem only includes travel days between duty locations and does not involve allowances for full days at duty locations. The per diem prohibition begins when the member departs the PDS and ends at 2400 of the day the member arrives at the TDY location. The prohibition begins again at 0001 of the departure day from the TDY location until arrival at the PDS. The typical member pays the food cost without operating expense, and a civilian employee pays the food cost and operating expense. A civilian employee is authorized reimbursement of the amount paid for food. ***Directing several personnel to travel together with no/limited reimbursement must never be done simply to save travel funds.***

2. Training exercises, maneuvers, war games, and similar types of operations may be classified as field duty when everything ordinarily associated with per diem is furnished without charge. ***Per diem is not payable during field duty.*** The prohibition on per diem begins at 0001 on the first full day of field duty and ends at 2400 on the last full day of field duty. Lodging is provided and the typical member pays some amount for food; a civilian employee also pays for food. A civilian employee is authorized reimbursement of the amount paid for food. When the Secretary Concerned, or COCOM Commander or JTF commander for a joint deployment, determines that GOV'T dining facility/mess use is essential to accomplish training and readiness, EUM applies. The meals portion of the M&IE is not payable to a member. A civilian employee is authorized reimbursement of the amount paid for food. Each EUM traveler is authorized the IE amount. See par. T4020-B2.

3. Joint deployments involve the temporary assignment of travelers of more than one uniformed service to a provisional force formed for a specific task or operation. TDY options include regular business travel, EUM, or field duty. The COCOM or JTF Commander determines the appropriate option and may specify different options for different locations. For example, field duty might be appropriate for the deployed force main body, but business travel might be appropriate for an interim staging base. In choosing the option to use, the COCOM or JTF Commander should consider, in the following priority: business travel, EUM, field duty. Under normal circumstances, the COCOM Commander should choose business travel unless operational circumstances dictate otherwise. In general, business travel is appropriate for peacekeeping, humanitarian, and relief missions. The COCOM or JTF Commander may authorize EUM when it enhances operational readiness, the conduct of military operations, or is necessary to conduct training. It applies to units only, not to an individual traveler. Table 1 shows the effect of each option on per diem. ***Exception: A traveler receiving the GMR rate while TDY to a JTF Commander's area of responsibility (AOR), who travels within that AOR, is not traveling for M&IE purposes for par. T4040-A8b (e.g., If a TDY traveler travels from one location in AOR to another location in the AOR, and the GMR rate applies to both locations, then the GMR applies for that day unless GOV'T meals are not available). The COCOM or JTF Commander must communicate the TDY option decision (including the appropriate meal rate) to the appropriate Services for inclusion in orders.***

4. TDY aboard Ships

a. No per diem is payable when TDY aboard a U.S. ship since GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are provided. A civilian employee is reimbursed for the amount paid for food. The prohibition on per diem begins at 0001 on the day after the arrival day on board and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day from the ship. ***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 traveler's PDS and/or returns to the port at the PDS.***

b. The AO may authorize payment of a per diem when the traveler is TDY aboard a foreign or commercial ship and incurs an expense for other than GOV'T meals. The AO may establish a per diem allowance equal to the daily expenses.

c. *Civilian Employee Only.* In the event an employee maintains commercial lodgings ashore for use following the completion of short trips at sea, the employee is paid the actual daily lodgings cost, NTE the locality per diem lodging ceiling for the TDY location ashore. **Reimbursement for the total cost of QTRS on the ship and lodgings ashore may not exceed the maximum lodging amount prescribed in the TDY locality per diem rates at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>.** When an employee is authorized to procure meals ashore at personal expense, reimbursement is authorized as prescribed in par. T4040-A8. In any event, the total per diem allowance may not exceed the applicable maximum rate prescribed in the TDY locality per diem rates at.

5. Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem (uniformed member only). See par. U4105-I.

6. Joint Task Force Operations TDY Options

TABLE 1 DEPLOYMENT - JOINT OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
TDY OPTION	SUBSISTENCE	PER DIEM	REMARKS
<u>Subsist Ashore</u>			
Business Travel	Commercial Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/ Mess – Permanent U.S. INSTALLATION	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate 1/ for GOV'T Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess – Temporary U.S. INSTALLATION or Temporary Dining Facilities Established for JTF Operation	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and for GOV'T Meals at Discount Meal Rate 2/
	GOV'T Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Meals
	Commercial Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess (In AOR only)	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate for GOV'T Meals
EUM	GOV'T Lodging and Use of GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess is Essential for Training and Readiness Purposes	IE	Civilian Employee Pays for GOV'T Meals at Full Meal Rate
Field Duty	GOV'T Lodging, Dining Facility/Mess and Incidentals Provided	None	Civilian Employee pays for GOV'T Meals at Full Meal Rate
<u>Subsist Aboard U.S. GOV'T Ship 3/</u>			
TDY	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals	None	Civilian Employee Pays for Meals

NOTES:

1/ Full Meal Rate = Food costs plus operating expenses.

2/ Discount Meal Rate = Food costs only.

3/ A member/civilian employee deployed who is ordered to subsist ashore – “Subsist Ashore” (above table) for order type and payment guidelines.

NOTE: For BAS DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Ch 25 or Coast Guard, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series), Ch 3.

D. Lodging Overnight Not Required

1. Transportation

- a. It is mandatory that a traveler arrange transportation through an available CTO, even though overnight lodging is not required.
 - b. If travel is in the local area (JFTR, par. U2800/JTR, par. C2800) around the PDS, a GOV, public transportation paid for by the command, or a POC may be used.
 - c. JFTR, par. U4925/JTR, par. C4760 for travel to/from a transportation terminal.
 - d. If a POC is used to/from home, the traveler is authorized the standard mileage rate for the distance driven, minus the normal distance driven to and from work. This most often affects the PDS.
 - e. If the traveler does not travel by POC to work every day, the traveler is reimbursed the standard mileage rate for the distance driven, less the traveler's normal transportation cost to get to work.
 - f. The AO determines reimbursement based on the difference between the cost of using the POC and the traveler's normal cost to get to work.
 - g. Commercial transportation expense reimbursement is authorized/approved *only* if the expenses incurred for travel to the alternate work site exceed the expenses ordinarily incurred by the traveler to commute to the PDS workplace.
 - h. A traveler is authorized reimbursement for other expenses such as tolls and parking when using a POC.
 - i. For distance determination JFTR, par. U2650-A/JTR, par. C2650-A (DTOD requirements).
2. Meals. With two limited exceptions (par. T4060-B14), a traveler may not be paid for meals within the traveler's PDS boundaries. For travel outside the PDS limits, when the TDY is more than 12 hours, reimbursement is 75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location (using the highest rate if there is more than one TDY location) for each travel day. *No per diem is authorized when TDY is for 12 or fewer hours.* However, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of the actual amount paid, NTE the PMR (not including IE) for the TDY location, when a uniformed member spends more than the cost of normal meal arrangements during travel outside the PDS limits. *JFTR, par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.*

NOTE: Mission related or personal expenses are not reimbursable. These include batteries, tools, film, gifts for childcare, house care, pet care, hotel concierge, or workout room/gym fees, and similar expenses.

E. Reimbursable Expenses. See APP G.

F. Reimbursement for Travel Expenses at the TDY Location

1. Reimbursement is authorized for necessary travel expenses at the TDY location. For specific expenses par. T4030.
2. GOV /special conveyance use is limited to official purposes such as transportation to and from (65 Comp. Gen. 253 (1986)):
 - a. Duty sites,
 - b. Lodgings,
 - c. Dining facilities,

- d. Drugstores,
 - e. Barber shops,
 - f. Places of worship,
 - g. Cleaning establishments, and
 - h. Similar places required for the traveler's subsistence, health or comfort.
3. If a GOV/special conveyance is not authorized, the traveler is authorized reimbursement for necessary public transportation costs.
 4. If POC use is authorized/approved, reimbursement is the automobile TDY mileage rate times the miles driven for the necessary travel around the TDY location.
 5. The traveler must note the required miles driven.

T4045 TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR AN RC MEMBER (48 Comp. Gen. 301 (1968))

A. General. Par. T4045 applies to an RC member on active/inactive duty under an order that provides for return home. See JFTR, par. U7150 for travel of a cadet and midshipman travel, an applicant and Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SROTC) member, RC member travel for medical and dental care, a Ready RC member on muster duty, a retiree called to active duty, active duty for training tours of 140 or more days at one location (except as noted in JFTR, par. U2240), and active duty for other than training for more than 180 days at one location (except as noted in par. T4045-E4).

B. Inactive Duty Training. An RC member commits to an obligation to participate in a finite number of scheduled training periods (inactive duty training (IDT) unit drills) annually. Each Service has a different term for these training periods, such as unit training assemblies, or weekend drills. Inherent in this obligation is the travel between the member's home and the location at which the member normally performs "drill" (e.g., the armory, reserve center, assembly location, etc.). The member receives no reimbursement for that travel except as provided in par. T4045-G. For par. T4045-B, the *Assigned Unit* is an RC member's designated post of duty and the *TDY Station* is an alternate site outside the local commuting area (see JFTR, par. U2800) of the member's assigned unit or home.

1. Travel from Home to Assigned Unit or Alternate Site in Local Commuting Area. There is no authority for travel and transportation allowances. In some cases of a Ready Reserve Select Reserve member, travel expense reimbursement may be authorized/approved under par. T4045-G. The member may be authorized/ approved reimbursement under par. T4040-F for transportation expenses in and around the unit/site. When the member travels between home and an alternate site, the member is paid mileage for the distance that exceeds the distance from home to the assigned unit.

2. Travel from Home/Assigned Unit or Other Location to TDY Station. The member is authorized allowances in pars. T4030 and T4040, limited to travel cost from the assigned unit.

3. Travel from a Location Other than Home/Assigned Unit to an Alternate Site within the Local Commuting Area. There is no authority for travel and transportation allowances; however, the member is paid TDY mileage for the distance traveled limited to the distance from the assigned unit to the alternate site less the distance from home to assigned unit.

C. Travel for AT. For AT travel, a member is authorized payment for 1 round trip between home and the AT site under par. T4030. If the AT is performed in two or more separate tours, the AO may authorize roundtrip transportation for each tour. Per diem is payable under par. T4040-A for travel days to and from the AT location, unless the member commutes daily or the AO determines the member can commute.

D. Per Diem Not Payable. No per diem is payable to:

1. An RC member at an AT site when both GOV'T QTRS and GOV'T dining facility/mess are available; however, the member is authorized reimbursement for the GOV'T QTRS cost. If GOV'T QTRS and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess are not available, per diem is payable under par. T4040-A;
2. An RC member on active duty without pay;
3. A newly enlisted member undergoing training when both GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available;
4. A Public Health Service officer called to active duty for COSTEP;
5. An RC member who commutes daily, or the AO determines can commute, except for authority under par. T4040-C if required to remain at the place of duty overnight outside the home's city limits;
6. An RC member on inactive duty training except when duty is performed at a location other than the assigned unit (designated post of duty includes training duty station, drill site and city where located) or local area (see JFTR, par. U2800) of the assigned unit or home. If required to occupy transient GOV'T housing, reimbursement for actual lodging cost is authorized;
7. A Standby RC member voluntarily performing without pay.

E. Per Diem. When an RC member is ordered to:

1. Schoolhouse training, par. T4030 applies for transportation and par. T4040-B for per diem;
2. Deploy, to be one of personnel traveling together under an order directing no/limited reimbursement, on unit travel, field duty, or at sea training, par. T4030 applies for transportation, and par. T4040-C applies for per diem for periods under 20 weeks. ;
3. ADT (other than schoolhouse) for fewer than 140 days or active duty for other than training for 180 or fewer days, transportation is determined under par. T4030, and per diem under business travel rules in par. T4040-A;
4. Active duty for other than training for more than 180 days because of unusual or emergency circumstances or exigencies of the Service and the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem, transportation is determined under par. T4030, and per diem under the business rules in par. T4040-A (or deployment rules in par. T4040-C).

F. Funeral Honors Duty. An RC member who performs funeral honors in a funeral honors duty status (under 10 USC §12503 or 32 USC §115) at a location 50 or more miles from the member's residence is authorized travel and transportation allowances as for business travel under pars. T4030 and T4040-A and T4040-D.

G. Inactive Duty Training outside Normal Commuting Distance. The Secretary Concerned may authorize reimbursement to an eligible Ready Reserve Select Reserve member for travel and transportation related expenses for travel to an inactive duty training location (assigned unit – designated post of duty) to perform inactive duty training when the member is required to commute outside the local commuting distance. For par. T4045-G, 'outside the local commuting distance' is defined as the local travel area as prescribed under JFTR, par. U2800, but not less than 150 miles one way by DTOD. An exception to this exists for non-contiguous States and U.S. Territories and Possessions requiring off island/inter island travel to an IDT location that is not normally served by boat/ferry and does not meet the conditions under par. U2800-B1c. Reimbursement for travel costs via air/sea is limited IAW par. T4045-G2.

1. Eligible Member. A Ready Reserve Select Reserve member (*and not just any* RC member) must be:
 - a. Qualified in a skill designated as critically short by the Service Secretary;

- b. Assigned to a Selected Reserve unit with a critical staffing shortage or in a pay grade in the member’s RC with a critical staffing shortage; or
- c. Assigned to a unit or position that is disestablished or relocated as a result of Defense BRAC or another force structure reallocation.

2. Reimbursement. The following travel and transportation expenses for travel to and from an inactive duty training location to perform inactive duty training may be reimbursed, *NTE a total of \$300 for each round trip (37 USC §478a(c)).*

a. Transportation. When commercial transportation is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of the transportation used to include transportation between home and the transportation terminal and between the transportation terminal and the training location. When POC is used, the Other Mileage Rate (see JFTR, par. U2600) is used for the official distance to and from the IDT location, to which is added reimbursement for highway, bridge, and tunnel tolls; and parking fees.

b. Lodging and Meals. The actual cost of the member’s lodging (including tax (*NOTE*), tips, and service charges) and actual cost of meals (including tax and tips, but not including alcoholic beverages) may be reimbursed NTE the locality per diem rate (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>).

**NOTE 1: Tax paid on lodging in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a reimbursable expense (APP G) in addition to lodging reimbursement. The locality per diem lodging ceiling (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>) in CONUS and in a non-foreign OCONUS area does not include lodging tax.*

**NOTE 2: Tax paid on lodging at a foreign area is not separately reimbursable. It is part of the per diem rate(s) used to compute the safe haven evacuation allowances. The locality per diem lodging ceiling (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>) in a foreign OCONUS area includes lodging tax.*

H. Summary of Allowances for An RC Member

1. Table 1 - Active Duty with Pay

ACTIVE DUTY WITH PAY 1/		
Situation 2/	Transportation 3/4/	Per Diem
Annual Training (AT) 5/	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available; otherwise par. T4040 applies. 6/7/
PHS officers called to active duty for Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program (COSTEP).	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized. 6/7/
Pipeline Student--newly enlisted member undergoing training.	Normally performed as personnel traveling together with no/limited reimbursement (par. T4040-C). If not, may be authorized reimbursement under par. T4030.	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available.
Member commutes or AO determines member can commute.	See par. T4030-E applies for one roundtrip only provided the place of active duty is outside home’s town/city limits.	Not authorized - payment may be authorized under par. T4040-C if required to remain overnight at place of duty outside home’s town/city limits.
ADT for fewer than 140 days or active duty for other than training for 180 or fewer days at one location.	Par. T4030 applies.	Par. T4040 applies.
Active duty for other than training, required by unusual or emergency circumstances or Service exigencies, for more than 180 days.	Par. T4030 applies if the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem; otherwise Ch 5 applies.	Par. T4040 applies if the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem; otherwise Ch 5 applies.

2. Table 2 - Active Duty without Pay

ACTIVE DUTY WITHOUT PAY		
Situation 2/	Transportation 3/4/	Per Diem
Others performing duty without pay.	Service discretion to reimburse under par. T4040-C (as for personnel traveling together with no/limited reimbursement) and/or par. T4030-E (reimbursement on mileage basis) none for an RC Standby Reserve member.	Not authorized except occasional meals and/or QTRS may be authorized/ approved (par. T4040-C) for travel days only 8/.

NOTES
(Tables 1 and 2)

1/ Applies to an RC member called/ordered to active duty with pay under an order that provides for return to home or place from which called/ordered to active duty. Includes a retired member called to active duty with or without pay (except for periodic physicals for a member on the TDRL, JFTR, par. U7250).

2/ Except as noted in JFTR, par. U2240.

3/ No travel and transportation allowances are authorized if place of duty and home are in the corporate limits of the same city or town.

4/ An RC member may not be paid for commuting from home to duty - only one roundtrip may be paid per active duty period.

5/ Since a training location is the PDS, no per diem is payable when GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess are available. Per diem is payable when TDY away from the training location or for traveling to and from the AT location if not in a commuting status.

6/ Temporary lodging facilities are not GOV'T QTRS for purposes of this table.

7/ An RC member on ADT not otherwise authorized per diem who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

8/ An RC member on ADT not otherwise authorized per diem who occupies transient GOV'T QTRS may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

3. Table 3 - Inactive Duty Training with or without Pay

INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING WITH OR WITHOUT PAY 1/2/3/		
Situation	Transportation	Per Diem
Travel from home to Assigned Unit or alternate site in local commuting area of the member's assigned unit or home. 4/	May be authorized reimbursement under par. T4040-F. When the member travels between home and an alternate site, the member is paid mileage for the distance that exceeds the distance from home to the assigned unit.	Not authorized.
Travel from home/assigned unit to TDY Station.	Par. T4030 applies limited to travel cost from the assigned unit.	Par. T4040 applies.
Travel from a location other than home/assigned unit to TDY Station.	Par. T4030 applies limited to travel cost from the assigned unit.	Par. T4040 applies.
Travel from a location other than home/assigned unit to alternate site within the local commuting area.	The member is paid mileage for the distance limited to the distance from the assigned unit to the alternate site less the distance from home to assigned unit.	Not authorized.
RC Standby Reserve member voluntarily performing without pay.	Not authorized.	Not authorized.
<i>This Table is for informational purposes only. Allowances are prescribed in par. T4045.</i>		

NOTES: (Table 3)

- 1/ For travel and transportation allowance purposes, the assigned unit is the designated post of duty.
- 2/ TDY station is alternate site outside the local commuting area (JFTR, par. U2800) of the member's assigned unit or home for par. T4045.
- 3/ An RC member on inactive duty for training who is not otherwise authorized per diem and who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.
- 4/ See par. T4045-G for limited authority for a Ready Reserve Select Reserve member to be reimbursed travel and transportation expenses when the assigned unit is outside the member's normal commuting distance.

T4050 TAKING A TYPICAL BUSINESS TRIP**A. Before the Trip**

1. **Cost Estimate.** A traveler should obtain an estimate for the trip. It lets the traveler and the AO know up-front the standard and actual arrangements, associated costs, and the allowance maximums. It includes transportation costs to and from the TDY location, lodging costs (including tax), and (if one is authorized) fees determined by the DTS Reservation Module or directly from the CTO. The estimate also must reflect the per diem rate broken out by M&IE and lodging and should also include any known planned miscellaneous expenses. A traveler may ask the CTO to estimate the amount for using other commercial transportation.
2. **Tailoring the Trip.** The AO decides if the traveler should use non-standard arrangements for mission reasons. The AO may authorize/approve certain changes for the traveler's convenience (for example, using a car instead of flying). However, the standard arrangement's estimate (as the AO approves for mission reasons) is the reimbursement baseline.
3. **Authority for Travel.** The AO authorizes the TDY, the arrangements, determines the fund cite, and obligates funds to pay for the trip, to include the payment of a travel advance or scheduled partial payment, if included. The resulting document is the Trip Record.
4. **Travel Packet.** The CTO updates the Trip Record with the confirmed reservations and commercial tickets. The TO provides the documents needed for GOV'T transportation if the CTO does not provide this service.
5. **Paying for Arranged Services and Obtaining Cash to Pay for Expenses while Traveling.** The CTO typically uses the traveler's individual (IBA) or unit GTCC to charge or hold reservations. Airline and/or rail tickets in some cases may also be charged to a CBA. While on the trip, the traveler should charge expenses incident to official travel on the IBA or unit GTCC, whenever possible. For official travel related expenses that cannot be charged, the traveler can avoid using personal funds by using the IBA to obtain cash advances or travelers checks. An advance is not an option on a unit travel card.

B. During the Trip

1. **Changing Plans.** If travel plans change from the itinerary, the traveler should call the CTO toll free number, if possible, to modify the itinerary. The CTO must update the traveler's Trip Record. Although the AO may approve the changes after the trip is complete, it is best if the traveler obtains the AO's authority in advance, and updates the Trip Record. The traveler is reimbursed only for changes the AO approves on the Trip Record.
2. **Receipts.** The traveler must be able to produce each lodging receipt and each receipt for any individual official travel expense of \$75 or more. See par. T4040-A8 for a ***'hotel' receipt from an online booking agent.***

C. After the Traveler Returns

1. **Completing the Expense Report.** A traveler should complete and submit the Trip Report expense report portion within 5 working days after returning from the trip. The receipts (lodging, and individual expenses of

\$75 or more) must be attached to the expense report.

2. AO Approval. The AO must approve the expenses on the Trip Record before the traveler is reimbursed. This includes reviewing the required receipts.

3. Submitting the Expense Report. If using the DTS, the expense report is automatically routed to a disbursing office for payment. The amount paid is the amount the AO approves.

4. Random Audits. Random audits of travel expense reports are conducted. The traveler or AO may be required to provide additional information to the audit team.

5. Lost/Stolen/Unused Paper Tickets. JFTR, par. U2715-A/JTR, par. C2715-A. The traveler:

a. *Must safeguard issued paper tickets, carefully at all times;*

b. Must immediately report a lost/stolen paper ticket to the issuing CTO;

c. Is financially responsible to purchase a replacement ticket, when paper ticket is lost/stolen;

d. Must not be reimbursed for the purchase of a replacement ticket until the GOV'T has received a refund for the lost/stolen paper ticket;

e. Is authorized reimbursement initially only for the first ticket purchased (if the traveler paid for both tickets). If the first lost/stolen ticket is recovered, turned in for a refund, and the GOV'T is repaid, reimbursement may then be made for the second ticket, NTE the cost of the first ticket; and

f. Must return unused paper tickets to the CTO. Unused electronic tickets must immediately be reported to the CTO for a refund. *NOTE: SF 1170, Redemption of Unused Tickets, found at <http://www.gsa.gov>, is usable, if authorized in Service issuances, ICW turning in unused tickets.*

T4060 AO RESPONSIBILITIES

A. General. The AO has broad authority to determine when TDY travel is necessary to accomplish the unit's mission, authorize travel, obligate unit travel funds, approve trip arrangements, and authorize travel expenses incurred ICW that mission and IAW the JFTR/JTR. For a civilian traveler, the AO must determine the travel purpose (JFTR/JTR, APP H) for notation on the Trip Record. The information provided by the DTS Reservation Module or directly from the CTO is central in helping to execute those responsibilities.

1. Use the cost estimate on the Trip Record to determine if the travel budget can support the travel. If the standard arrangements made ICW travel policies using GOV'T negotiated airline, lodging and rental car rates do not meet mission needs, the AO may authorize other travel options requested by the traveler, provided they conform to law, regulation, policy and contractual obligations. The AO authorizes the cost estimate.

2. Obtain information on policies relating to transportation and travel arrangements from the CTO and TO, command channels or Service headquarters to assist in future travel decisions.

3. Assure the traveler has access to a GTCC (the unit's or a CBA) if the traveler does not have a GTCC IBA. Refer inquiries about card usage to the local GTCC program coordinator or the TO.

4. Adhere to policies and procedures, use good judgment in obligating unit funds, and ensure the traveler receives adequate reimbursement IAW the JFTR/JTR.

B. What's Allowable and Not Allowable

1. Transportation

a. What an AO may direct. Other than a private or rental vehicle, an AO may direct the traveler to use a particular transportation mode, when it is essential to mission success.

b. Options on city pair flight use. APP P. *Regulations applicable to the Contract city pair Program are found in DTR 4500.9-R, Part I, Ch 103, pars. A2 and B2 (http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtrpart1/dtr_part_i_103.pdf).*

2. Authorizing Business class Transportation Accommodations. Only the officials listed in JFTR, pars. U3510-A and U3620 (trains only)/JTR, pars. C3510-A and C3620 (trains only) may authorize/approve business class accommodations use (two star level or civilian equivalent). Examples of reasons for use of business class accommodations are found in JFTR, par. U3520-C/JTR, par. C3520-C, and must be recorded on the Trip Record.

NOTE 1: If business class seating is provided at GOV'T expense, the traveler is not eligible for a rest period upon arrival at the duty site or a rest stop en route – at GOV'T expense.

NOTE 2: Scheduled flight time is the time between the scheduled aircraft departure from the airport serving the PDS/TDY point and the scheduled aircraft arrival at the airport serving the TDY point/PDS.

NOTE 3: The 14 hour rule only (JFTR, par. U3520-C11a/JTR, par. C3520-C11a) applies en route to the TDY site. On a return trip to the PDS, authority for business class transportation should not be provided.

NOTE 4: When use of business class accommodations is authorized/approved, use of business class airfares provided under the Contract City Pair Program is mandatory.

NOTE 5: When scheduling flights of 14 or more hours, the first choice is always to use economy/coach and arrive the day before the TDY begins to allow for appropriate rest. Second choice always is to use economy/coach and arrange an en route rest stop (preferably at a no-cost point allowed by the airline) with arrival on the day TDY starts. The last option, and the most expensive option that should be avoided whenever possible, is to use business accommodations arriving on the day the TDY starts. The AO is not required to authorize/approve a rest stop or an upgrade.

NOTE 6: 49 USC §40118(d) permits the Secretary of State and the Administrator of AID to authorize their employees to travel by foreign air carriers between two places in foreign areas even if U.S. certificated air carriers are available. This authority does not apply to a Uniformed Service member (The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, NOAA, and PHS), a DoD civilian employee, or their dependents. A Uniformed Service member, a DoD civilian employee, and their dependents are required to use available U.S. certificated carriers for all commercial foreign air transportation as indicated in par. T4060.

3. Using U.S. Certificated Carriers. Available U.S. certificated air carriers must be used for all commercial foreign air transportation of persons/property when the GOV'T funds the air travel (49 USC §40118 and [B-138942, 31 March 1981](#)). JFTR, par. U3525-D /JTR, par. C3525-D. *U.S. certificated carriers are not “available” if:*

a. Use of a U.S. certificated air carrier would extend the travel by at least 24 hours when traveling between a U.S. gateway airport and a foreign gateway airport that is the origin or destination;

b. Use of a U.S. certificated air carrier would require the traveler to wait four hours or more at a foreign gateway interchange point or extend the travel time by at least six hours more when traveling between two points outside the U.S.;

c. Use of a non U.S. certificated air carrier would eliminate two or more aircraft changes en route on a trip between points in foreign areas (i.e., the travel is not through the U.S. or a non-foreign OCONUS location);

d. The elapsed travel time by a non U.S. certificated air carrier is three hours or less and travel by a U.S. certificated air carrier would be at least twice the time;

- e. The travel can only be financed with excess foreign currency and available U.S. certificated air carriers do not accept the currency;
- f. Only first class accommodations are available on a U.S. certificated air carrier while less than first class accommodations are available on a non U.S. certificated air carrier; or
- g. Air transportation on a non U.S. certificated air carrier is paid in full directly, or later reimbursed, by a foreign government (e.g., under Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case funded with foreign customer cash or repayable foreign military financing credits), an international agency, or other organization. (B-138942, 31 March 1981 and 57 Comp. Gen. 546 (1978)); **NOTE: The Security Assistance Management Manual, Ch 4, par. C4.5.12 of DoD 5105.38-M, when travel is on Security Assistance Business.**

NOTE 1: The 'Fly America Act' does not require travel across the CONUS when traveling between two OCONUS locations (e.g., Travel from Europe may be routed in an easterly direction to Asia instead of west via CONUS. When it is determined that a U.S. certificated air carrier is or was not reasonably available for the most direct route between two OCONUS locations, use of a non U.S. certificated air carrier may be authorized/approved (GSBCA 16632-RELO, 15 July 2005)).

NOTE 2: When using code share flights involving U.S. certificated air carriers and non U.S. certificated air carriers, the ticket must be issued through the U.S. certificated air carrier. If the ticket is issued through the non U.S. certificated air carrier is used on the ticket, the ticket is considered to be a non U.S. certificated air carrier and a non-availability of U.S. certificated air carrier document is needed.

4. Travel Involving Leave or Personal Convenience Travel. The AO may permit a traveler to combine official travel with leave or personal travel. ***Contract fare travel must never be used for personal travel. JFTR/ JTR, APP P, Part 2, par. E.*** The official portion must be arranged through the CTO. Transportation reimbursement is authorized for the cost of official travel between duty stations only. The traveler may arrange other travel plans and pay the excess above the official cost; no excess costs for travel or M&IE are borne by the GOV'T. For a civilian traveler, JTR, par. C4563-C applies. A member is not authorized per diem on any day leave is charged. Do not permit a TDY trip that is an excuse for personal travel.

5. Lodging Selection

a. Lodging Arrangements. The AO should approve lodging arrangements arranged IAW Service/Agency procedures to minimize the use of rental cars and maximize the use of mass transportation when it is consistent with mission requirements and cost effective.

b. Lodging Required on the Day Travel Ends. When lodging is required on the day travel ends and the AO authorizes/approves the traveler to obtain lodging, the lodging reimbursement must be based on the locality rate, or AEA if appropriate, for the en route TDY site.

6. Rental Car. The AO may authorize the CTO to arrange a rental car when it is the most cost effective or efficient way to complete the overall mission. The compact car size should be authorized unless a larger rental car is justified IAW JFTR, par. U3330-C1/JTR, par. C3330-C1.

7. Authorized Trips Home during Extended Business TDY. ***The AO may authorize return trips to the PDS or home only when travel funds are available to support the travel expenses.*** The AO must determine that savings outweigh the periodic return travel costs. The TDY assignment length and purpose, return travel distance, increased member or employee efficiency and productivity, and reduced recruitment and retention costs must be considered. ***An analysis must be conducted at least every other year.*** The travel should be performed outside the traveler's regularly scheduled duty hours or during leave. For a civilian employee, scheduling the authorized travel to minimize payment of overtime should be considered. This authority applies only to business or training TDY.

8. Phone Calls to Home or Family during TDY. The AO may determine certain communications to a traveler's

home/family are official. These communications must be only to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, to inform or inquire about medical conditions, and to advise regarding changes in itinerary. The AO should limit these communications to a dollar amount in advance of the TDY so the traveler is aware of the limit. The AO may approve charges after the TDY, when appropriate (GSCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998).

9. Travel Expense Report. The Trip Record contains the expense report. The AO must review the amounts claimed on the traveler's expense report as soon after receiving it as possible. The AO's signature on the expense report certifies that the travel was taken, the charges are reasonable, the phone calls authorized for reimbursement are in the GOV'T's interest, and approves the reimbursement of the authorized expenses. Expense reports are subject to random selection for examination based on financial management directives.

10. TDY from Leave. An AO may direct someone on leave to perform TDY if the need for the TDY is unknown prior to the leave. If directed, the traveler must be authorized payment of normal TDY costs from the leave location to the TDY location and back to the leave location, or back to the PDS.

11. Shipment or Storage of HHG. An AO may authorize/approve shipment of UB for an employee (JTR, par. C4490), or a small amount of HHG for a member (JFTR, par. U4705) to the TDY location. Also, the AO may authorize/approve storage of HHG for a member when appropriate. For example, storage for a member may be authorized during a deployment. The rules for shipping and storage HHG while on TDY are in JFTR, Ch 4, Part H.

12. Lower or No Per Diem Rates. There may be situations in which the combination of published per diem rates with lodging and dining facility/mess availability may result in illogical payments. For example, a remote TDY location with no GOV'T dining facility/mess may have a club at which the meal cost is only a fraction of the full M&IE. In these cases, an AO may recommend payment of lower or no per diem to the Service PoC listed in the JFTR/JTR Introductions under the heading Feedback Reporting. ***Lower per diem rates can only be established before travel begins.*** See par. T4040-A13e for more on reduced per diem for a civilian

13. Allowable Travel Days. The CTO computes the number of days allowed for travel based on the transportation modes the AO specifies. See par. T4030-H. However, when the traveler uses more than the allowed days, the AO may approve the extra time as official. Generally, an AO should only approve extra time when the reasons for the additional time were beyond the traveler's control (for example, strikes, weather).

14. TDY within the PDS Limits. Per diem may not be paid for expenses within the PDS limits, except:

- a. Under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to human life or damage to GOV'T property when authorizing per diem is the only method to handle the situation; and,
- b. To a uniformed member escorting arms control inspection team members engaged in activities related to implementing an arms control treaty or agreement.

Reimbursement is for actual meal costs up to the PMR (not including IE) and/or the actual lodging cost up to the maximum rate for the PDS. Justifying reasons must be noted on the Trip Record.

15. TDY aboard Ships. Normally, a TDY traveler aboard a ship is fed without charge making the traveler ineligible for per diem. However, a TDY traveler aboard a non U.S. government ship may be charged for meals. In this situation, an AO can determine a per diem rate to cover the food cost. This should not be confused with an officer paying for meals in the same manner as a ship's company officer.

16. Additional Allowable Travel Expenses for an Employee with a Disability. An AO may authorize/approve certain additional travel expenses for an employee with a disability, such as the transportation and subsistence expenses of an attendant accompanying the employee, and the cost of renting and/or transporting a wheelchair. JTR, Ch 7, Part J, for specifics.

17. TDY Canceled or Modified. When it is necessary to cancel or modify a TDY trip after the traveler has incurred nonrefundable expenses in preparation for the trip, such as nonrefundable advance room deposits, an

AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of those expenses.

18. TDY and RC Active Duty Time Limits for Per Diem Purposes

a. Except for TDY with units deployed afloat, TDY is limited to 180 consecutive days at any one location, unless a Service or Agency Headquarters, or the Commander/Deputy Commander of a COCOM, authorizes an extension. JFTR/JTR, Introductions for the Service points of contact. ***A civilian employee should consult Internal Revenue Service (IRS), state, and local rules for income tax implications for TDY beyond one year.*** A school of at least 140 days duration is a PCS for a uniformed member (except as noted in JFTR, par. U2240).

b. For an RC member, if ADT is fewer than 140 days, or fewer than 180 days for other than training duty at any one location, travel and transportation allowances are payable as for TDY. When an RC member is called to ADT for 140 or more days, or more than 180 days for active duty for other than training at one location, travel and transportation allowances are payable under JFTR, Ch 5, as for PCS for an RC member unless the call to active duty for other than training is because of unusual or emergency circumstances or exigencies of the Service concerned and the Secretarial Process authorized per diem.

19. Movement of an Employee's Dependents and HHG to Training Location. If the estimated per diem the employee would receive at the training location, based on AO approved arrangements, is more than the estimated cost of transporting the dependents and HHG to and from the training location, the AO may authorize round trip transportation of the dependents and HHG between the PDS and the training location in lieu of the estimated per diem payment. Transportation of dependents and HHG are IAW JTR, Chs 7 and 8. Private vehicle mileage is reimbursed under JTR, par. C5050.

20. Temporary Change of Station (TCS). Instead of authorizing extended TDY (between 6 and 30 months) for an employee, an AO may authorize a TCS. The employee (but not a member) is authorized limited PCS allowances rather than TDY allowances. JTR, Ch 5, Part O.

21. Termination of Per Diem when Traveler Dies while on TDY. When a traveler dies while on TDY, per diem continues through the actual (or determined) date the traveler died.

22. Per Diem when TDY or PDS Location Is a Reservation, Station, Other Established Area or Established Large Reservation Subdivision. When the TDY point or new PDS is a reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., 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, HI) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in TN and KY), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. When the location (reservation, station or other established area) is not specifically listed in the per diem tables, the per diem rate is the rate applicable to the front gate location for the reservation, station or other established area.

23. Lodging Not Available at TDY Location. The TDY locality per diem rate for the location at which lodging is obtained is used for computation only when a traveler is TDY at a location where neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodging is available. This applies only when the locality per diem rate for the lodging facility location is higher than the locality per diem rate for the TDY location. The higher per diem rate must be authorized/approved by the AO.

T4070 TDY GLOSSARY

*Must, Shall, Should, May, Can, Will. See **HELPING VERB FORMS** in APP A.

PART 1: CITY PAIR PROGRAM

Regulations applicable to the Contract City Pair Program are found in [DTR 4500.9-R, Part I, Ch 103](#), pars. A2 and B2 (http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtrpart1/dtr_part_i_103.pdf). Following is an edited extract from that regulation.

A. Policy (DTR 4500.9-R, Part L, Ch 103, par. B2)

1. GSA Airline City Pair Program. Each year, under the Airline City Pair program, the GSA Federal Supply Service awards contracts for air transportation for travelers on official GOV'T travel. The contracts are awarded competitively based on the best overall value to the GOV'T. The best value decision is based on considerations of the type, distribution and number of flights, the average flight time, and the offered price. For more information, "Travel on GOV'T Business and Air Travel/City Pairs" (<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/27228>).

2. Some GSA routes may offer "dual airfares"; one airfare is an unrestricted airfare (fare basis code "YCA") and the other an unrestricted capacity-controlled airfare (fare basis code "_CA"). The unrestricted capacity-controlled airfare differs from the unrestricted airfare only in that the airline can limit the number of seats offered under the unrestricted capacity-controlled, or "_CA" airfare basis (referred to as "capacity controlled"). The unrestricted airfare, or "YCA", has a last seat on the aircraft availability to the traveler. Neither airfare basis requires advance purchase and has no minimum nor maximum stay requirements, travel time limits, or blackout periods. The unrestricted capacity controlled airfare is, in many cases, significantly less expensive than the unrestricted airfare. DoD travelers are encouraged to make reservations as far in advance as possible to increase the chance of obtaining an unrestricted capacity controlled GSA Airline City Pair airfare on the routes offering the dual airfare structure. The local CTO can provide information on what routes offer dual airfares.

3. *A GOV'T contractor is not authorized to use GSA city pair airfares to perform travel under a contract.*

4. *Grantees (whether civilian or foreign military personnel) cannot use GSA city pair airfares. Use the chain of command for "grantee" status determinations.*

*5. Non-mandatory Users. A non-mandatory user may request contract service, or have contract service requested, on an optional basis. Contract carriers may, but are not required to, furnish any requested service to non-mandatory users. Non-mandatory users are:

a. Any member and/or employee of the U.S. Congress; employee of the Judicial Branch of the GOV'T; employee of the U.S. Postal Service; U.S. Foreign Service Officer; and an employee of any agency who is not subject to the provisions of 5 USC §5701-5709.

*b. Any group of 10 or more passengers traveling together on the same day, on the same flight, for the same mission, requiring group integrity and identified as a group by the TMS upon booking is not a mandatory user of the GOV'T's contract city pair airfares. For group travel, agencies are expected to obtain air passenger transportation service that is practical and cost effective to the GOV'T.

NOTE: A District of Columbia Government employee, with the exception of the District of Columbia Courts, is not eligible to use contract city pair airfares even though the employee otherwise may be covered by the FTR.

6. Exception to the Use of Contract Carriers: One or more of the following travel conditions, which must be certified on the travel order, travel voucher, or other document provided by the traveler or AO, must apply if a non-contract carrier or a contract carrier other than the primary contractor is used for travel within a contract route.

a. Space on a scheduled contract flight (including a confirmed pet space (***NOTE***)) is not available in time to accomplish the travel purpose, or contract service use would require the traveler to incur unnecessary overnight lodging costs that would increase the total trip cost.

NOTE: When pet shipment is the determining factor for non-use of the lower cost GSA Airline City Pair airfare, the traveler and not the GOV'T is responsible for costs exceeding the most economical travel routing. DTR, Part I, Ch 103, par. B.2.c (note) for the source of this ***NOTE***.

b. The contract carrier's flight schedule is inconsistent with explicit JFTR/JTR policies to schedule travel during ordinary working hours. See JFTR, par. U3030/JTR, par. C3030.

c. A non-contract (DoD approved) U.S. certificated carrier offers a lower airfare available to the general public, the use of which results in a lower total trip cost to the GOV'T, to include the combined costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses. ***NOTE:*** This exception does not apply if the contract carrier offers a comparable airfare and has seats available at that airfare, or if the lower airfare offered by a non-contract carrier is limited to a GOV'T and/or military traveler on official business and only may be purchased with a GOV'T procurement document (e.g., a GTR), GTCC, or through a centrally billed account (e.g., YDG, MDG, QDG, VDG, and similar airfares).

d. Rail service is available and that service is cost effective and consistent with mission requirements.

e. Smoking is permitted on the contract flight and the nonsmoking section of the aircraft is not acceptable to the traveler.

7. Requirements that must be met to use a non-contract airfare (FTR §301–10.108)

a. Before purchasing a non-contract airfare one of the exception listed in par. A6 must be met and use of a non-contract airfare approved on the travel order; and

(b) If the non-contract airfare is nonrefundable, restricted, or has specific eligibility requirements, the traveler must know or reasonably anticipate, based on the planned trip, that the ticket will be used; and

(c) The traveler's agency must determine that the proposed non-contract transportation is practical and cost effective for the GOV'T.

NOTE: Carrier preference is not a valid reason for using a non-contract airfare.

B. Scheduled Air Carriers (DTR 4500.9-R, Part L, Ch 103, par. A2)

1. Contract air service between city pairs should be used for all domestic travel, and for international travel when AMC Category B/Patriot Express is not available or does not meet the mission requirement. ***If a contract city pair airfare is not available***, the POLICY CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE (See APP A1) (including a lower airfare offered by a non-contract carrier limited to GOV'T and military travelers on official business, e.g., YDG, MDG, ODG, VDG, and similar airfares) should be used. However, the AO retains the authority to authorize a lesser airfare and the traveler retains the ability to seek a lesser airfare. ***NOTE:*** Foreign military personnel are not authorized to use GSA city pair airfares.

2. ***GOV'T contractor personnel must never be in possession of ITAs while in the performance of their contracts and are prohibited from using GOV'T discount airfares provided in the Contract City Pair Program when purchasing commercial airline tickets.***

NOTE: For civilian personnel, JTR, par. C3225-C for policy regarding Rail or Bus service use.

PART 1: DoD MEMBERS

NOTE: For NOAA, see APP Q, Part II.

- A. Tour Length Establishment. A tour length is established IAW [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E.3.1.
- B. Tour Length Change. Submit a tour length change proposal IAW [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E.3.1. **Do not submit a tour length change proposal to PDTATAC.**
- C. Tour Length Exception. The tour length for a DoD member stationed OCONUS is 36 months accompanied and 24 months unaccompanied (except for HI and AK which are 36/36) unless the Military Departments provide conclusive evidence that a specific tour must be shorter. See [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E.3.1.1 (12 January 05).
- D. Tour Lengths. The following are OCONUS tour lengths *for a DoD member only (other than a DoD Attaché)*: [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E3.1.1 (12 January 05):

Country or Area	Accompanied Tour (Months)	Unaccompanied Tour (Months)	Effective Date	Note
All OCONUS Duty Stations Not Listed Below	36	24		
Afghanistan				
Kabul (Personnel assigned to SAO)	N/A	12	08-10-07	11
Alaska (except as indicated)	36	36		1
Adak	N/A	12		
Clear	N/A	12		
Eareckson	N/A	12		
Fort Greely	24	12	05-01-04	
Galena	N/A	12		
King Salmon	N/A	12		
Marine Corps Security Forces	24	12		
Albania				
Tirana	24	12		
Algeria	24	12	12-07-04	
American Samoa	N/A	12		
Argentina	36	24		
Armenia				
Yerevan (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	18	07-06-06	10
Aruba	24	18		
Australia (except as indicated)	36	24		
Exmouth	24	24		
Learmonth	24	15		
Woomera	24	15		
Austria	36	24		
Azerbaijan				
Baku (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	18	07-06-06	10
Azores (See Portugal)				
Bahamas				
Andros Island	24	24		

Country or Area	Accompanied Tour (Months)	Unaccompanied Tour (Months)	Effective Date	Note
Bahrain	24	12		14
Bangladesh	24	18		
Belgium (except as indicated)	36	24		
Bertrix	N/A	12		
Belize	24	18	09-17-04	
Benin	24	12		
Bermuda	36	24		
Bolivia	24	18		
Bosnia-Herzegovina				
Banja Luka	24	18	06-30-08	15
Sarajevo (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	18	07-06-06	10
Botswana	24	12		
Brazil	36	24		
British Indian Ocean Territory				
Diego Garcia Island	N/A	12		
Bulgaria				
Sofia	24	12		
Burkina Faso	24	12		
Cambodia (except as indicated)	N/A	12		
Phnom Penh (Personnel assigned to NAMRU-2)	24	12	06-21-10	
Canada (except as indicated)	36	24		
Newfoundland and Labrador	24	12		
Argentia	24	12		
Goose Bay	24	12		
Chad	24	12	05-02-08	12
Chile	36	24		
Columbia	24	18		
Commonwealth of the N. Mariana Islands (incl. Saipan)	24	12		
Costa Rica	36	24		
Crete (See Greece)				
Croatia				
Zagreb	24	12		
Cuba				
Guantanamo Bay	30	18	04-05-07	2
JTF-GTMO	24	12	04-05-07	2
Marine Barracks	24	12		
Curacao (See Netherlands Antilles)				
Cyprus (except as indicated)	24	18		
Akrotiri	24	12		
Czech Republic				
Prague	36	24		
Vyskov	24	12	08-11-11	16

Country or Area	Accompanied Tour (Months)	Unaccompanied Tour (Months)	Effective Date	<i>Note</i>
Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire)	24	12		
Denmark (except as indicated)	36	24		
Kalaallit Nunaat (formerly Greenland)	N/A	12		
Diego Garcia (See British Indian Ocean Territory)				
Djibouti				
Djibouti City (Personnel assigned to SAO)	24	12	04-11-07	11
Dominican Republic	36	24		
Ecuador	36	18		
Manta	N/A	12		
Egypt (except as indicated)	24	18		
Beni Suef	N/A	12		
Cairo (ETSS personnel only)	N/A	12		
Ismailia	24	12		
Jiyanklis New	N/A	12		
Sinai	N/A	12		
El Salvador	N/A	12		
Personnel assigned to SAO	24	18		
England (See United Kingdom)				
Eritrea	24	12		
Estonia				
Tallinn	24	24		
Ethiopia				
Addis Ababa (Personnel assigned to SAO)	24	12	04-11-07	11
France	36	24		
Georgia				
Tbilisi	24	18		
Germany (except as indicated)	36	24		
Donaueschingen	24	12		
Geilenkirchen	36	36		
Ghana				
Accra (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	18	03-19-07	11
Gibraltar	36	24		
Greece (except as indicated)	36	24		
Argyroupolis	N/A	12		
Athens	24	15		
Crete	24	18		
Souda Bay	N/A	12	04-18-97	17
Drama	N/A	12		
Elefsis	N/A	12		
Horiatis	N/A	12		

Country or Area	Accompanied Tour (Months)	Unaccompanied Tour (Months)	Effective Date	Note
Larissa	24	12		
Lefkas	N/A	12		
Parnis	30	18		
Patras	30	18		
Perivolaki	N/A	12		
Thessalonki	24	15		
Yiannitsa	N/A	12		
Greenland (See Denmark)				
Guam	36	24	10-12-04	
Guatemala	36	24		
Guyana	24	18		
Haiti				
Port au Prince (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	12	11-20-07	11
Hawai'i (except as indicated)	36	36		1
Kauai	30	18		
Pohakuloa Training Area	24	18		
Honduras (except as indicated)	24	18		
Soto Cano AB	N/A	12		
Hong Kong	36	24		
Hungary				
Budapest	36	24		
Papa	24	15	11-25-08	
Iceland (except as indicated)	30	18	10-04-99	
USAF (not assigned to a joint activity)	24	12		
USMC (not assigned to a joint activity)	24	12		
India (except as indicated)	24	12		
New Delhi (Personnel assigned to ODC)	36	24	11-09-12	18
Indonesia	24	12		
Ireland	36	24		
Israel	24	12		
Italy (except as indicated)	36	24		
Crotone	24	15		
Ghedi	*36	24	*05-31-13	*20
Martina Franca	24	18		
Mt. Corna	24	18		
Mt. Finale Ligure	N/A	12		
Mt. Limbara	N/A	12		
Mt. Nardelo	N/A	12		
Mt. Paganella	N/A	12		
Mt. Venda	24	18		
Mt. Vergine	24	15		
Piano di Cors	N/A	12		

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Poggio Renatico	24	12		
Rimini	24	18		
Sardinia				
Decimomannu Air Base (AB)	24	15		
La Maddalena	24	24		
Sicily				
Comiso	24	12		
Jamaica	24	12		
Japan (except as indicated)	36	24		3
Akizuki Kure	24	12	12-07-04	
Itami (Sapporo)	24	12	12-07-04	
Kumamoto	24	12	12-07-04	
Kuma Shima	N/A	12		
MCAS Iwakuni	36	12		
Okuma	N/A	12		
Osaka	24	12	12-07-04	
Ryukyu Islands (except as indicated)	36	24		
Okinawa				
Ie Shima	N/A	12		
MCAS Futenma	36	12		
MCB Butler	36	12		
Seburiyama	N/A	12		
Sendai	24	12	12-07-04	
Shariki	N/A	12	11-05-08	
Johnston Atoll	N/A	12		
Jordan (except as indicated)	24	12		
Amman	24	18		
Kalaallit Nunaat (See Denmark)				
Kazakhstan				
Astana (Personnel assigned to SAO)	24	12	08-10-07	11
Kenya (except as indicated)	24	12		
Nairobi	24	18		
Korea (except as indicated)	36/24	12	03-2-09	4, 7
Chongju AB	N/A	12		4
Dongducheon (Camps Casey, Hovey, Mobile, Castle)	24	12		4, 5, 6
Gwangju AB (ROK)	N/A	12		4
Joint Security Area	N/A	12		4
Kunsan AB (US)	N/A	12		4
Mujak/Pohang	N/A	12		4
Uijongbu (Camps Jackson, Red Cloud, Stanley)	24	12		4, 5, 6
Kuwait	24	12		9
Kyrgyzstan	24	12		

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Laos	N/A	12		
Vientiane	24	12	12-21-06	
Latvia				
Riga	24	12		
Liberia	24	18	06-30-08	15
Libya				
Tripoli (Military Personnel Assigned to SCO)	N/A	12	10-19-11	
Lithuania				
Vilnius	24	12		
Luxembourg	36	24		
Macedonia	24	18		
Skopje	24	12		
Madagascar	24	12		
Malaysia	36	24		
Marshall Islands				
Enewetok	N/A	12		
Kwajalein	24	18		
Mexico	24	18		
Midway Islands	N/A	12		
Moldova				
Chisinau	24	18		
Mongolia	24	24		
Montenegro				
Podgorica (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	24	01-28-08	11
Morocco (except as indicated)	24	15		
Casablanca	24	12		
Errachidia	N/A	12		
Netherlands	36	24		
Netherlands Antilles				
Curacao	N/A	12		
New Zealand	36	24		
Nicaragua	24	18		
Niger	24	12		
Nigeria				
Abuja (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	24	04-11-07	11
Norway	36	24	07-07-04	
Okinawa (See Japan)				
Oman	24	12		
Pakistan	24	12		8
Panama (except as indicated)	36	24		
Galeta Island	N/A	12		
Paraguay	24	18		

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Peru (except as indicated)	36	24		
Lima MAAG	30	18		
Philippines (except as indicated)	N/A	12		
Metropolitan Manila	24	18		
Manila Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group (JUSMAG-P)	36	24	12-01-11	
Poland				
Bydgoszcz	24	24	10-21-05	
Sczcecin	24	24	10-21-05	
Warsaw	36	24		
Portugal (except as indicated)	36	24		
Azores Islands	24	15		
Puerto Rico (except as indicated)	36	24		
Caguas	36	18		
Isabela	36	18		
Juana Diaz	36	18		
Ponce (Ft Allen)	36	18		
Vieques Island	N/A	12		
Yauco	36	18		
Qatar	24	12		
Romania				
Bucharest	24	24		
Oradea	24	12	09-30-11	15
Russia				
Moscow (Personnel assigned to DAO)	24	24	02-15-07	11
Rwanda				
Kigali	24	24	10-17-11	
Saint Helena (Ascension Island)	24	12		
Saipan (See Commonwealth of the N. Mariana Islands)				
Sardinia (See Italy)				
Saudi Arabia (except as indicated)	24	12		8
Eskan Village, Riyadh	24	12	07-18-08	13
Scotland (See United Kingdom)				
Senegal				
Dakar (Personnel assigned to ODC)	24	24	03-21-07	11
Serbia				
Belgrade (Personnel assigned to ODC & BAO)	24	24	06-11-07	11
Seychelles	24	12		
Sicily (See Italy)				
Singapore	36	24		
Slovakia				
Bratislava	36	24		

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Trencin	24	12	09-16-11	10
Slovenia				
Ljubljana	24	12		
Spain (except as indicated)	36	24		
Adamuz	N/A	12		
Albacete (Los Llanos Air Base – USAF Only)	24	24		
Alcoy	30	18		
Balearic Islands	N/A	15		
Ciudad Real	N/A	12		
Constantina	30	18		
Elizondo	30	18		
El Ferrol	24	24		
Estaca De Vares	N/A	12		
Gorremandi	N/A	15		
Moron AB	24	15		
Rosas	30	18		
Santiago	N/A	18		
Sonseca	24	15		
Villatobas	30	18		
Sudan	24	12		
Suriname	24	18		
Sweden				
Stockholm	36	24		
Tajikistan	24	12		
Thailand (except as indicated)	24	18		
Bangkok	36	24		
Tunisia	24	18		
Turkey (except as indicated)	24	15		
Balikesir	N/A	12		
Cakmakli	N/A	12		
Corlu	N/A	12		
Elmadag	24	12		
Erhac	N/A	12		
Erzurum	N/A	12		
Eskisehir	N/A	12		
Incirlik	24	15	08-01-12	19
Iskendrum	N/A	12		
Istanbul	N/A	12		
Izmir	N/A	12		
Izmit	N/A	12		
Karatas	24	12		
Malatya	24	12		

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Murtded	N/A	12		
Oratakoy	N/A	12		
Pirinclik	N/A	12		
Sahihtepe	N/A	12		
Sinop	N/A	12		
Yumurtalik	N/A	12		
Turkmenistan	24	12		
Ukraine				
Kiev	24	12		
United Arab Emirates	24	12		
United Kingdom (except as indicated)	36	24		3
RAF Fylingdales	24	18		
RAF Machrihanish (Scotland)	24	18		
Uruguay	36	24		
Uzbekistan	24	12		
Venezuela	24	18		
Vietnam	24	12	12-01-03	
Virgin Islands	36	24		
Wake Island	N/A	12		
Wales (See United Kingdom)				
West Indies				
Anguilla	24	18		
Antigua	24	12		
Barbados	36	24		
St. Lucia	N/A	12		
Yemen, Republic of	36	24	06-30-08	15
Zaire (See Democratic Republic of Congo)				

NOTES:

1. Tour-length policies for a member assigned to a duty station within AK or within HI are outlined in [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E3.1.
2. Dependents are permitted only when GOV'T QTRS are available.
3. A maximum 48-month tour is permitted for Navy personnel.
4. Not every member is eligible to serve an accompanied-by-dependents tour in those locations in which such tours are authorized. Command sponsorship eligibility is controlled by U.S. Forces Korea and is contingent upon the availability of facilities and services as determined by the USFK Commander. A member, not eligible to serve an accompanied-by-dependents tour, serves a dependent-restricted tour.
5. Each Secretary of a Military Department has authority to permit a member to reside at these locations while dependents reside in an area in which housing and services support are available.
6. A member assigned to a location with limited command-sponsorship facilities is required to be counseled and to sign a memo acknowledging the limited command-sponsorship facilities available at that installation, prior to command sponsorship acceptance.
7. For an area authorized a 36-month accompanied-by-dependents tour, a member may accept a 36- or 24-month accompanied tour.

8. Due to threat levels, dependents are not currently authorized at this location.
9. Not every member is eligible to serve an accompanied-by-dependents tour in those locations in which such tours are authorized. Command sponsorship eligibility is controlled by USCENTCOM and is contingent upon the member's actual duty assignment. A member, not eligible to serve an accompanied-by-dependents tour, serves a dependent-restricted tour.
10. OSD (P&R/OEPM) memo dated 6 July 2006 established tour lengths for members assigned to the Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC), U.S. Embassy located in Yerevan, Armenia; Baku, Azerbaijan; and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
11. "OSD (P&R/OEPM)" memo dated 31 January 2008 established tour lengths for members assigned to the listed commands only. If an increase in the number of personnel assigned to the listed country is desired, a subsequent tour request must be submitted."

Personnel assigned to the Office of the Defense Cooperation (ODC) in Accra, Ghana; Port au Prince, Haiti; Podgorica, Montenegro; Abuja, Nigeria; Dakar, Senegal; and personnel assigned the ODC and Bilateral Affairs Office (BAO) Belgrade, Serbia.

Personnel assigned to the DoD Attaché Office (DAO) in Moscow, Russia, and personnel assigned to the Security Assistance Office (SAO) Kabul, Afghanistan; Djibouti City, Djibouti; Addis Ababa; Ethiopia; and Astana, Kazakhstan.
12. PDUSD (P&R) memo of 5 May 2008 designates the accompanied tour as partially-unaccompanied. Adult dependents only (age 21 or older) are authorized.
13. PDUSD (P&R) memo of 17 July 2008 approves the return of adult non-school age dependents only to Eskan Village, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. A member executing an accompanied tour (24 months) to this area will be provided an opportunity, once in Saudi Arabia, to assess within a reasonable amount of time (90 or fewer days from the member's arrival date), whether the member believes that the security conditions under which the family will reside are consistent with the family's expectations and personal level of comfort and wellbeing. A member may elect to return dependents to CONUS IAW [DoDI 1315.18](#) par. E4.5.2.5. and JFTR, par. U5900-D2e, at no cost to the member, and serve an unaccompanied tour (12 months).
14. USD (P&R) memo of 25 June 2009 approves the return of all dependents to Bahrain. A member executing an accompanied tour (24 months) to this area must be provided an opportunity, once in Bahrain, to assess within a reasonable amount of time (90 or fewer days from the member's arrival date), whether or not the member believes that the security conditions under which the family will reside are consistent with the family's expectations and personal level of comfort and wellbeing. A member may elect to return dependents to CONUS IAW [DoDI 1315.18](#) par. E4.5.2.5. and JFTR, par. U5900-D2e at no cost to the member, and serve the unaccompanied tour (12 months).
15. May be accompanied by adult dependents age 18 years or older.
16. PDUSD (P&R) memo of 11 August 2011 allows only adult dependents age 18 years or older on an accompanied tour. The Commander, United States European Command, may authorize, on a case-by-case basis, non-school age children, who will not attain 5 years of age during the sponsor's tour, to accompany the member. This authority may not be delegated below the Chief of Staff, United States European Command.
17. As an approved exception to assignment tour length policy, a maximum of six naval personnel assigned to any of the following nine positions at Naval Support Activity, Souda Bay, Crete, may be selected to serve a 24-month accompanied tour: Commanding officer, Executive Officer, Public Works officer, Air Operations officer, Supply officer, Staff JAG officer, Port Services Officer, Command Chaplain, and Command Master Chief. In addition, the Air Force officer assigned to the Senior Air Force Intelligence command position is also authorized to be selected to serve a 24-month accompanied or 12-month unaccompanied tour.
18. OSD (P&R/OEPM) memo dated 8 November 2012 established tour lengths for members assigned to the Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC), New Delhi, India.
19. OUSD memo dated 1 August 2012 established a 24 month unaccompanied tour length for members assigned in direct support of Priority Level-1 Capable Mission at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. USEUCOM Commander must authorize the 24 month unaccompanied tour length. All others at Incirlik serve the 15 month unaccompanied tour length.
- *20. OUSD Memo dated 30 May 2013 established a 36 month accompanied tour length for members assigned to Ghedi, Italy. The 36-month accompanied tour applies to U.S. Service members assigned to Ghedi after 30 May 2013. The previous accompanied tour length was for 24 months.