

Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Per Diem Computation - Civilian Employee's Spouse or Domestic Partner Traveling Separately from Civilian Employee (JTR, par. 053902)

The rates and costs in this example may not be current and are for illustrative purposes only. Refer to the [DTMO website](#) for the [Standard CONUS per diem](#) rate and the [monetary allowance in lieu of transportation](#) (MALT) rate.

Scenario: A spouse or domestic partner of a civilian employee travels separately from the civilian employee for a permanent change of station (PCS), from one location to another in 10 days. He or she elects to travel by privately owned vehicle (POV), accompanied by the couple's 2-year-old child. The two dependents depart the residence on day 1 (departure day) and arrive at the new permanent duty station (PDS) on day 10 (arrival day). The official distance between authorized points is 2,826 miles. The Standard CONUS per diem rate is \$149 (\$94/\$55). They occupy lodging for 9 nights, two of which they spend at friends' homes at no cost. The civilian employee certifies the single room rates are \$58, \$57, \$59, \$58, \$57, \$56, \$59, and 2 nights at no cost. Since the spouse travels separately from the civilian employee, the per diem rate is 100 percent of what the civilian employee would have received.

Step 1. Calculate the maximum allowable travel time between the two authorized points.		
2,826 miles ÷ 350 miles = 8 travel days, remainder 26 26 is less than 51, no additional travel day		8 travel days
Step 2. Calculate the maximum allowable per diem for the spouse.		
	\$149 a day × 8 days	\$1,192.00
Step 3. Calculate the spouse's per diem for actual travel using the Lodging Plus method.		
Day 1 (departure day)	Lodging: \$58 vs. \$94 M&IE: 75% of \$55	\$58.00 \$41.25
Day 2 (lodging with friends)	Lodging: \$0 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$0.00 \$55.00
Day 3	Lodging: \$57 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$57.00 \$55.00
Day 4	Lodging: \$59 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$59.00 \$55.00
Day 5	Lodging: \$58 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$58.00 \$55.00
Day 6	Lodging: \$57 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$57.00 \$55.00
Day 7	Lodging: \$56 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$56.00 \$55.00
Day 8	Lodging: \$59 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$59.00 \$55.00
Day 9 (lodging with friends)	Lodging: \$0 vs. \$94 M&IE: \$55	\$0.00 \$55.00
Day 10 (arrival day)	M&IE: 75% of \$55	\$41.25
Spouse's total per diem:		\$926.50
Step 4. Compare the per diem in Step 3 to the maximum allowable per diem and choose the lesser.		
\$926.50 vs. \$1,192.00		\$926.50
Step 5. Using the per diem in Step 4, calculate the child's per diem.		
Child under age 12: 50% of \$926.50		\$463.25
Step 6. Add the amount in Step 4 to the amount in Step 5.		
\$926.50 + \$463.25		\$1,389.75
Total payable to civilian employee for spouse and child's per diem:		\$1,389.75