



TLA Computation

- **Per Diem.** A daily rate, based on locality, designed to partially reimburse costs such as lodging, meals and incidental expenses associated with short-term stays.
- **Family Composition.** TLA is an adjustable calculation based uniquely on the military family composition. Taking into account the service member(s), the number of dependents and their ages, certain percentages are applied to the TLA calculation to derive the amount reimbursable to partially offset the cost of meals and incidental expenses for short periods of time.
- **Limitations.**
 - There is no maximum ceiling for a daily TLA payment other than that based on the daily calculation.
 - The lodging portion of TLA may never exceed the actual cost of lodging paid by the service member or dependent.
 - In cases where the lodging rate far exceeds the locality per diem rate due to a special event or a shortage of adequate temporary lodging in an area, a TLA Special rate may be requested, but only in advance of the TLA dates.
 - TLA is designed for a short period. However, under certain circumstances, such as the delay of household goods or unexpected travel delays, service member or dependents may request TLA extensions for an indefinite period when approved by the proper authority.



TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE

Overview

Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) is designed to partially offset temporary lodging expenses at overseas duty locations when service members and/or their families are awaiting permanent quarters upon arrival or have to vacate permanent quarters prior to departure.

For TLA policies, see the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 68.

Key Facts

- TLA is only authorized for service members and their command sponsored dependents.
- TLA Special may be authorized under special or unusual circumstances where a higher lodging factor may be used to determine the rate of TLA, which may exceed the normal TLA calculation.

Helpful Resources

TLA Computation Examples:

https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/jtr_calc_examples.cfm

TLA Policies in the DoD FMR:

https://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/current/07a/07a_68.pdf

FAQs: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/faqtla.cfm>