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680410:

680410. Special TLA Requests (TLA Special)

*TLA requests for a higher lodging factor (TLA Special) under special or unusual circumstances may be authorized only before the dates required and by the Allowances Branch Chief's issued determination. ~~See TLA Special computation example 1, TLA Special computation example 2, TLA Special computation example 3, and TLA Special computation example 4.~~See ***TLA computation examples***.

A.-C. *****

D. Limitations. Allowances Branch, OUSD-PR will not take action on a TLA Special request received after the dates the TLA Special rate was needed, regardless of the circumstances.

1. TLA Special is not authorized for a Service member who is in a TDY status and receiving per diem at a home port OCONUS awaiting arrival of the assigned ship. The Allowances Branch Chief may authorize TLA Special for an accompanying dependent.

2. TLA Special stops the day after a Service member voluntarily refuses adequate Government quarters for personal convenience.

~~3. *TLA Special for a member who has no dependents is limited to 65% of the lodging rate.~~ Remove

680501:

680501. Service Member Married to Another Service Member

*If two Service members married to each other maintain separate households at or in the vicinity of their PDS or PDSs OCONUS, each Service member is authorized TLA based on whether the Service member concerned has a dependent at or in the vicinity of the PDS OCONUS. ~~See TLA computation example 4, TLA computation example 5, TLA computation example 6, and TLA Special computation example 3.~~See ***TLA computation examples***.

680601:

680601. TLA Rates Payable and Calculation Procedures

A. *TLA Computation. Apply TLA accrual provisions for the standard TLA computation specified in paragraph 680602 when computing TLA upon arrival and departure. Expenses incurred on the departure day are not considered. However, when lodging expenses are incurred on the day of departure, calculate TLA as specified in this section. ~~See TLA and TLA Special computation examples.~~ See ***TLA computation examples***

B. *****

C. *****

D. TLA Authorized on the Reporting Day

1. *When TLA is authorized on the reporting day, per diem is 75% of the locality M&IE rate for the new PDS OCONUS as determined in the JTR, Chapter 2, paragraph 020310 when the Service member or dependent travels on a PCS order by commercial air, train, bus, ship, Government transportation, or Government-procured transportation. See the JTR, Chapter 5, paragraph 050202 for reimbursement for commercial transportation and per diem. The lodging expense on the reporting day is reimbursed as TLA. ~~See TLA computation example 8 and TLA computation example 10~~.See ***TLA computation examples***.

2. TLA is not payable on the reporting day when MALT Plus is payable. The Service member may be authorized TLA when he or she, or a dependent, occupies temporary lodging on the reporting day to the new PDS and MALT Plus is not payable.

680602:

680602. Standard TLA Computation

A. Time Limit. TLA is calculated in increments of 15 days, except when more than one TLA rate applies within the computation period. If, after all 15-day increments are computed, fewer than 15 days still remain, compute the remaining days as one period.

B. Currency Conversion Fees. When determining the lodging expense in connection with TLA, add the International Transaction Fees, also known as currency conversion fees, charged by the Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC) to the actual daily lodging cost along with any lodging tax or value-added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost, and other authorized lodging costs. When using a personal charge card instead of the GTCC while not formally exempt from having a GTCC, International Transaction Fees charged by the credit card company are not part of the calculation.

C. TLA Calculation. Steps 1-3 explain how to calculate standard TLA using Table 68-11. When calculating TLA, use the actual amount without rounding.

Table 68-11:

*Table 68-11. Daily M&IE and Lodging Percentages

*For the most current daily M&IE lodging percentages, see the DTMO website.[MSECOO1]

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Effective prior to 1 October 2020:

Number of Eligible Persons Occupying Temporary Lodging		Percentage Applicable
1	Service member or one dependent (total one person)	65
2	Service member and one dependent, or two dependents (total 2 persons)	100
3	Each additional dependent age 12 and older	35
4	Each additional dependent under age 12	25

*Effective 1 October 2020:

Number of Eligible Persons Occupying Temporary Lodging		Lodging Percentage	M&IE Percentage
1	Service member or one dependent (total one person)	100	65
2	Service member couples (~~each~~ total two persons - percentage each when lodging together)[MSECOO2]	65	65
3	Service member and one dependent, or two dependents (total two persons – percentage together)	100	100
4	Each additional dependent age 12 and older	35	35
5	Each additional dependent under age 12	25	25

1. *Step 1: Calculate the daily M&IE and lodging ceiling by multiplying the percentage specified in Table 68-11 by the applicable locality per diem rate. Exceptions to this ceiling are specified in paragraph 680603. Use the percentages specified in Table 68-11 for both lodging and M&IE except when any of the following circumstances apply:

a. A TLA Special has been authorized for lodging.

b. Temporary lodging is not available at the PDS.

c. Permanent Government quarters are being renovated or lack adequate cooking and eating facilities.

d. Temporary quarters contain adequate cooking facilities.

e. The Service member or dependent stays with friends or relatives. In that case, reimbursement of lodging cost is not authorized, but the TLA M&IE is paid.

f. A Service member is authorized a temporary lodging cost at the new PDS as specified in paragraph 680502 as a TLA expense during a TDY or

deployment period. In that case, the Service member is included in the number of persons for lodging, but not for M&IE. Determine the TLA amount payable by subtracting the Service member's share of the meal allowance from the total M&IE. To calculate the Service member's share, divide the M&IE amount by the total number of persons in the Service member's family, including the Service member, occupying the temporary lodging.

g. The applicable percentage is 100% for the Service member and spouse. Add the percentage in Table 68-11 for the rest of the dependents. When calculating the percentage for a family without the spouse, use the Service member and one (the oldest) dependent at the 100% rate. Add the percentages in Table 68-11 for the rest of the dependents.

2. Step 2: Determine the payable lodging cost by comparing the actual daily lodging cost, including lodging tax or VAT relief certificate cost, International Transaction Fees charged by the GTCC, and other authorized lodging costs, as specified in subparagraph 680602.B, with the lodging cost ceiling calculated using Table 68-11. Select the lesser amount.

a. Itemized lodging receipts, invoices, or vendor statements are required to verify lodging expenses.

b. When the Service member is in a TDY status at the TLA location—regardless of the per diem amount received—reduce the lodging expense by the lodging cost used to determine the Service member's per diem rate.

3. *Step 3: Determine the daily TLA amount by adding the payable lodging to the M&IE rate calculated as specified in Table 68-11. See ***TLA computation examples***.