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A. Authorized Personnel. These regulation changes are issued for all persons in the Uniformed Services.

B. New Regulation Changes. Material new to this change is indicated by an asterisk (*) and is effective 1 July 2009 unless otherwise indicated.

C. Uniformed Service Principals. The following are the current Uniformed Service Principals:

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D. Applicable MAP Items. This change includes all material written in the following MAP items: 86-08; 28-09(E); 36-09(I); 40-09(I); 42-09(I); 43-09(I).

E. Brief of Revision. The following are this month's major revisions:

U5240-C7; U7960-D. Clarifies that M&IE and lodging is reimbursed not to exceed the maximum amount allowed for M&IE and lodging authorized in the locality per diem rate.

U5315-C. Clarifies request to increase the HHG weight allowance upon departure from an OCONUS PDS at which an administrative weight limit was prescribed.

U5315-C3c. Clarifies JFTR, par U5315-C3c indicating that an increase in the restricted HHG weight allowance is only applicable when the member departs the administratively weight restricted area.

U10008-B; U10102-B7. Clarifies that neither BAH nor OHA is authorized to a member solely on the basis of a member's child support payment when the child is in the custody of another member in receipt of a with-dependent housing allowance or GOV'T family-type QTRS on behalf of the child.

APP AI, Proportional Meal Rate definition revised. Aligns the PMR definition found in JFTR, APP A1 with the one found in JTR, APP A1 and JFTR, par. U1007-A3 and JTR, par. C1007-A3.

U1039; U3005-D, E, and F added; U3200-B; U3210; U3415-C, NOTE added; Chapter 4, Part A; U4102-E; U4102-G; U4102-O; U4140 added; U4151; U4163; U4174 added; U4183; U4210, item 4; U4220-B; U4230 deleted; U4235 deleted; U4240 deleted; U4250, item 1; U4255-A; U4255-B; U4255-D; U4265, Examples 1-2; U4300; U4330 deleted; U4335 deleted; U4340 deleted; U4510-B1b; U4800-E2b; U6005-B1; U6054-B1; U7180, Table 7G-3; APP A, Temporary Duty (TDY); APP A, Trip Record definition added; APP L; APP O (pars. T4000; T4005; T4010; T4020; T4025; T4030; T4040; T4045; T4050; T4060; T4070; T4075). Mirror the allowances in Chs 1- 4 to those in APP O and prescribe APP O as a summary only.

The following allowances currently in APP O were changed in Ch 4:

Trips home authorized for Service members when TDY on extended business travel for more than 3 weeks

Reduction in per diem for GOV'T meals: travelers receive the full M&IE rate unless the AO prescribes the GMR or PMR based on availability of GOV'T meals for Service members).

The 55% flat rate per diem rate for civilians on long-term TDY over 180 days and training over 30 days is deleted.

Lower per diem rates may only be prescribed by the Service Secretary or head of a DOD Component.

TDY in excess of 6 months must be authorized/approved by the Service Secretary.

Actual cost is reimbursed for rental aircraft (aero club), without limiting to the GOV'T travel (including passengers).

The $3.50 incidental expense (IE) only applies if the AO determines that it is adequate rather than being the OCONUS installation TDY standard.

The prohibition on paying the meal portion of per diem when EUM has been declared does not begin until 0001 on the first full day of EUM and ends at 2400 on last full day of EUM.

The following allowance changes current in Chs 4 were made to the existing APP O:

Authority to pay actual expense allowance (AEA) for lodging & meals (with this change, an AEA can be for lodging only or lodging & meals).

The words authorize and approve were used synonymously in APP O. These terms are aligned with the APP A definitions – authorize must be done in advance and approve is done after the fact.

Add a reference on Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem for Service members.

AO can authorize/approve the lodging locality rate when lodging (GOV'T or commercial) is not available at the TDY location and must be obtained in an adjacent area that is a higher locality rate.

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U1000 APPLICATION

A. Authority. The JFTR contains basic statutory regulations concerning a Uniformed Service member's travel and transportation, certain OCONUS station allowances (COLA, TLA), housing allowances (BAH, FSH, and OHA), and CONUS COLA. These regulations have been interpreted to have the force and effect of law. The JFTR is issued primarily under the authority of 37 USC §411 and 37 USC Chapter 7.

B. Application. Each member of the Active and RCs, without regard to the Service, Agency (i.e., DIA), or other GOV'T entity (e.g., DHS, DOS) to which assigned, is covered by JFTR. See APP A, Part I for JFTR definitions of terms and Part II for acronyms.

C. Authorization Not Stated. There may be circumstances under which payment of certain allowances is prohibited in JFTR. Those circumstances are stated. However, the absence of a prohibition does not imply or grant authority or permission for any action for which authority does not exist/is not explicitly allowed in JFTR (i.e., just because the JFTR does not say something cannot be done does not mean that it can be done).

D. Duplicate Payment. A duplicate payment is a GOV'T payment claimed by a traveler for an expense paid/to be paid to the traveler by another entity. If an expense is incurred and reimbursed by another entity that would otherwise be reimbursed by the GOV'T, that expense must not be claimed against, nor paid by the GOV'T. ***A non-deductible meal as listed in par. U4167 provided to a traveler in a per diem status does not result in a duplicate payment.*** The traveler is financially responsible to the GOV'T for all duplicate travel and transportation allowance payments received. ***This includes any and all allowances covered in these regulations.*** The Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, Public Law 107-300 may apply. See ***http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/m03-13-attach.pdf.***

U1005 GENERAL

Except as indicated in par. U1006, a member on loan, assignment, or detail to another department or agency is authorized JFTR allowances as opposed to the allowances of the department or agency to which loaned, assigned, or detailed, unless otherwise provided for by law (5 USC §5536).

U1006 COMPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

DIA prescribes regulations in DIA Manual (DIAM) 100-1, Volume 1, Part 4. ***NOTE: DODD 5154.29 requires that PDTATAC staff review all written material that implements JFTR provisions***. The DIAM 100-1 provides special allowances for a DOD member, who is a U.S. national, assigned to or in designated training for assignment to a DAS or DIA liaison detachment station outside the U.S or in a non-foreign OCONUS location. The DIAM 100-1 also affects dependents. ***A member may not receive allowances under the DIA regulations and allowances prescribed in JFTR for the same purpose. The member is financially responsible for all duplicate travel and transportation allowances received under par. U1006 authority.*** The allowances include:

1. Environmental and morale leave transportation ***NOTE: Funded EML (FEML) and the 'Special R&R Program', covered under DIAM 100-1, are one in the same program. This means that trips under both programs are not authorized. If a total of two trips are authorized (for a 36-month tour), one may be taken under each program or both under one program. If one trip is authorized for a 24-month tour, only one trip may be taken, but it may be taken under either program.***,

2. Travel and other expenses for dependent education,

3. Home visitation between consecutive tours,

4. Dependent travel ICW TDY,

5. Dependent visitation,

6. Dependent care expenses connected with training of responsible dependents,

7. Dependent representational travel,

8. Removal of dependents and HHG,

9. Transportation of a POV.

Address requests for copies of DIAM 100-1 to Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency, Attn: DA, Washington, DC 20340-5339.

U1007 COMPUTATION RULES

A. Computation Rules. The computation rules in these regulations may be unique to this Volume. Consult the relevant Chapters and Parts to determine the correct computation process for the specific travel and transportation allowances.

1. Use the actual amount without rounding when computing TDY mileage, MALT, TLA/TLE and per diem computation. AEA and PMR computations are rounded to the next highest dollar with the par. U1007-A2 provisions in force.

2. AEA computation is rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, $29.25 = $30.00. The AEA must not exceed the approved percentage of the maximum locality per diem rate. ***When AEA for M&IE exceeds the maximum locality AEA M&IE rate, decrease the AEA M&IE rate to the allowable AEA dollar amount and add the extra cents to the AEA lodging rate.*** For example, reduce an AEA M&IE of $70.50 to $70 as shown in par. U4265, Example 5.

3. PMR computation is rounded-up to the nearest dollar.

NOTE: A conference lodging allowance is a pre-determined allowance of up to 125 percent of the applicable lodging per diem rate (rounded to the next highest dollar). For example, the locality lodging rate of $100 may be increased to $125. A conference lodging allowance is not an AEA and must not used with AEA per diem. See APP R, Part 2, par. M.

B. AEA Limitation. The AEA limit is 300% of the maximum locality per diem rate. For OCONUS travel, the PDTATAC Division Chief may authorize a per diem rate exceeding 300% only prior to the official travel IAW par. U4250.

U1008 CHAPLAIN-LED PROGRAMS

Title 10 USC §1789 authorizes the Secretary of a military department (i.e., Air Force, Army, Navy) to provide Chaplain-led programs that provide assistance to an active duty and/or RC member in an 'active status' as defined in 10 USC § 10141, and the member's immediate family, in building and maintaining a strong family structure. A chaplain and/or other member ordered, and/or family members authorized, to attend these functions in an ***official*** capacity as outlined in APP E, Part I are to be sent using an official TDY authorization/order or an ITA, as appropriate. ***For all others, the JFTR is not the authority for payments connected with attendance at these programs and the payments are not travel and transportation allowances. An ITA is not used to document attendance at, or payments related to, attendance by an individual participating in an unofficial capacity at these Chaplain-led programs.*** The travel-directing/sponsoring organization or agency should be consulted to determine the appropriate funds (for attendees not attending in an official capacity) for these events.

U1010 IMPLEMENTATION

A. Allowance Regulations. ***The allowance regulations in this Volume require no further allowances implementation.*** When necessary, they may be supplemented by administrative regulations that must not prescribe allowances different from those in these regulations. It is recommended that each supplemental directive paragraph reference the JFTR. DODD 5154.29 requires that PDTATAC staff review all DOD written material that implements JFTR provisions to ensure per diem, travel and transportation, and other allowances are uniformly applied. Non-DOD Uniformed Services may submit their written material as desired. See par. U1000 for the applicable JFTR provisions which are subject to review by the PDTATAC staff. A word document of the written material should be forwarded, via the Service MAP representative found in the Feedback Reporting section of the Introduction, for review to:

1. Email address: pdtatac@dtmo.pentagon.mil; or

2. Fax: (703) 696-7890 (DSN 312-426-7890); or

3. Mail to:

   Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
   Attn: T&T Branch
   4601 North Fairfax Drive
   Suite 800
   Arlington, VA 22203-1546

B. Implementation Regulations. Each Service, or Services jointly, should issue implementing administrative and/or procedural directives for certain allowances. The listing below cites allowances that do or should have implementing instructions provided by Service regulations. There may be additional implementing instruction requirements that are not specifically cited below.

1. Completion and submission of travel vouchers (Ch 2, Part F);

2. Appropriate authority/approval level for business-class air travel (par. U3125-B2b);

3. Authorization/order endorsements related to foreign flag carrier use (par. U3125-C3);

4. Meal ticket issuance, use, and care, and for the payment for meals procured with the tickets (par. U1500);

5. Procedures and conditions under which advance payments are authorized including those in:

   a. Permanent Duty Travel: Ch 5, Parts B (par. U5104); C (par. U5204); D (par. U5319); E2 (par. U5479); F (par. U5560); G (par. U5600); and H (par. U5725) may be paid IAW par. U5020.

   b. Evacuation Allowances: Ch 6, Parts A and B (pars. U6001-F and U6050-F);

   c. Recruiting expenses (par. U7033);

   d. TLA (par. U9157);

   e. OHA (par. U10028) ***NOTE: Advance MIHA is not authorized***.

6. Appropriate separation or retirement activities (pars. U5125-A3 and U5130-A3);

7. Required documentation for personally procured transportation reimbursement or POC travel for dependents ICW a ship being constructed or undergoing overhaul or inactivation (pars. U5222-M5 and U7115-B);

8. Claims for personally procured HHG transportation (par. U5320-D);

9. Member financial responsibility (pars. U2010, U3015, U5340-A2, U5380-A, U5417-A1d, U5420-C, U5445, U5474, and U5520);

10. Personal emergency determination (par. U7205-A);

11. Transportation of the remains of a deceased member and/or a deceased dependent (Ch 5, Part R);

12. Currency loss/gain procedures for OHA (see Service Regulations IAW par. U10028-D);

13. Command sponsorship criteria (see APP A definition of DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED);

14. Establishing children's dependency (APP A DEPENDENT definition),

15. CTO use policy (par. U3120) ;

16. Travel and transportation for a family member incident to the repatriation of a member held captive (par. U5258);

17. Procedures for extending safe haven allowances incident to an evacuation (par. U6054-D2); and

18. Authorization/order writing procedures for certain foreign uniformed personnel (Ch 7, Parts Z1 and Z2).

U1015 EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

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

U1020 REGULATION CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE

A change to this Volume is effective, unless otherwise noted, on the date of the published change 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.

U1025 COMPTROLLER GENERAL (COMP. GEN.), DEFENSE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS (DOHA), GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (GSBCA) OR CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS (CBCA), AND OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (OSD) GENERAL COUNSEL (GC) DECISIONS

The application of basic laws, appropriation acts, JFTR, JTR, and departmental instructions to specific travel circumstances is subject to interpretation by the Comp. Gen., DOHA, occasionally GSBCA or CBCA, and OSD GC. Comp. Gen., DOHA, GSBCA, CBCA and OSD GC decisions provide guidance for similar cases/situations involving the same circumstances.

U1030 TERMINOLOGY

The terminology used in JFTR may be unique to this Volume. Consult the glossary in APP A, and the relevant Chapters and Parts, to determine the exact definition of a specific term. Definitions in JFTR are not necessarily applicable to other Volumes or to other GOV'T regulations.

U1031 REIMBURSEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DOMESTIC DEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES

The SECDEF may provide for reimbursement of a school board member for expenses incurred by the member for travel, transportation, lodging, meals, program fees, activity fees, and other appropriate expenses that the Secretary determines are reasonable and necessary for the performance of school board duties by the member. ***See Department of Defense Domestic Dependent School Directives. Department of Defense Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) funds and issues necessary travel authorizations/orders.***

Effective 15 May 2008
U1035 PAY AND ALLOWANCES CONTINUATION (PAC) PROGRAM

If a member is authorized PAC IAW OUSD (P&R) Memorandum, 15 May 2008, and DODFMR, Volume 7A, Ch 13, the member is authorized IE as part of the PAC even though not in a travel status.

***U1039 DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM (DTS)**

*A. General. At locations at which DTS has been fielded, TDY vouchers are paid under DTS. The Services must require that the CTO/TMC arrange commercial transportation IAW law, GOV'T policies, agreements and contracted rates using U.S.-certificated carriers and coach/economy-class accommodations whenever possible.

*B. Travel Computed under DTS. DTS covers individual TDY travel for business, travel for schoolhouse training and deployment or personnel traveling together with or without no/limited reimbursement. It does not cover travel for PCS (Ch 5), evacuation (Ch 6), or travel under special circumstances (Ch 7). It does however cover RC travel except for:

*1. Senior ROTC,

*2. RC member travel for medical and dental care,

*3. Retiree called to active duty,

*4. A Ready RC member authorized a muster duty allowance, and

*5. Active duty for training tours of 140 or more days at one location (except as noted in par. U2146) 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 par. U7150-A4b(3)).

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

*C. AO's Responsibilities. 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 expense incurred ICW that mission and IAW these regulations. The AO must determine the travel purpose (see 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. The AO also must:

*1. Use the cost estimate on the Trip Record to determine if the travel budget can support the travel. If the standard arrangements made in compliance with 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. Get information on policies relating to transportation and travel arrangements from the CTO and TO, command channels or Service headquarters to assist in travel decisions.

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

*4. Adhere to policies and procedures IAW these regulations, use good judgment in obligating unit funds, and ensure the traveler receives adequate reimbursement IAW these regulations.

*5. 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 best interest, and approves the payment of the authorized expenses. Expense reports are subject to random selection for examination based on financial management directives.

*6. Permit a traveler to combine official travel with leave or personal travel. However, contract fare travel must not be used for personal travel (APP P, Part II, item 12). The official portion is to be arranged through the CTO. Transportation reimbursement is authorized for the cost of official round trip travel between duty stations only. The traveler may make other travel plans and pay the excess above the official cost; no excess costs for travel or M&IE are paid by the GOV'T. A member is not authorized per diem on any day leave is charged. The AO is not to permit a TDY trip that is an excuse for personal travel.

*D. Traveler's Responsibilities

*1. A traveler who does not use a CTO or the GTCC to purchase transportation must forward the ticket receipt (if $75 or more) for reimbursement.

*2. A traveler updates the trip record as soon as possible after personally making arrangements.

*3. When using the DTS for TDY over 45 days, a traveler should include a request for scheduled partial payments with the authorization/order so the traveler is paid every 30 days. This ensures the traveler is paid for expenses in about the same time as the IBA bills are received.

*E. A Typical Business Trip

*1. Before the Trip

*a. Cost Estimate. A traveler should obtain a should-cost estimate for the trip. It is the key to several travel and trip funding decisions. It lets the traveler and the AO know up-front the standard and actual arrangements, their associated costs, and the allowance maximums. It includes transportation costs to and from the TDY location, lodging costs (including tax), and rental car (if authorized) fees as determined by the use of 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 a private vehicle or other commercial transportation.

*b. Tailoring the Trip. The AO decides if the traveler should use non-standard arrangements for mission reasons. The AO may authorize certain changes for the traveler's convenience (for example, using a POC instead of flying). However, the standard arrangement's should-cost estimate (as the AO approves for mission reasons) is the reimbursement baseline.

*c. 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.

*d. Travel Packet. The CTO updates the Trip Record with the confirmed reservations and commercial ticket information. The TO provides the documents needed for GOV'T transportation if the CTO does not provide this service.

*e. Paying for Arranged Service and Getting Cash to Pay Expenses while Traveling. The CTO must charge airline or rail tickets, lodging, and rental car reservations on the traveler's individual or unit GTCC; airline or rail tickets in some cases may be charged to a CBA GTCC. While on the trip, the traveler should charge other 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 GTCC.

*2. During the Trip

*a. Changing Plans. If travel plans change from the itinerary, the traveler should call the CTO's 24-hour 1-800 number, if possible, to have the needed changes made. The AO may approve the changes after the trip is complete. However, it is best if the traveler gets the AO's authority up-front, and has the Trip Record updated. In any case, the traveler is reimbursed only for changes the AO approves on the Trip Record.

*b. Receipts. The traveler must be able to produce each lodging receipt and each receipt for any individual official travel expense of $75 or more.

*3. After the Traveler Returns

*a. Filling out the Expense Report. A traveler should fill out and turn in the expense report portion of the Trip Record within 5 working days after returning from the trip. The receipts must be attached to the expense report. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) is the preferred method of reimbursement. Within EFT, the traveler has two options. The traveler may request (a) direct electronic transfer to the GTCC company of the authorized expenses charged to the IBA with the remainder going to the traveler's personal bank account, or (b) an electronic transfer of the full amount to the traveler's personal bank account. Under option (a), the traveler does not have to write a check to the GTCC company for official expenses charged.

*b. AO Approval. The AO must approve the expenses on the Trip Record for the traveler to get paid. This includes reviewing the required receipts.

*c. Turning in the Expense Report. If using the DTS, the expense report is automatically routed to a disbursing office for payment. If not using the DTS, a finance office or an office contractually arranged by the traveler's Service or Agency may provide this service. The amount paid is the amount the AO approves.

*d. 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.

*e. Lost or Stolen Tickets. See par. U2515.

U1040 GAIN-SHARING PROGRAM

The Gain-Sharing Program is a bonus-oriented incentive program designed to share GOV'T travel and transportation cost savings with a traveler. While authority exists in 5 USC, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1 for a Gain-Sharing Program for civilian employees, there is no known authority for such a program for uniformed personnel. Participation in a Gain-Sharing Program is not covered by, nor addressed in, the JFTR.

U1041 PILOT PROGRAM ON CAREER FLEXIBILITY TO ENHANCE RETENTION

Effective 1 January 2009 through 31 December 2012

Sec 533 of FY09 NDAA (P.L. 110-417) allows the Secretary of each military department to set up a pilot program on career flexibility to enhance retention. The pilot program allows up to 20 enlisted personnel and 20 officers of the Regular Components of each Armed Force each year to be inactivated from active duty to the Ready Reserve to meet personal or professional needs and return to active duty within 3 years. The pilot program runs from calendar years 2009-2012. A member chosen for the pilot program is authorized to select a HOS in the U.S. and receive travel and transportation allowances to that HOS upon release from active duty, rather than being limited to the HOR or PLEAD as described in pars. U5125, U5225, U5360 and U5410-A3. Upon return to active duty the member is authorized travel and transportation allowances from the PLEAD, limited to the HOS at the time of release from active duty (pars. U5000-B3, U5120-A, U5201-A2a, U5222-A1, U5345-A, U5345-B, U5410-A2). A member must return to active duty within 3 years of release but NLT 31 December 2015.

U1045 GOV'T QTRS USE/AVAILABILITY

A. QTRS Available. A member ordered to a U.S. INSTALLATION (as opposed to a geographic location like a town or city) is required to check GOV'T QTRS availability (e.g., through the CTO) at the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY. The AO may direct adequate (based on DOD and Service standards) available GOV'T QTRS use for a uniformed member on a U.S. INSTALLATION only if the uniformed member is TDY to that U.S. INSTALLATION. Availability/non-availability must be documented as indicated in par. U1045-C. A member should use adequate available GOV'T QTRS on the U.S. INSTALLATION at which assigned TDY; ***however, when adequate GOV'T QTRS use is directed, those QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which a member is assigned TDY, and the member uses other lodgings as a personal choice, lodging reimbursement is limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY (44 Comp. Gen. 626 (1965)). Per diem cannot, however, 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). The documentation of non-availability indicated in par. U1045-C is required only for GOV'T lodging 'AT' the U.S. INSTALLATION at which the member is assigned TDY.***

NOTE 1: FOR COAST GUARD, NOAA, AND PHS PERSONNEL ONLY: GOV'T QTRS are available only if use is directed in the authorization/order.

***NOTE 2*: 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 one-time requirement at a TDY U.S. INSTALLATION. (Ex: A member, who is required to check QTRS availability on arrival at a U.S. INSTALLATION, does so and is issued non-availability documentation, cannot be required to re-check later for QTRS availability at that U.S. INSTALLATION during that TDY period there). See par. U1045-C.**

B. QTRS Not Available. ***GOV'T QTRS are not available***:

1. When a TDY/delay point is at other than a U.S. INSTALLATION;

2. When an AO determines that GOV'T QTRS use would adversely affect mission performance, except for:

   a. A member attending a service school at a uniformed service facility; and

   b. An officer in grades O-7 through O-10 who personally determines QTRS availability;

3. During all periods of en route travel;

4. For any TDY/delay of less than 24 hours at one location;

5. When travel is ICW a PCS:

   a. When per diem is payable under 'MALT-Plus' (see par. U5105-B);

   b. When a member is authorized concurrent travel, and the family (including the member) cannot lodge together in GOV'T QTRS at a POE/POD; or

   c. To a ship/afloat staff with an OCONUS home port, and;

      (1) A member is accompanied by dependents authorized concurrent travel;

      (2) Is put on TDY at the homeport while awaiting ship/staff arrival or onward transportation;

   and GOV'T QTRS are not available for the entire family; or

6. When a member is TDY at a medical facility as a non-medical attendant accompanying a dependent in an outpatient status. See par. U7551.

C. Travel Authorization/Order or Voucher

1. Documentation. A travel authorization/order/voucher must document availability/non-availability by:

   a. Confirmation number provided by the Service's lodging registration process;

   b. The date the member attempted to make reservations, and the phone number and name of the billeting office PoC; or

   c. Member certification that GOV'T QTRS were not available on arrival.

2. Authorization/Approval. When a member provides acceptable documentation on a travel authorization/ order/voucher of GOV'T QTRS non-availability, the AO must authorize/approve reimbursement for commercial lodgings.

U1050 CONFERENCE/TRAINING AT THE PDS

Registration fees, meals, lodging, travel, and/or other expenses required for conferences/training at the PDS may not be paid as travel allowances per 37 USC, §404. For authority to pay related training costs at the PDS see 10 USC §2013; 5 USC §4109; 42 USC §218a; and 14 USC §469. The costs must clearly be an integral part of the training (39 Comp. Gen. 119 (1959); and B-244473, 13 January 1992). When training events require lodging and subsistence costs at the PDS, authority for training expense payment is made through the training and/or comptroller personnel using the above legal authority.

U1051 HOTEL AND MOTEL FIRE SAFETY - APPROVED ACCOMMODATIONS

GOV'T policy is to save lives and protect property by promoting the use of fire safe hotels and other establishments that provide lodging. Each DOD component must ensure that not less than 90% of all official travelers who use commercial lodgings while on official travel in the U.S. or non-foreign OCONUS areas are booked in fire-safe approved places of public accommodation. Lodgings that meet GOV'T requirements are listed on the U.S. Fire Administration's Internet site at ***http://www.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/index.htm***. Services are in compliance with the 90% requirement if travel arrangements are made through use of an agency-designated Travel Management System (see APP A) whenever possible (5 USC §5707a).

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Each command/unit is expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a member and/or AO fails to follow the JFTR. Disciplinary action should be for ***willful*** violations and may be in the form of counseling (oral/written), non-judicial action, or other appropriate means. Action must ***not*** be through refusal to reimburse. See par. U3120-A4 for exceptions when reimbursement is ***not*** allowed.

U1060 REGISTERED TRAVELER PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FEE

A. General. The Registered Traveler program was developed by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to accelerate the screening process, at participating airports, for travelers who voluntarily enroll in the program.

B. Participation. Participation in this program is voluntary and is not required by the GOV'T. GOV'T fund use to obtain membership in such a program is statutorily prohibited by 5 USC §5946 per GSA Bulletin FTR 08-05 of 25 June 2008.

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PART A: APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES

U3000 SCOPE

A. Applicability. This Chapter applies to all travel incident to TDY and PCS by any transportation mode. It prescribes rules concerning accommodations a member or dependents may use on a specific mode, U.S.-certificated carrier use, travel agency use, transportation expense reimbursement, travel within and around a member's TDY or PDS location, and accompanied baggage transportation authorization.

B. Transportation Mode. Official TDY or PCS travel may be authorized/approved on any combination of the following:

1. GOV'T (including foreign GOV'T) aircraft, train, bus, vehicle, or vessel (ocean, waterway or ferry),

2. Commercial (including GOV'T-contracted) aircraft, train, bus, or ship (ocean, waterway or ferry), ***NOTE: The English Channel Tunnel (CHUNNEL) used for travel between the United Kingdom and Europe is a ferry for computation purposes.***

3. POC,

4. Special conveyance,

5. Taxicab, bus, streetcar, subway or other public conveyances, and

6. Airport limousine, or courtesy conveyance.

NOTE: For the limited number of senior officials designated by Secretary of Defense as "required use" travelers on military aircraft see DODD 4500.56, DOD Policy on Use of GOV'T Aircraft and Air Travel, Enclosure 2.

U3001 ALLOWABLE TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

Transportation expenses include the cost of airline, train (including sleeping accommodations or parlor car seats), ship (including ocean, waterway or ferry), and bus tickets, transportation to/from carrier terminals and special conveyance cost. POC operating expenses ordinarily are reimbursed through a mileage allowance. Transportation expenses reimbursement and mileage are in addition to the per diem or actual expense allowances prescribed in Ch 4, Part B or Part C.

U3002 DIRECTING TRANSPORTATION MODE

NOTE: Throughout par. U3002 and the rest of these regulations, users must remember that it is MANDATORY DOD policy to use CTOs for all official transportation requirements.

A. General. The AO official may direct the use of one or more transportation modes for a member on TDY travel that does not involve a PCS move. Service regulations may, under limited circumstances, specify when a particular mode (other than a POC or special conveyance) may be directed (see par. U5107) for an individual PCS move. See par. U5108-A for transoceanic PCS travel. ***A member may not be directed to use a POC or a special conveyance, nor may dependent travel be directed by a particular mode.*** The member may select POC for overland PCS travel. If no mode is directed, the member may select a transportation mode that allows the mission to be completed within the prescribed time limits. The member is bound by all regulations pertaining to the directed or, if appropriate, the selected transportation mode.

B. Travel Reimbursement. Except PCS transoceanic travel (see par. U5108-A), when a specific transportation mode is directed a member may be reimbursed for personally procured transportation up to the cost of the directed mode. ***NOTE: This policy does not apply to pars. U5108-A, U7200-C1a, U7205-A, U7206, U7400, U7401, U7450-A, U7451, U7500 and U7551, items 3 and 4.*** See par. U3120 regarding mandatory CTO use.

C. Other Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursement for additional TDY transportation expenses (e.g., taxicab, bus, streetcar fares) is allowable as authorized in Ch 3, Part E.

U3003 AUTHORIZED MODE

The AO, when not required to direct the transportation mode, ordinarily determines the authorized transportation mode, taking into account mission requirements, time limits, transportation availability, and economic considerations. If the AO fails to make a determination or direct the mode, air transportation is the authorized mode for travel time and per diem calculation purposes for TDY and transoceanic PCS travel, unless the member demonstrates that air transportation cannot meet the mission requirements efficiently or economically.

U3005 TRAVEL TIME

A. Travel by GOV'T Conveyance and/or Common Carrier on GOV'T-Procured Transportation. Travel time for travel by GOV'T conveyance (except GOV'T automobile) and/or common carrier obtained by ***GOV'T-procured transportation*** is allowed for the actual time needed to travel over the direct route including necessary delays for the transportation mode used. Travel time for travel by GOV'T automobile is computed under par. U3005-C.

B. Travel by other than Directed Mode. A member, directed to travel by an available specific transportation mode but who elects to travel by another mode, is limited to the actual travel time used, NTE the allowable travel time for the directed transportation mode.

C. POC

1. TDY. Generally, 1 travel day is allowed for each 400 miles of official distance of ordered travel. If the excess distance is 1 or more miles after dividing the total official distance by 400, one additional travel day is allowed. When the total official distance is 400 or fewer miles, 1 day of travel time is allowed. This applies to travel by:

a. POC if to the GOV'T's advantage, and

b. Special conveyance (vehicle) as an authorized TDY transportation mode, and

c. GOV'T vehicle.

2. PCS. Generally, 1 travel day is allowed for each 350 miles of official distance of ordered travel. If the excess distance is 51 or more miles after dividing the total official distance by 350, one additional travel day is allowed. When the total official distance is 400 or fewer miles, 1 day of travel time is allowed. See par. U5160-E ICW additional travel time.

*D. Travel by Aero Club. When a travel authorization/order does not direct travel by a specific transportation mode and the member travels by Aero Club aircraft, allowable travel time is the actual travel time, including necessary delays, up to the time allowed if commercial transportation had been used.

*E. TDY Travel by Mixed Mode

*1. POC Use to the GOV'T's Advantage. If a member travels partly by POC and partly by common carrier for a leg of a journey, travel time is computed IAW par. U3305-C for the distance traveled by POC, to which is added the actual travel time using commercial transportation. The total allowable time cannot exceed that authorized in par. U3305-C for POC travel for the official distance of the ordered travel.

*2. POC Use Not to the GOV'T's Advantage. If a member travels partly by POC and partly by common carrier for a leg of a journey, travel time is computed IAW par. U3305-C for the distance traveled by POC, to which is added the actual travel time using commercial transportation. The total time cannot exceed that authorized in par. U3305-A for commercial transportation for the official distance of the ordered travel.

*F. Travel by Special Conveyance. When special conveyance use is authorized/approved, allowable travel time is the actual time needed to perform travel. ***NOTE: If travel is by vehicle, authorized travel time is computed under par. U3005-C.***

U3006 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

In determining a travel schedule, select the scheduled transportation that most nearly coincides with the departure and arrival times needed to carry out the mission and the provisions of par. U3006. Consider:

1. Duty hours;

2. Duty requirements;

3. Lodging availability at points of origin, destination or intermediate stops;

4. The need for onward transportation;

5. The traveler's comfort and well being; and

6. The traveler not being scheduled for departures and arrivals between 2400 and 0600 unless that is the only schedule available or is required by the mission.

U3010 SEPARATE JOURNEYS

When determining payable allowances, travel between any two points in the following categories is computed separately as a separate journey:

1. PDS,

2. TDY station,

3. Passenger port of embarkation (POE),

4. Passenger port of debarkation (POD),

5. First duty station,

6. Last duty station,

7. HOR,

8. HOS,

9. PLEAD,

10. A designated place,

11. A COT leave location,

12. POV loading port/VPC,

13. POV unloading port/VPC, and

14. POV storage facility.

U3015 ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE TRANSPORTATION

A. General. Par. U3015 prescribes transportation authority for accompanied baggage (transported free on a transportation ticket) and excess accompanied baggage. Accompanied baggage in excess of the weight, size, or number of pieces carried free by a transportation carrier is excess accompanied baggage. See APP A definitions of baggage and baggage, accompanied. Excess accompanied baggage limitations are:

1. Does not include pets (see par. U5810-D); and

2. A traveler who purchases an airline tickets to accommodate circuitous or personal convenience travel in conjunction with official travel is not authorized reimbursement for excess baggage costs that would not be incurred if GOV'T-procured airline tickets were available and used. See par. U2010.

B. Authorization/Approval for Excess Accompanied Baggage. Excess accompanied baggage may be authorized/ approved by the Secretarial Process under official travel IAW Service regulations. ***The traveler should be financially prepared to pay for excess accompanied baggage while traveling.*** Examples of when excess accompanied baggage transportation may be necessary involving official travel only are:

1. Family size; or

2. A traveler with a disability/special needs (i.e., ambulatory or respiratory aids); or

3. Professional article(s)/materiel required for the performance of official duties at the TDY/next PDS location.

*C. Baggage Cost Payment. See APP G regarding excess accompanied baggage expenses reimbursement.

1. Excess Accompanied Baggage Transportation Charges. Excess accompanied baggage transportation costs may be paid only when authorized/approved under par. U3015-B IAW a Service's policy. Excess accompanied baggage charges that have been authorized before travel occurs may be included in documents for GOV'T-procured transportation, or the member may be reimbursed for the charges.

2. Accompanied Baggage Transfer. Itemized necessary accompanied baggage transfer expenses are reimbursable except when the member is receiving TDY mileage or MALT.

3. Accompanied Baggage Checking and Handling. Itemized accompanied baggage checking expenses are reimbursable except when the member is receiving TDY mileage or MALT. See APP G for accompanied baggage handling tip reimbursement.

4. Excess Accompanied Baggage Reimbursement. Excess accompanied baggage charges/fees reimbursement may be authorized prior to or approved after the completed official travel IAW Service regulations.

D. Return of Accompanied Baggage that Was Part of a Troop Movement to the Member. When a member's accompanied baggage is shipped as part of a troop movement but the member's name is later deleted from the movement authorization/order, an expedited transportation mode may be used to return or forward the accompanied baggage to the member. This expedited transportation must be authorized/approved IAW Service regulations.

PART C: GOV'T CONVEYANCE TRAVEL

U3200 GOV'T CONVEYANCE USE ON TDY

A. Limited to Official Purposes. Use of a GOV'T conveyance 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.

*B. Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursement is authorized for allowable expenses incurred in operating a GOV'T conveyance 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:

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. See APP G;
7. Guards; and
8. Storage fees.

C. Allowable Travel Time for Computation of Per Diem or Actual Expenses. When TDY travel is directed and performed by GOV'T conveyance, allowable travel time is computed under par. U3005-A.

U3210 AERO CLUB AIRCRAFT USE ON TDY

*A. General. The use of Aero Club owned or GOV'T loaned aircraft does not take precedence over normal GOV'T conveyance. When the use of these aircraft is authorized/approved, reimbursement is authorized for the necessary expenses. ***The accompanying passengers receive no payment for transportation in the Aero Club aircraft.*** Necessary expenses incurred include:

1. The hourly fee imposed by the Aero Club,

2. Fuel charges if not reimbursable by the Aero Club, and

*3. Landing and tie-down fees (includes the hangar in severe weather) charged at en route and destination airports.

*Authority for travel by Aero Club aircraft must be IAW Service regulations.

*B. Allowable Travel Time for Per Diem or Actual Expenses Computation. See par. U3005-D.

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

U3400 GENERAL

This Part prescribes the allowable reimbursements for commonly incurred expenses associated with public or special conveyances use during TDY or PCS travel. For non-PCS/TDY transportation expenses incurred in and around duty stations, see Part F.

U3405 MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

A member may be reimbursed for miscellaneous transportation-related reimbursable expenses described in this Part which are incurred for travel between two points that are a separate journey (see par. U3010) when TDY mileage is not payable, even though the member begins or ends in a TDY mileage status during the same calendar day. A member who is paid TDY mileage for the entire journey may not be reimbursed for miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expenses regardless of the transportation mode.

U3410 TAXICAB/LIMOUSINE SERVICE USE

A. To/from Transportation Terminal. Reimbursement is authorized for taxi/limousine service fares plus tip as follows:

1. Between place of residence, lodging, or place of duty at the PDS or TDY station and the transportation terminal;

2. Between transportation terminals to change conveyance when a free timely transfer is not provided; or

3. From transportation terminal to lodging and return when needed due to en route transportation delays beyond the member's control; and

4. Between a transportation terminal and limousine service terminal.

The member's PDS boundary for travel reimbursement to/from a transportation terminal serving that area includes the place, within a reasonable distance, from which the member commutes daily to/from the place of duty.

B. Between Residence and PDS on the Day Travel Is Performed. Reimbursement is authorized for taxi/limousine fares plus tip from the member's residence to the PDS on the member's departure day on TDY requiring at least one night's lodging, and from the PDS to the residence on the return day from the TDY.

U3415 SPECIAL CONVEYANCE USE

A. General. An AO may authorize/approve a special conveyance when to the GOV'T's advantage. A traveler's personal preference or minor inconvenience must not be the basis for authorizing/approving special conveyance use. When the AO does not authorize/approve special conveyance use, reimbursement is limited to the appropriate TDY POC mileage rate in par. U2600 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost. See par. U3310-A.

B. Selecting a Rental Vehicle

1. Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR), (DOD 4500.9-R) Part I, Passenger Movement, Chapter 106, Policy (website address: ***http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtrpart1/dtr_part_i_106.pdf***)

a. ***It is mandatory, within DOD and in the NOAA Corps, to obtain rental vehicles through the CTO/ TMC, when available. NOTE: It is not mandatory to use a CTO/TMC when renting an airplane or bus.***

b. The lowest cost rental service that meets the mission requirement must be selected when selecting commercially rented vehicles.

c. 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. ***NOTE: To view appropriate rental car companies and rates go to the DTMO website at http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil and click on Car/Truck 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 company 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 company listed that has a vehicle necessary for official GOV'T travel and this company should be used.***

Example: Rental Car Company A may have a standard SUV to rent listed on the DTMO website. If this type SUV is rented, it is covered under the DTMO rental car agreement and has full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the GOV'T traveler traveling on official GOV'T business. However, Rental Car Company B may not list any SUVs on the DTMO website but may have an SUV to rent at the rental office at which a traveler picks up the vehicle. If the traveler rents an SUV from Rental Car Company B who does not have SUVs listed on the DTMO website as participating vehicle under the DTMO rental car agreement, the SUV is not covered with liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel.

d. A traveler disregarding rental car arrangements made by a CTO/TMC may be required to provide justification for additional rental car costs before reimbursement is allowed.

e. For policies, instructions, and guidance regarding motor pools and rental of automobiles from commercial rental companies, see DTR, Part I, Chapter 106 and Service regulations.

2. Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) Policy (website address: ***http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil***)

a. DTMO vehicle rental agreements apply to all DOD components and activities and non-Defense Agencies.

b. Current domestic and foreign rental car ceiling rates and additional rental vehicle information may be obtained from:

Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO)
Commercial Travel Division
Travel Management Branch
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

or via the DTMO website at ***http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil***.

3. Reimbursement. When an available CTO/TMC is not used, reimbursement is limited to what it would have cost if a CTO/TMC had made the rental vehicle arrangements.

4. Non-DOD Services. For CTO/TMC use ICW rental cars, see Service regulations.

C. Special Conveyance (Includes Aircraft) Reimbursement

1. Reimbursable Expenses

a. ***It is mandatory to obtain a rental vehicle (except for an aircraft or a bus) through the CTO/TMC per TRANSCOM policy, when the CTO/TMC is available.***

b. 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.

c. When the AO authorizes/approves special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following reimbursements are authorized per APP G:

(1) Rental cost, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users, necessary gas and oil, aircraft landing and tie-down fees, and transportation to and from the rental facility.

(2) Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls; traveler access fee (when charged); any per-day GARS called for in the DTMO rental car agreements; garage (POC parking is a separate miscellaneous 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 by the GOV'T renter, may incur additional charges which are reimbursable when authorized in the travel authorization/order. Reimbursement is limited to the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for the required non-standard equipment. A traveler who disregards a special conveyance arrangement made by a CTO/ TMC must be prepared to provide justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost using the CTO/TMC) is allowed. ***Reimbursement for purchase of snow tires and/or other non-standard items is not authorized.***

(4) A traveler is reimbursed for mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.

(5) A claim for damage to a rental vehicle, while the vehicle is being used for official business, may be reimbursable to the traveler or the rental car company when appropriate as a miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expense. The claim must be adjudicated as payable per the DOD Financial Management Regulation (Volume 9, Chapter 4) (found at ***http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/***) or appropriate Service directives for the non-DOD Services.

2. Rented Automobile Insurance

NOTE: See par. U3415-B1c for information on other vehicles that 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.

a. Insurance Cost. The cost of buying collision insurance (e.g., Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) Adjustment, Theft Protection, etc.) is reimbursable only if:

(1) The insurance is required by the rental agency in a foreign area or country to provide full coverage insurance but only when renting an automobile, or

(2) Certain classified special operations are involved.

b. Rented Motor Vehicle Damage. A member may be reimbursed for personal funds paid to car rental 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 car rental companies instead of to the member, if appropriate. In either case, the reimbursement is a miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expense. ***Reimbursement for personal funds paid for damage sustained by a rented automobile while being used on other than official business is not authorized.***

c. Damage Claims. Requests from a member, or from a rental company for reimbursement or payment should be documented and submitted IAW the DOD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 9, Chapter 4 ***(found at website http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/)***, or appropriate Service regulations for the non-DOD Services. Statements, itemized bills, and an accident report are typical requirements (47 Comp. Gen. 145 (1967)).

3. Special Conveyance Receipts. See par. U2500-B.

****NOTE:***

1. A traveler is not reimbursed for rental car insurance coverage purchased in the United States or in a non-foreign OCONUS location regardless of from whom the rental car is rented.

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

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 at http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil and click on Car/Truck Rental Agreements in the left-hand column. A vehicle listed in the rental car agreement on the DTMO website is the only vehicle covered under the DTMO rental-car agreement. A vehicle, offered by a company 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 company listed that has a vehicle necessary for official GOV'T travel and this company should be used.

D. To/from Transportation Terminals. The member:

1. May be authorized/approved special conveyance use for travel to and from local transportation terminals;

2. May be authorized/approved special conveyance use to, from, and between transportation 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 transportation terminals.

E. Between Duty Stations. The AO may authorize/approve travel by special conveyance to, from**,** or between TDY stations under circumstances not permitting travel by the usual transportation modes, or when special conveyance use is determined to be advantageous to the GOV'T. Reimbursement is authorized for the total expense incurred in the conveyance use. For rental vehicle use on a PCS, see par. U5105-A.

F. Special Conveyance Use in and around PDS or TDY Station. For reimbursement for special conveyance use within and around the PDS and TDY station, see Part F.

G. 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.

U3420 BUS, STREETCAR, AND SUBWAY USE

A. To/from Transportation Terminals. Reimbursement is authorized for bus, streetcar, and subway fares as follows:

1. Between places of residence, lodging, or duty at the PDS or TDY station and the transportation terminal;

2. Between transportation terminals to change conveyance when free/timely transfer is not provided; or

3. From transportation terminal to lodging and return when needed due to en route transportation delays beyond the member's control.

The member's PDS boundary for travel reimbursement to/from a transportation terminal serving that area includes the place, within a reasonable distance, from which the member 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 member's residence to the PDS on the member's departure day on TDY when the TDY requires at least one night's lodging and from the PDS to the member's residence on the return day from TDY.

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*1. A TDY assignment may be authorized/approved only when necessary ICW official Uniformed Service activity or GOV'T business.

*2. Travel must be planned and scheduled to accomplish multiple objectives whenever possible.

*3. Procedures must be in place to evaluate TDY requests to ensure that the:

a. Purpose is essential official business;

b. Objective cannot be satisfactorily accomplished less expensively by correspondence, teleconferencing or other appropriate means;

c. Duration is no longer than required; and

d. Number of persons assigned is held to the minimum.

*4. TDY travel should not be authorized for secretaries, or clerical personnel when such services are available at the TDY site, unless essential for mission accomplishment.

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PART B: PER DIEM ALLOWANCE

U4100 GENERAL

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

NOTE: 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, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky)), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. When the location (reservation, station or other established area) is not specifically listed in the per diem tables, the applicable per diem rate is based on the location of the front gate for the reservation, station or other established area. Refer to the U.S. Census Bureau website (http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup) which can help determine in which county a destination is located. If the specific location (e.g., city or town) is not listed in the per diem list, but the county is, then the county per diem rate is the rate for that entire county – including all encompassed cities and towns. If neither the city/town nor the county is listed, that area is a Standard CONUS per diem rate location. See par. U2025 for the current Standard CONUS per diem rate.

U4101 WHEN IS PER DIEM AUTHORIZED

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

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

U4102 CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PER DIEM IS NOT AUTHORIZED

A. When Not in a Travel Status. A member is not authorized per diem for any day before the day during which a travel status begins or for any day after a travel status ends. See par. U2200-C.

B. Day of Leave or Proceed Time. A member is not authorized per diem on any day classified as leave or proceed time. See par. U7225 when on leave during a contingency TDY or par. U7226 when on leave from a TDY site to visit evacuated dependents at a safe haven location.

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

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

D. Travel or TDY within PDS Limits. Except as authorized in par. U4105-H, a member is not authorized per diem for travel or TDY performed within the limits of the PDS. This does not preclude payment of per diem on the departure day from or return day to the PDS ICW TDY away from the PDS. For transportation allowances see Ch 3. Par. U4102-D does not prohibit reimbursement under par. U4510 for occasional meals and QTRS necessarily procured within the PDS limits by a member escorting arms control inspection team/a member while engaged in activities related to the implementation of an arms control treaty or agreement during the in-country period referred to in the treaty or agreement (DOD Authorization Act, FY93, P.L. 102-484, dated 23 October 1992.) Except as indicated below, per diem is not payable at the old or new PDS for TDY en route ICW PCS travel. This applies even if the member vacated the permanent QTRS at the old PDS and lodged in temporary QTRS during the TDY. ***Exception:*** A member who detaches (signs out PCS) from the old PDS, performs TDY en route elsewhere, and returns TDY en route to the old PDS is authorized per diem at the old PDS (B-161267, 30 August 1967). Example: A member departs the Pentagon (in Arlington, VA) PCS on 15 June, performs TDY en route at Ft. Leavenworth 1 - 31 July, returns TDY en route to the Pentagon 5-15 August, and then signs in PCS to Ft. Polk on 31 August. The member is authorized per diem at the Pentagon (old PDS) 5-15 August. If the member had departed on 15 June but performed TDY in Arlington, VA, first, no per diem is payable for the TDY in Arlington immediately after detachment. This does not preclude payment of the per diem 'IE' IAW par. U1035 for a member hospitalized at the PDS.

*E. TDY within the Local Area of the PDS (Outside the PDS Limits). A member is not authorized per diem for TDY performed within the local area (outside the limits) of the PDS as defined in par. U3500-B, unless overnight lodging is required. Occasional meals may be paid under par. U4510 when the member is required to procure meals at personal expense outside the PDS limits. For transportation allowances, see par. U3001. This does not preclude payment of the per diem 'IE' IAW par. U1035 for a member hospitalized within the local area of the PDS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Member is participating in the advance planning or critique phase of the operation; or

3. Secretary Concerned authorized payment of a per diem to a member who is performing field duty while in a travel status under par. U4105-D.

The period during which this prohibition is in effect begins at 0001 on the day after the day on which field duty begins and ends at 2400 on the day before the day on which it ends. Par. U4102-L does not prohibit reimbursement under par. U4510 for occasional meals or QTRS necessarily procured. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***

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

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

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

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

U4105 PER DIEM PAYABLE IN SPECIFIC CASES

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

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

1. Member Not Charged for Meals. A member is not authorized per diem when traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship when meals are furnished without charge, except on days of embarkation and debarkation if otherwise authorized under par. U4105-C.

2. Member Charged for Meals. A member traveling aboard a U.S. or foreign government ship, other than an oceangoing car ferry, of 24 or more hours as a passenger (except those aboard for TDY or training) who is charged for meals is authorized per diem equal to the cost of the meals furnished, except on the embarkation and debarkation days.

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

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

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

F. Ordered to TDY while on Leave. ***Par. U4105-F applies only if the need for the TDY is unknown prior to the member's departure on leave.*** If the TDY is known before departure on leave, the member is reimbursed actual travel expenses NTE the constructed round-trip cost between the PDS and TDY location. ***City-pair airfares are not authorized for use to/from the leave point if the TDY requirement is known before leave is begun.***

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

2. TDY at other than Leave Point

a. Authorized to Resume Leave upon TDY Completion. A member on leave away from the PDS, who receives a TDY authorization/order to other than the leave point, is authorized round-trip transportation and per diem for travel between the leave address (or the place at which the authorization/order is received, whichever applies), and the TDY location. See par. U3100-B. TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

b. Directed to Return to PDS upon TDY Completion. A member away from the PDS, who receives a TDY authorization/order at other than the leave point, is authorized transportation and per diem for travel from the:

(1) Leave address (or place at which the authorization/order is received, whichever applies), to the TDY station (see par. U3100-B), and

(2) TDY station to the PDS.

TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

c. Directed to Proceed to New PDS upon TDY Completion. A member is authorized PCS travel and transportation allowances for travel performed from the:

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

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

(3) TDY station to the new PDS.

TDY allowances are payable at the TDY location.

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

H. TDY within the PDS Limits. Travel and transportation allowances are authorized for a member performing TDY (other than at the member's residence or normal duty location) within the limits of a PDS when authorized by competent authority. ***Par. U4105-H allowances are authorized when such duty is performed under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to human life or damage to Federal GOV'T property provided overnight accommodations are used by reason of such duty.*** See Ch 3 for transportation allowances.

I. Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem Allowance. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a contingency operation flat rate per diem allowance for a member assigned TDY to a contingency operation for more than 180 consecutive days at one location. The reduced flat rate per diem allowance is equal to 55% of the applicable maximum locality per diem rate. Retroactive application of this authority to an existing travel authorization/order dated prior to par. U4105-I effective date of 1 February 2008 violates par. U2105. Except to correct or to complete an authorization/order to show the original intent, a travel authorization/order must not be revoked or modified retroactively to create, deny, or change an allowance (24 Comp. Gen. 439 (1944)). See APP A for the definition of contingency operation.

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

a. Retained lodging expenses during a member's authorized absence. See pars. U7225 and U7226.

b. Contingency operation flat rate per diem allowance applies to TDY at the specified location. If a member is sent TDY to another location, the appropriate per diem, computed using the 'Lodgings-Plus' method, for that area applies.

c. See par. U4135 for dual lodging information.

2. Delegation Authority. The Secretary Concerned may delegate authority to prescribe a contingency operation flat per diem rate via the Secretarial Process to an official at the O-6 or GS-15 level with no further re-delegation authorized.

3. Contingency Operation Per Diem Allowance Exception. The Secretary Concerned or authorized delegated authority may adjust the contingency operation flat rate per diem allowance when the 55% rate is determined to be insufficient or overly generous. ***Per diem rate adjustment must be authorized before travel.*** For example, the Secretary Concerned or the authorized delegated authority, before travel begins, may authorize the following per diem rate adjustments:

a. Lower the 55% to 50% to accommodate slightly lower than expected anticipated expenses; or

b. Increase the 55% to 60% to accommodate slightly higher than anticipated expenses; or

c. Increase the per diem in 10% increments above 60% (NTE 100%) if 60% is insufficient.

d. Full locality per diem rate (and 'Lodgings-Plus' computation) continuation when reduced cost long-term rental or lease facilities are not available at the specified location.

4. Per Diem Computation Procedures. The contingency flat rate per diem rate is rounded up to the next higher dollar and paid in a fixed amount NTE 55% of the applicable maximum daily TDY locality per diem rate, plus lodging tax. See par. U4105-I4c. ***A lodging receipt is not required; however, one may be necessary IAW Service regulations to support a lodging tax miscellaneous reimbursable expense.*** Ensure the member has asked about and taken advantage of any tax exemption that may exist.

a. Pay 55% (or the appropriate percent) of the locality per diem allowance rate (plus CONUS lodging tax as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense if applicable on the 55% or appropriate percentage) except for the days of departure from and/or return to the PDS. See par. U4147.

b. Pay 75% of the M&IE rate plus the lodging cost if applicable on the arrival date at the TDY location and 75% of M&IE on the return day at the PDS.

c. Lodging tax in CONUS and in non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to the 55% (or appropriate percent) per diem. ***Lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area is part of the per diem lodging ceiling and is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense***.

d. If authorized travel requires more than one day en route to the TDY contingency operation location where a reduced flat per diem rate is authorized, per diem at the stopover point is based on the stopover locality per diem rate and is not at the 55% rate. See par. U4145-B. The flat rate per diem rate is effective the day after the member reports to the TDY location. See pars. U4149 or U4151.

e. For multiple TDY assignments between the contingency operation TDY location and other locations such as a uniformed service facility where GMR or PMR or similar deductible meals are available (par. U4165) or commercial lodging the locality per diem applies for the official travel days. When dual lodging is authorized, pay NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate (not the flat rate per diem amount) for the contingency operation TDY location. See par. U4105-I1c. The applicable per diem rate is effective the day after the reporting date to the TDY location. See pars. U4149 or U4151.

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

The contingency reduced flat rate per diem allowance is set at 55% or $143 ($259 x 55% = $142.45, rounded up to $143), plus lodging tax of $15/night.

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

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

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

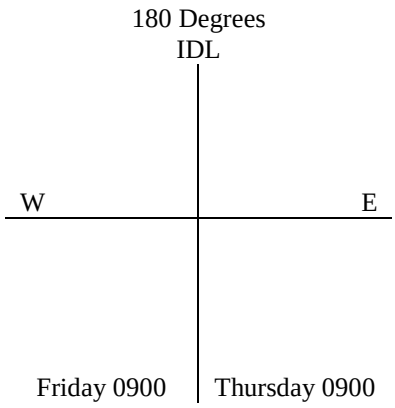
Pay the departure TDY day to the PDS - $45.75 ($61 x 75% = $45.75).

J. When the TDY Station Becomes the PDS. A member, who while at a TDY station receives a PCS authorization/ order or information indicating that the member will be transferred to the TDY station on a ***specified future date,*** is authorized payment of otherwise proper TDY allowances for the TDY involved and return travel to the old PDS. See par. U7125-C if the TDY station is designated as the new PDS ***effective immediately***.

U4115 INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

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

B. Computing Per Diem when Crossing the International Dateline (IDL)



C. Computation. The following are examples of computing per diem allowances and making cost comparisons under par. U4115:

EXAMPLE 1
TDY Travel Involving IDL with a 'Lost' Day

The TDY location lodging cost is $135/night. The per diem rate is $225 ($135/ $90).

The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/20.

When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the dates 8/18 -8/19 are treated as one day for per diem computation purposes because the traveler did not arrive at the TDY location until 8/20. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for two 8/25 dates.

A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.

ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**At**
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
20-24 Aug (Friday-Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	

REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)		
18 Aug Wednesday	75 % x $90 =	$67.50
19 August Thursday	NO PER DIEM	
20-24 Aug (Friday-Tuesday)	$135 + $90 = $225/day x 5 days =	$1,125.00
25 Aug Wednesday	$90 (M&IE) =	$90.00
25 Aug Wednesday	75 % x $90 =	$67.50
Total		**$1,350.00**

EXAMPLE 2
TDY Travel Involving IDL without a 'Lost' Day

TDY location lodging cost is $140/night. The per diem rate is $218 ($146/ $72).

The traveler departs (heading west) on 8/18 and arrives at the TDY location on 8/19.

When crossing the IDL in a westward direction, the date 8/19 (Thursday) is treated as a full day for per diem computation purposes as the traveler arrived on 8/19. Upon return (west to east) when traveler crosses the IDL, the traveler is paid M&IE for one 8/25 date.

A GOV'T dining facility/mess is not available at the TDY point. AEA is not authorized.

ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**At**
18 Aug Wednesday	PDS/Residence		
19-24 Aug (Thursday-Tuesday)			TDY Station
25 Aug Wednesday	TDY Station		
25 Aug Wednesday		PDS/Residence	

REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)		
18 Aug Wednesday	75 % x $72 =	$54.00
19-24 Aug (Thursday-Tuesday)	$140 + $72 = $212/day x 6 days =	$1,272.00
25 Aug Wednesday	75 % x $72 =	$54.00
Total		**$1,380.00**

U4125 PER DIEM UNDER THE 'LODGINGS-PLUS' COMPUTATION METHOD

Per diem computed under this Part is based on the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method. The total daily per diem amount may not exceed the applicable daily locality rate. See par. U2510 concerning receipts.

U4127 LODGING TAX UNDER 'LODGINGS-PLUS'

A. CONUS and Non-foreign OCONUS Areas. The maximum locality lodging amount in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include lodging tax. Lodging tax in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense when per diem (or AEA as in Ch 4, Part C) is paid except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC PCS travel is paid. See APP G.

B. Foreign Areas. The maximum locality lodging amount in foreign areas includes a lodging tax amount. ***Lodging tax in foreign areas is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense when per diem (or Ch 4, Part C AEA) is paid.***

U4129 LODGING UNDER THE 'LODGINGS-PLUS' COMPUTATION METHOD

A. General. The amount allowed for lodging expense is the expense actually incurred or the maximum locality amount for lodging, whichever is less. Reimbursement computation is in par. U1045 for the commercial lodging cost incurred for any day that the member was TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS were available on that U.S. INSTALLATION.

B. Commercial Lodging. Except as provided for double occupancy in par. U4129-D, when a member uses commercial lodging facilities (i.e., hotels, motels, and boarding houses), the allowable lodging expense is based on the single room rate for the lodging used.

C. GOV'T QTRS. A fee/service charge paid for GOV'T QTRS is an allowable lodging expense.

D. Double Occupancy. In the case of double occupancy, each official traveler is allowed one-half of the double occupancy charge if a room is shared with another official traveler. ***NOTE: Double occupancy does not limit the traveler's lodging per diem ceiling eligibility. Ex: Two official travelers who share a room in a $100/night lodging area have $200 with which to pay for a room.*** Otherwise, the official traveler is allowed the single room rate. ***The official traveler must provide the single room rate.***

E. Lodging with a Friend or Relative. ***Lodging cost reimbursement is not authorized for a member who stays with a friend or relative.*** A member, who lodges with friends or relatives, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible. The lodging reimbursement examples below apply for official travel to include as an attendant/ escort, evacuation, extended TDY, limited evacuation and other circumstances in which the member has the option to stay with friends or relatives. ***The Service/Agency cannot direct the member to lodge with friends or relatives.***

> **Example 1**: A member (outpatient) and a DOD civilian employee (attendant), each traveling under an official TDY travel authorization/order to Location A, reside together with family members who live at/near Location A during the TDY. They commute daily to the TDY location. The member is not authorized lodging reimbursement, but the DOD civilian employee possibly may be eligible for reimbursement of some lodging costs. See JTR, par. C4555-B3.
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> **Example 2**: A member is TDY (active duty call-up) to Location A and stays in commercial lodging. A family member later joins the member at personal expense. The member is authorized up to the single room rate and room tax on the single rate if applicable.

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

G. Lodging Not Available at TDY Station. The TDY locality per diem rate or the AEA (see Ch 4, Part C) ceiling for the location where lodging is obtained is used for computation ***only*** when a member is TDY at a place where neither GOV'T nor commercial QTRS are available. ***NOTE: Par. U4129-G applies only when the locality per diem rate for the lodging 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***.

U4131 APARTMENT, HOUSE, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENT WHILE TDY

A. General. An apartment, house, or recreational vehicle (includes a mobile home, a camper, a camping trailer, or self-propelled mobile recreational vehicle) qualifies as QTRS. Par. U4129-E applies for lodging with a friend/ relative.

B. Expenses. Allowable lodging expenses are:

1. Apartment, house, or recreational vehicle rent;

2. Parking space for the recreational vehicle rent;

3. Appropriate and necessary furniture rental, such as a stove, refrigerators, chairs, tables, beds, sofas, television, and a vacuum cleaner;

NOTE 1: Some rental agreements (i.e., furniture rental agreements) include options-to-buy clauses that result in the renter owning the rented item (i.e., furniture) at the contract term end. A traveler may be reimbursed for the cost of such a rental agreement (i.e., cost of furniture rental as part of the lodging cost) while on TDY if the traveler has no other choice but to enter into such an agreement. However, if the traveler exercises the purchase option, the amount that is being credited toward the purchase must be returned to the GOV'T by the traveler if paid to the traveler as part of the travel claim settlement (B-259520, 7 December 1995).

NOTE 2: A member who rents and occupies a residence at the TDY location may not be reimbursed for the cost of: 1. shipment of furniture from a previous residence, or 2. purchase of furniture needed for unfurnished temporary duty lodgings, even if shipment/purchase was less expensive than rental would have been. Adopted from GSBCA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005 (This decision is available at: http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/travel/t1669917.txt).

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

5. Dumping fees;

6. Shower fees;

7. Maid fees and cleaning charges;

8. Monthly telephone use fees (***does not include INSTALLATION charges and unofficial long distance calls. When a personally-owned cellular phone is used in lieu of an installed phone, the monthly cell phone fee may not be claimed. See APP G for official communications.***);

9. The costs of special user fees such as cable TV charges and plug-in charges for automobile head bolt heaters, if ordinarily included in the price of a hotel/motel room in the area concerned; and

10. Exchange fee (but not the annual maintenance fee) paid by a member to acquire use of timeshare lodgings at the TDY point (B-254626, 17 February 1994).

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

U4133 LODGING COST ALLOWANCE UNDER THE BARTER SYSTEM

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

U4135 DUAL LODGING REIMBURSEMENT ON A SINGLE DAY

A. Per Diem Basis. When it is necessary for a member to retain lodgings at one TDY location (Location A) for other than personal convenience and procure lodgings at a second TDY location (Location B) on the same calendar day, the lodging cost incurred at the second TDY location (Location B) is used for computing the member's per diem for TDY at that location (Location B) for that day.

B. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expense for Lodging. The lodging cost incurred at the first location (Location A) is reimbursable as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense (see APP G) if approved by the AO (60 Comp. Gen. 630 (1981)).

C. Maximum Reimbursement. Actual lodging cost reimbursement at the first TDY location (Location A) must not exceed the amount of per diem or AEA plus lodging tax that would have been paid had the member remained at Location A overnight.

D. Long-term Dual Lodgings Occupancy. ***An authorization/order that authorizes long-term reimbursement for dual lodging is not in conformance with the intent of par. U4135.*** **Example:** An authorization/order is prepared to direct TDY at Location C for 150 days. The AO knows the member is to spend limited time at Location C and is also going to one or more other locations for lengthy periods during the TDY period. ***Using par. U4135 to authorize multiple long periods (or a single all-encompassing period) of dual lodging reimbursement for lodging retained at Location C violates the intent of this authority and is not authorized.***

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

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

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

A member may purchase and occupy a residence at a TDY location. 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;

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

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

U4139 LODGING COST FOR QTRS JOINTLY OCCUPIED BY MEMBER AND DEPENDENTS

Lodging cost for QTRS jointly occupied by a member and dependents is 50% for the member and 50% for the dependents (regardless of the number of family members) when a member in a per diem status is in receipt of TLA for dependents. See par. U9160-C. When dependents are not traveling at GOV'T expense, the member is authorized the single room rate.

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

If a traveler is to be 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. If paid under DTS, the CTO should be used to make these arrangements unless the CTO does not provide this service. See pars. U4131, U4137, and U4141.

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

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

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

EXAMPLE
1. A member is TDY at a location at which the per diem is $109 ($70/ $39).
2. The member obtains lodgings on a long-term basis and is paying $900 a month for an apartment and utilities.
3. The daily lodging cost per month is $30 ($900/30 days).
4. In June the member took leave for 10 days and is authorized per diem for only 20 days.
5. The daily lodging rate for the member during June is computed to be $45/day ($900/20). Since the $45/day lodging cost does not exceed the authorized $70 locality lodging ceiling, the member is reimbursed $45/day for 20 days of lodging in June.

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

U4143 LODGING AND/OR MEALS OBTAINED UNDER CONTRACT

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

U4145 PER DIEM COMPUTATION

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

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

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

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

U4147 PER DIEM FOR DEPARTURE FROM AND RETURN TO PDS

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

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

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

Example	
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	

U4149 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR CONUS FULL DAYS

A. Locality Rate. Applicable per diem rate for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official CONUS travel.

B. GMR. The standard GMR paid for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess plus $3 for IE is paid. This rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available (see ***NOTE*** below) on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,

2. The GMR is directed,

3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and

4. The member is not traveling.

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 QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the GMR and $3 for IE (i.e., 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.).

C. PMR. The PMR plus $3 for IE is paid. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,

2. At least one meal is available and directed where the member is assigned TDY, and

3. The member is not traveling.

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 QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the PMR and $3 for IE (i.e., 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 PMR.).

U4150 PER DIEM AND AEA ON A SINGLE TRIP

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

U4151 M&IE RATE DETERMINATION FOR OCONUS FULL DAYS

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 QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the GMR and the locality incidental expense rate unless the $3.50 incidental expense rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. 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 M&IE to GMR.

*A. Locality Rate. Applicable per diem rate for reimbursement of subsistence expenses incurred during official OCONUS travel. Use the M&IE rate for the locality concerned**.**

*B. The Standard GMR for Meals in a GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess Plus the Locality Incidental Expenses Rate. The GMR plus IE rate applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,

2. The GMR is directed,

3. The GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all three meals on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and

4. The member is not traveling.

C. PMR plus IE. The PMR applies each day that:

1. Adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION, to which the member is assigned TDY,

2. At least one meal is available and directed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which the member is assigned TDY, and

3. The member is not traveling.

*D. OCONUS IE

*1. Except for Coast Guard members, t he OCONUS locality IE rate is the applicable rate, or $3.50 when the AO determines $3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. ***The $3.50 must be stated on the authorization/order for it to be paid.***

*2. For Coast Guard the OCONUS locality incidental expense rate is the applicable rate when the member is not ordered TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION (see ***http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html***), or $3.50 when the member is TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS are available (see ***NOTE*** below) on that U.S. INSTALLATION. Two exceptions are noted below. The AOs can determine that $3.50 is:

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

*b. ***Not adequate when the member is lodged on a U.S. INSTALLATION. The locality incidental expense rate (see http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) may be authorized and must be stated in the travel authorization/order.***

****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 QTRS are not available and authorized the locality incidental expense rate unless the $3.50 incidental expense rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. 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 incidental rate to $3.50.***

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

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

U4155 SCHOOLHOUSE TRAINING (FORMAL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION)

A schoolhouse commander is authorized to determine if one of the two meal rates based on GOV'T dining facility/ mess availability (PMR or GMR) is appropriate in lieu of the locality meal rate - regardless of what the AO may put in a TDY authorization/order to the contrary. If there is information about the course that provides the appropriate meal rate, that information, and its source, should be in the authorization/order. If that information is not available prior to authorization/order issuance it must be provided to the member by the schoolhouse commander (or designee) upon arrival at the school and submitted with the travel voucher.

U4157 LODGING PER DIEM COMPUTATION

Lodging while on TDY or at a delay point, may not exceed the locality per diem lodging ceiling for the TDY or delay location. The lodging cost or the locality lodging ceiling, whichever is less, is added to the M&IE rate for that location to determine that day's per diem rate. The total amount must not exceed the maximum per diem rate for the TDY (or stopover) locality unless an AEA is authorized/approved IAW Ch 4, Part C. When lodging has been obtained at a location other than the TDY location the per diem rate for the lodging location may apply if par. U4129-G applies.

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

A. M&IE Rate. M&IE of 75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location is payable. If more than one TDY location is involved and lodging is not required, M&IE of 75% of the highest M&IE rate is payable. If lodging must be obtained, the rules for travel of more than 24 hours apply. ***Per diem is not authorized under par. U4159-A when travel is performed in the local area. See par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.***

B. Lodging Not Required. If lodging is not required, per diem is 75% of the TDY location M&IE rate for one day even if the time period is over two calendar days.

C. Lodging Required with/without Cost. If lodging is required, the rules for travel of more than 24 hours apply.

U4160 PER DIEM FOR TDY TRAVEL BY CAR FERRY

A. General. When a member on TDY travels by POC partly by road and partly by car ferry (circuitously or otherwise), the member is authorized per diem while traveling on the ferry. See par. U3330 for transportation reimbursement.

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

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

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

***U4163 ESSENTIAL UNIT MESSING (EUM)**

*There is no authority to pay the M&IE allowance meal portion when the Secretary Concerned, or for a JTF the Combatant/JTF Commander, determines that GOV'T dining facility/mess use is essential to accomplish training and readiness. The prohibition on the meal portion of per diem begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on last full EUM day. The IE rate is $3 in CONUS, or the appropriate OCONUS IE rate, or $3.50 OCONUS when the AO determines $3.50 to be adequate for anticipated expenses. ***The $3.50 rate must be stated on the authorization/ order for it to be paid.*** A member ordered to use EUM, who must procure occasional meals, is authorized reimbursement under par. U4510. ***IAW par. U4151-D, if an authorization/order does not state otherwise, locality IE rate is paid.***

U4165 DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

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

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

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

2. Included in a registration fee paid by the GOV'T;

3. Furnished at no cost to the traveler by a school while attending a course of instruction if the GOV'T ultimately pays the school for the meal cost;

4. Furnished by the GOV'T at no cost to a member (see par. U4167);

5. Provided by a lodging establishment for which a charge is added in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost $75 without breakfast; lodging cost $85 with breakfast); or

6. Provided by a lodging establishment when the meal(s) are included in the lodging cost under an agreement between the GOV'T and the lodging establishment (ex., an agency arranges for lodging at a conference/meeting and the cost of one or more meals is included in the lodging cost).

C. Meals Provided/Consumed. If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the traveler, only the IE amount for that day ($3 in CONUS, or the applicable locality IE rate or $3.50 OCONUS) is payable.

U4167 NON-DEDUCTIBLE MEALS

A. Non-Deductible Meal. The following are not deductible meals:

1. Box lunches, (which include such things as C Rations, K Rations, MREs) - except when MREs and/or other box lunches are the ***only method*** of providing adequate subsistence to a member. ***NOTE: See par. U4800-E for a member on TDY within a Combatant Command or Joint Task Force AOR.***,

2. In-flight meals,

3. Rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft,

4. GOV'T meals paid for by the member and consumed in a GOV'T dining facility/mess,

5. Meals furnished on commercial aircraft,

6. Meals provided by private individuals, or

7. Meal(s) provided by a lodging establishment on a complimentary basis without adding a charge for the meal(s) in the lodging cost (ex., lodging cost $75 with or without breakfast).

B. Meals Provided/Consumed. If all three meals are provided/consumed at no cost to the member, only the IE amount for that day ($3 in CONUS, or the applicable locality IE rate or $3.50 OCONUS) is payable.

U4169 LODGING REQUIRED ON THE DAY TRAVEL ENDS

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

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

Meals provided by a common carrier do not affect per diem. Complimentary meals provided by a lodging establishment do not affect per diem as long as the room charge is the same with or without meals. See par. U4165, items 2e and 2f when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost.

U4173 PER DIEM ALLOWANCE COMPUTATION EXAMPLES

A. GOV'T Meal Rate (GMR). The GMR in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only. Check APP A for the current GMR.

B. U.S. and Non-foreign OCONUS Lodging Tax. The maximum amount allowed for lodging in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense, except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.

C. Foreign Lodging Tax. The maximum amount allowed for lodging in foreign areas includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in foreign areas is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

D. Examples

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

EXAMPLE 1
Per Diem Rate/POC TDY Mileage Computation

A traveler is authorized TDY from a PDS for two days, POC use between the residence and TDY station (not a U.S. INSTALLATION) is to the GOV'T's advantage and authorized on the travel authorization/order. See par. U3305-B. The traveler arrives at the TDY station on day 2 and completes the TDY assignment on day 4.

Reimbursement is limited to the actual lodging cost NTE the maximum locality per diem lodging rate plus the appropriate M&IE.

The maximum per diem rate for the TDY location is $109 ($70/ $39); actual lodging cost is $72/night. The 12-hour rule does not apply because the TDY period is over 12 hours.

AEA is not used for this example but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO. See Ch 4, Part C.

ITINERARY					
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**Per Diem Rate**	**Lodging Cost**	**POC Distance**
10 May	Residence	1st Stopover	$109 ($70/ $39)	$60	400 miles
11 May	En Route	TDY Station	$109 ($70/ $39)	$72	15 miles
12 May	TDY Station	TDY Station	$109 ($70/ $39)	$72	
13 May	TDY Station	2nd Stopover	$111 ($72/ $39)	$60	365 miles
14 May	En Route	Residence	Use 2nd Stopover MI&E		50 miles

REIMBURSEMENT		
Day 1	$60 + ($39 x 75%) =	$ 89.25
Day 2	$72 = ($72 limited to $70) + $39 =	$109.00
Day 3	$72 = ($72 limited to $70) + $39 =	$109.00
Day 4	$60 + $39 =	$ 99.00
Day 5	$39 x 75% =	$ 29.25
1 round trip of 830 miles (official distance) x $0.55/mile =		$456.50
Total Reimbursement		**$892.00**

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

EXAMPLE 2
Per Diem Rate – GMR/PMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

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

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the travel authorization/order. See par. U3305-B.

The maximum per diem rate is $109 ($70/ $39). GMR (par. U4149-B) is $10.80 and the PMR (par. U4149-C) is $24 plus $3.00, the CONUS IE rate, applies in this example.

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

ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**POC Distance**
10 March	Residence	TDY Station	325 miles
16-18 March		At TDY Station	
19 March	TDY Station	Residence	325 miles
REIMBURSEMENT			
15 March	$6 + ($39 x 75%) =		$35.25
16 March	$6 + $10.80 (GMR) + $3 (I) =		$19.80
17 March	$6 + $24 (PMR) + $3 =		$33.00
18 March	$6 + $10.80 (GMR) + $3 =		$19.80
19 March	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x $0.55/mile =			$357.50
Total Reimbursement			**$494.60**

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

EXAMPLE 3
Per Diem Rate – AOR Travel Computation

A member is authorized TDY in an AOR. On 2 Jan, the member departed the residence via POC, and was en route awaiting transportation without procuring lodging, from 2-3 Jan, arriving at the AOR TDY station on 4 Jan. The member stayed in GOV'T QTRS and received the AOR per diem rate from 5-30 Jan. The member departed the AOR TDY station and arrived at another AOR location on 31 Jan. The member departed the AOR location and arrived at an approved delay stopover point procuring lodging on 1 Feb. The member departed the stopover point and arrived at the residence on 2 Feb. Per diem is computed as follows:

Date	Travel Plan	Transportation Mode/Means	Reason For Stop	Per Diem Rate
2 Jan	Dep Residence (Departure Day)	PA		$15 ($0/ $15) TDY Destination
	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	
3 Jan	En route (no lodging required)	TP	AT	$15 ($0/ $15) TDY Destination
4 Jan	Arr TDY location (enter AOR)	TP	TD	$15 ($0/ $15) TDY Destination
5-30 Jan	TDY (AOR)	--	TD	$15 ($0/ $15) TDY Destination
31 Jan	Dep TDY (AOR)	TP	--	$3.50 AOR to AOR
	En route (AOR to AOR)	TP	AT	
1 Feb	En route (exit AOR/lodging)	TP	AD	$190 ($126/ $64) Stopover Point
2 Feb	Arr Residence	PA	MC	$190 ($126/ $64) Preceding calendar day's M&IE rate

Reimbursement		
2 Jan	$15/day x 75% = (Departure Day = 75% of TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)	$11.25
3 Jan	$15/day x 1 day = (TDY destination M&IE, no lodging required)	$15.00
4 Jan	$15.00/day (TDY destination M&IE, lodging $0)	$15.00
5-30 Jan	$3.50/day x 26 days = (AOR M&IE, lodging $0)	$91.00
31 Jan	$3.50/day (En route AOR to AOR M&IE, lodging $0)	$3.50
1 Feb	$70 + $64 = $134/day (Exit AOR to AD stopover point, stopover point M&IE, lodging procured at $70)	$134.00
2 Feb	$64/day x 75% = (75% of preceding calendar day's M&IE rate)	$48.00
Reimbursement for per diem due member		**$317.75**

***U4174 RETURN TO PDS DURING EXTENDED TDY**

*A. General

*1. For par. U4174, "extended TDY" means directed travel of 3 or more weeks.

*2. A member on extended TDY (other than training or deployment) may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the member commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other non-workdays.

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

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

*B. Authorized Return

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

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

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

*C. Lodgings Retained at TDY Location.

*1. Lodging Retained at TDY Location during Voluntary Return. If the member retains lodging at the TDY location during a voluntary (per par. U7175) return, the member is financially responsible for the retained room cost while gone except IAW pars. U7225 or U7226.

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

*a. The reasons for retaining the lodging are reasonable and necessary and not strictly for the traveler's convenience;

*b. The traveler's efforts to obtain lodging on a weekly or monthly basis or other long-term rental agreement; and

*c. When the retained lodging is charged on a daily basis, such factors as the TDY duration, the amount of personal belongings, the capability of the establishment to store those belongings, and the traveler's ability to secure a room upon return.

*If authorized/approved, the costs of lodging retained at the TDY site are paid as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense (up to the maximum lodging rate). See par. U7225 for lodging reimbursement if TDY is in support of a contingency operation.

U4175 RETURN TO PDS FROM TDY FOR PERSONAL REASONS

A. General

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

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

a. Per diem or AEA for the actual travel time ***(no per diem or AEA while at the PDS)*** to and from the PDS/residence and transportation expenses for the travel from the TDY point to the PDS/residence and return; or

b. The per diem or AEA that would have been allowed had the member stayed at the TDY point.

NOTE: Lodging tax is not included in the constructed cost for a CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS location as it is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. OCONUS foreign lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

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

4. Contingency Operation. See par. U7225 concerning reimbursement for lodging retained at a contingency operation TDY location during leave away from that location.

B. Computation. Following are examples of computing per diem and making cost comparisons under par. U4175:

NOTE: The GMR used in the following example(s) is for illustrative purposes only. Check APP A (GMR) for the current GOV'T meal rates.

1. Example 1

EXAMPLE 1
Per Diem and POC TDY Mileage Computation

A traveler performed TDY (not at a U.S. INSTALLATION) and returned to the PDS during the TDY period on the weekend for personal reasons. The TDY location lodging cost is $65/night. The maximum per diem rate is $112 ($73/ $39). AEA is not authorized and per diem is not payable for 28 June (actual cost computation) because the traveler is at the PDS. See par. U4102-D.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the travel authorization/order for one round trip. See par. U3305-B.

The traveler is due $1,417.00 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).

AEA is not used for this example but may apply for the actual lodging expense exceeding the maximum per diem lodging rate when authorized/approved by the AO (Ch 4, Part C).

ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**POC Distance**
23 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
24-26 June		At TDY Station	
27 June	TDY Station	PDS (personal reasons)	325 miles
28 June		PDS	
29 June	PDS	TDY Station	325 miles
30 June-2 July		At TDY Station	
3 July	TDY Station	PDS	325 miles
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
23 June	$65 + ($39 x 75%) =		$94.25
24 to 26 June	$65 + $39 = $104/day x 3 days =		$312.00
27 June	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
28 June	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		$0.00
29 June	$65 + ($39 x 75%) =		$94.25
30 June-2 July	$65 + $39 = $104/day x 3 days =		$312.00
3 July	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
2 round trips of 650 miles (official distance) = 1,300 miles x $0.55/mile =			$715.00
Actual Cost Total			**$1,586.00**
Constructed Cost			
23 June	$65 + ($39 x 75%)=		$94.25
24 June-2 July	$65 + $39 = $104/day x 9 days =		$936.00
3 July	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x $0.55/mile =			$357.50
Constructed Cost Total			**$1,417.00**

2. Example 2

EXAMPLE 2
Per Diem, GMR and POC TDY Mileage Computation

A member is TDY at a U.S. INSTALLATION at which a GOV'T dining facility/mess is available for all meals and the lodging cost is $6/night. GOV'T dining facility/mess use is directed and per diem is not paid on 12 July (actual cost computation) while the member is at the PDS. See par. U4102-D. The member returned by POC to the PDS while TDY on the weekend for personal reasons.

The maximum per diem rate is $109 ($70/ $39). The GMR (par. U4149-B) is $10.80 plus $3.00 CONUS IE rate for this example.

POC use between the residence and TDY station is to the GOV'T's advantage and is authorized on the travel authorization/order for one round trip. See par. U3305-B.

The member is due $386.80 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).

***NOTE*: GOV'T dining facility/mess deductions are not made for arrival and departure days (par. U4147, item 1). The GMR rate used in the example is for illustrative purposes only – see APP A, GMR definition for the current GOV'T meal rate.**

ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**POC Distance**
9 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
10 July		At TDY Station	
11 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
12 July		PDS (personal reasons)	
13 July	PDS	TDY Station	185 miles
14-15 July		At TDY Station	
16 July	TDY Station	PDS	185 miles
REIMBURSEMENT (Actual and Constructed Cost Comparison)			
9 July	$6 + ($39 x 75%) =		$35.25
10 July	$6 + $10.80 + $3 =		$19.80
11 July	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
12 July	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		$0.00
13 July	$6 + ($39 x 75%) =		$35.25
14-15 July	$6 + $10.80 + $3 = $19.80/day x 2 days =		$39.60
16 July	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
2 round trips of 370 miles (official distance) x 2 = 740 miles x $0.55/mile =			$407.00
Actual Cost Total			**$595.40**
Constructed Cost			
9 July	$6 + ($39 x 75%) =		$35.25
10-15 July	$6 + $10.80 + $3 = $19.80/days times 6 days =		$118.80
16 July	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
1 round trip of 370 miles (official distance) x $0.55/mile =			$203.50
Constructed Cost Total			**$386.80**

U4176 TRAVEL TO AN ALTERNATE LOCATION ON NON-DUTY DAYS

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

Example 1: Member TDY from Location A to Location B (with a maximum per diem rate of $173 ($122/ $51)) drives to Location C on Friday night and returns to Location B Sunday night. The member checks out of the Location B hotel (which cost $120/night plus a miscellaneous reimbursable expense amount for the 12% tax ($14.40)) on Friday and stays in a Location C hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays $145 plus a 13% tax ($18.85) per night for Location C lodging for Friday and Saturday. Even though the maximum per diem rate in Location C is $196 ($149/ $47), the member is limited to $122/night for lodging (and lodging tax on $122 - 12% of $122 ($14.64)) and to $51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the maximum per diem rate for Location B is $173 ($122/ $51) and the member is being paid per diem that would have been paid (max $122 for lodging + $51 for M&IE) had the member remained in Location B. The member's lodging tax in Location C each night is reimbursed but limited to $14.64 per night (12% of $122). The member is reimbursed up to $29.28 for lodging tax while in Location C. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations B and C.***

Example 2: Member TDY from Location X to Base Y (with a maximum per diem rate of $161 ($110/ $51)) where the member is staying on the U.S. INSTALLATION for $20/night with no tax and is being paid the $31 proportional meal rate (PMR) based on the authorization/order content that indicates GOV'T QTRS and the PMR is directed. The member drives to Location Z on Friday night and returns to Base Y Sunday night. The member checks out of the Base Y QTRS on Friday and stays in a Location Z hotel Friday and Saturday nights. The member pays $75 and 12% lodging tax ($9.00) for Location Z lodging each night on Friday and Saturday. Even though the Location Z per diem rate is $122 ($79/ $43), the member is limited to $20/night for lodging, no reimbursement of Location Z lodging tax, and is paid $31/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem ($20 for lodging + $31 for M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Base Y and limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost and PMR since they were directed in the authorization/order. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations Y and Z.***

Example 3: Member TDY from Location D to Location E (with a per diem rate of $161 ($110/ $51)), where the traveler is staying with friends and incurring no lodging costs. The member drives to Location F on Friday night and returns to Location E Sunday night. The member stays in a Location F hotel Friday and Saturday nights and pays $75 and 12% lodging tax ($9.00) for Location F lodging each night. Even though the Location F per diem rate is $113 ($70/ $43), the member is paid $75/night for lodging, and reimbursement of Location F lodging tax ($18 for both nights), and is paid $51/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (up to $110 for lodging + $51 for M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Location E. The fact that the member was staying with friends has no effect on the traveler's per diem on days when not staying with friends. ***The member is not authorized any TDY mileage for driving between Locations E and F.***

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

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

U4179 PER DIEM RATE REVIEW

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

1. Army - Army Military Advisory Panel Member, HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Attn: DAPE-PRC, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300.

2. Navy - Navy Military Advisory Panel Member, Chief of Naval Operations (N130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-2000.

3. Marine Corps - Marine Corps Military Advisory Panel Member, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.

4. Air Force - Air Force Military Advisory Panel Member, HQ USAF/A1SF, 201 12 Street Suite 411D, Arlington, VA 22202-5406.

5. Coast Guard - Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

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

7. U.S. Public Health Service - Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management, (Attn: PDTATAC MAP Member), 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852-1061.

8. Office of the Secretary of Defense and other DOD Components - Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, ATTN: E&S Branch, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203-1546.

NOTE: To cover one-time necessary expenses in excess of the prescribed per diem rate, see Ch 4, Part C.

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

CONUS Locations	Non-Foreign OCONUS Locations	Foreign OCONUS Locations
General Services Administration Office of Governmentwide ATTN: Travel Mgmt Division (MTT) 1800 F Street NW, #G-219 Washington, DC 20405-0001	**Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC)** ATTN: E&S Branch 4601 North Fairfax Drive Suite 800 Arlington, VA 22203-1546	**Department of State** Director of Allowances State Annex 29, Room 262 Washington, DC 20522-2902

U4181 PER DIEM AND AEA ON A SINGLE TRIP

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

U4183 QUICK REFERENCE TABLES - PER DIEM ALLOWANCES

The following tables are for reference purposes only. For applicable rules see Ch 4, Part B. See pars. U4163 & U4800 when JTF operations are involved.

Quick Reference - Per Diem Allowances						
TDY Travel of More Than 24 Hours						
Footnotes: See table # 4						
(1) Departure Day from PDS						
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	Arrived at the TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the same day as departed the PDS. The member occupied GOV'T QTRS.	Arrived at the TDY location (on a U.S. INSTALLATIO N – GOV'T QTRS available) on the same day as departed the PDS. The member elected not to occupy available GOV'T QTRS.	Traveled overnight – no lodging required.	Overnight lodging required at a stopover en route to the TDY location.	*Arrived on the same day as departed from the PDS at the TDY location where per diem at a lesser amount than rate prescribed for the TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
Per Diem for the Departure Day from the PDS 6/	*75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality 1/ plus the lodging cost NTE the maximum lodging prescribed for the TDY locality. 2/, 4/	75% of M&IE rate for TDY locality 1/ plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS NTE maximum lodging prescribed for TDY locality.	*75% of the M&IE rate for the TDY locality 1/ plus the cost of lodgings occupied NTE cost of available GOV'T QTRS. **No lodging tax reimbursement.**	75% of the M&IE rate for the next destination (TDY/stopover point) locality 1/ for departure day.	*75% of the M&IE rate for the en route stopover locality plus lodging cost NTE the maximum lodging amount prescribed for the stopover locality. 2/, 4/	*75 % of the M&IE rate for TDY locality 1/ plus lodging 2/, 4/ cost NTE the maximum lodging prescribed for the TDY locality. The per diem rate authorized under par. U4135 applies to full days at the TDY location.

(2) Whole Travel Days - CONUS						
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on day after departing PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS. The member occupied GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at CONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION).	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) – the member occupies GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) when a member elects not to occupy available GOV'T QTRS.	*Each whole day at a CONUS locality where per diem in a lesser amount than the prescribed rate for TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
***Per Diem for Whole Travel Days 5/**	*M&IE applicable to the CONUS TDY locality (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the	*M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, or PMR plus $3 if the	*M&IE applicable to the CONUS TDY locality plus the cost of lodging NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality 2/	*M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at (1) the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, (2) Standard GMR	*M&IE plus the cost of lodging NTE the cost of GOV'T QTRS (Lodging tax is not reimbursable). (M&IE may be at	*Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.

Quick Reference - Per Diem Allowances						
TDY Travel of More Than 24 Hours						
Footnotes: See table # 4						
	cost of lodging NTE maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality [2/].	AO specifies the PMR based on 1 or 2 deductible . [1]	(unless the AO specifies the PMR plus $3 when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided [6/] – par. U4165-1)	plus $3, if the AO specifies in advance the GMR, (3) PMR plus $3 if the AO specifies in advance the PMR, or (4) no amount for meals plus $3 when the AO directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/ mess use/ availability) (see par. U4149 for determination of the M&IE rate))	(1) the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, (2) Standard GMR plus $3, if directed in the authorization/ order, (3) PMR plus $3 if directed in the authorization/ order, or (4) no amount for meals plus $3 when the authorization/order directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/ mess use/ availability) (see par. U4149 for determination of the M&IE rate))	

(3) Whole Travel Days - OCONUS						
	A	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**	**F**
	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY location (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS.	Traveled overnight & arrived at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS. The member occupied GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at the OCONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION)	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION). The member occupied GOV'T QTRS.	Each whole day at an OCONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) when the member elects not to occupy available GOV'T QTRS.	*Each whole day at an OCONUS locality where per diem in lesser amount than the prescribed rate for the TDY location was authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.
***Per Diem for Whole Travel Days** [5/]	*M&IE [3/] applicable to the OCONUS TDY locality (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the cost of lodging [4/] NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality.	*M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, or PMR plus locality or $3.50 IE if the AO specifies the PMR and 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided. [1/)]	*M&IE [3/] applicable to the OCONUS TDY locality plus the cost of lodging [4/] NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality. (If the AO specifies the PMR when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided, the, M&IE is PMR plus locality or $3.50 IE [6/] – par. U4165-1)	*M&IE plus the cost of GOV'T QTRS. (M&IE may be at (1) the meal rate prescribed for the TDY locality plus locality or $3.50 IE, (2) Standard GMR plus locality or $3.50 IE [3/], if directed in the authorization/ order, (3) PMR plus locality or $3.50 IE [3/], if directed in the authorization/order, or (4) no amount for meals plus locality or $3.50 IE[3/] when the authorization/order directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/ mess use/ availability and par. U4149 for the applicable M&IE rate).	*M&IE plus the cost of lodging NTE the cost of GOV'T QTRS [4/]. (M&IE may be at (1) the rate prescribed for the TDY locality, (2) Standard GMR plus locality or $3.50 IE [3/], if directed in the authorization/order, (3) PMR plus locality or $3.50 IE [3/], if directed in the authorization/order, or (4) no amount for meals plus locality or $3.50 IE [3/] when the authorization/order directs essential unit messing or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/mess use/ availability and par. U4149 for the applicable M&IE rate)).	*Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.

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

Footnotes

*1/ GMR/PMR and the $3.50 incidental rate do not apply on day of departure from, or return to the PDS, or any day the member is traveling.

*2/ Lodging tax is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas because a tax amount is not included in the applicable maximum lodging amount.

*3/ For OCONUS travel the AO can determine that an incidental expense (IE) allowance of $3.50, in lieu of the TDY locality IE , is adequate for anticipated expenses. The OCONUS IE rate of $3.50 may be authorized and must be stated in the authorization/order.

*4/ Lodging tax ***is not*** a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in a foreign area because a tax amount is included in the applicable foreign area maximum lodging amount.

*5/ (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 per day, is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel ***within CONUS*** requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging ***in CONUS*** (i.e., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE $14, 8 Nights NTE $16, etc.).

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

*6/ On any day that 3 deductible meals are provided without cost to the member, no reimbursement is allowed for meals.

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PART C: ACTUAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE (AEA)

U4200 GENERAL

An actual expense allowance allows a member to be reimbursed, in unusual circumstances, for actual and necessary expenses that exceed the maximum locality per diem rate. When authorized/approved, AEA is in lieu of per diem in Part B, or the applicable per diem rate.

U4205 JUSTIFICATION

An AEA may be authorized/approved for travel when the per diem rate is insufficient for part, or all, of a travel assignment because:

1. Actual and necessary expenses (especially lodgings) exceed the maximum per diem,

2. Of special duties, or

3. Costs for items in par. U4225-A have escalated temporarily due to special/unforeseen events.

*U4210 AUTHORITY/APPROVAL

*The AO may authorize AEA up to 300% of the locality per diem rate (rounded to the next higher dollar). AEA:

1. May be authorized before travel begins, or approved after travel is performed, except for an AEA under par. U4250 which may be authorized only in advance of travel;

*2. Should be stated in the travel authorization/order/trip record when authorized in advance of travel;

3. May be authorized/approved for the entire trip (including travel time) or may be authorized/approved for portions of trips (with per diem automatically covering the other trip portions);

*Uniformity of allowances must be ensured (if possible) among travelers traveling at GOV'T expense when they travel together and/or to the same place at which an AEA is warranted.

U4215 LIMITATIONS

1. Authority to prescribe an AEA must not be used as blanket authority to authorize/approve automatic AEA for all travel to an area.

2. AEA is prescribed only on an individual trip basis, and only after consideration of the facts existing in each case. ***AEA must not be authorized as part of a 'blanket' travel authorization/order.***

3. If it is necessary to exercise this authority repetitively or on a continuing basis in a particular area, the Service/DOD Component concerned should submit a request for a per diem rate adjustment. See par. U4179.

4. The definitions and rules applicable to the per diem authorization under Ch 4, Part B while TDY apply to travel on an actual expense basis unless otherwise stated in this Part.

5. A traveler is financially responsible for excess costs and any additional expenses incurred for personal preference/convenience.

U4220 TDY ASSIGNMENTS THAT MAY WARRANT AEA AUTHORIZATION/APPROVAL

A. Examples. TDY assignments that may warrant authorization/approval of AEA include travel:

1. With a dignitary that requires use of the same hotel as the dignitary;

2. To an area where the costs have escalated for a short time period during a special function/event such as a:

a. Missile launch,

b. Sports event,

c. World's fair,

d. Convention,

e. Natural disaster, or

f. Similar event;

3. To a location at which affordable lodgings are not available within a reasonable travel distance of the traveler's TDY point, and transportation costs to commute to and from the less expensive lodging facility consume most or all of any savings achieved from occupying less expensive lodging;

4. During which special duties of the assignment require the traveler to incur unusually high expenses (e.g., the traveler must procure superior/extraordinary accommodations including a suite or other QTRS for which the charge is well above what ordinarily would have been paid for accommodations);

5. During which the traveler incurs unusually high expenses because of an assignment to accompany another traveler in the situation in par. U4220-A4 above; and

6. In similar situations.

*B. Travel with Certain Dignitaries. Without further demonstration of unusual/extraordinary requirements AEA is authorized for a traveler who is directed to travel as part of the party of any of the following dignitaries. See also Ch 7, Part U.

*1. The U.S. President/Vice President, or members of their families;

*2. U.S. Congress members;

*3. U.S. Cabinet members;

*4. Department Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, Under Secretaries, or Assistant Secretaries;

*5. Supreme Court Justices;

*6. Chairman/Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

*7. The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; the Chief of Naval Operations; the Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; the Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and the Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service;

*8. U.S. Ambassadors, Ministers, and Consuls to foreign countries;

*9. U.S. Delegates to international conferences/meetings;

*10. Very Important Persons (VIPs) as specified by the President/Vice President of the U.S.;

*11. Candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the U.S. and their family members, including the persons elected to those offices; and

*12. Other U.S./foreign dignitaries equivalent in rank to any of those mentioned above.

C. Air Crew Travel. Travel requirements when traveling with dignitaries do not ordinarily impose excess cost requirements on the aircrews of Special Air Missions, Air Mobility Command (AMC), or other GOV'T aircraft that provide transportation, even when assigned exclusively to that duty. ***For this reason, AEA may be authorized/ approved for any aircrew member only when the official performing travel or the crew's commander specifically requests AEA for one or more of the air crew with an acceptable explanation of why an AEA is necessary***.

U4225 EXPENSES

A. Expenses Allowed. AEAs include expenses ordinarily covered by per diem as defined in APP A.

B. Expenses Not Allowed. The following expenses are not allowed. The cost of meals:

1. And/or lodging procured at personal expense in lieu of meals and/or lodging provided for in a registration fee paid by the GOV'T;

2. Procured at the member's PDS, residence, or at, or en route to/from, a nearby carrier terminal at which the member's travel begins/ends (B-189622, 24 March 1978); or

3. Purchased after leaving the carrier when meals are included in the price of a carrier ticket and are provided during the trip and there is no justifiable reason why the member did not eat the meal(s) served during the trip, or why an extra meal(s) was required. The fact that a meal furnished on the carrier is not the quality and quantity that the member is accustomed is a matter of personal preference and is not a "justifiable reason". See B-193504, 9 August 1979 and B-192246, 8 January1979.

U4250 OVER 300% MAXIMUM AEA

Under special/unusual circumstances or when a ***member*** has no alternative but to obtain ***OCONUS*** lodging that exceeds 300% of the applicable rate, an amount in excess of 300% may be authorized ***in advance only*** by an AEA issued by:

*1. The PDTATAC Division Chief. These requests must be submitted IAW pars. U4210-1 to:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
ATTN: Travel and Transportation Branch
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

or by email to pdtatac@dtmo.pentagon.mil with "AEA REQUEST" in the subject line; or

2. The Secretary Concerned for specific OCONUS classified missions. ***This authority must not be re-delegated.***

NOTE: An AEA in excess of 300% must be: (1) made in advance of travel, (2) for an OCONUS location, and (3) for a Uniformed Service member. This AEA type cannot be authorized for civilian employees.

U4255 REIMBURSEMENT

A. Limitations

1. The daily reimbursement limit is the lesser of the actual expenses incurred or the AEA maximum amount.

2. Expenses incurred and claimed must be reviewed, and allowed only when necessary and reasonable.

*3. Depending on what AEA level is authorized/approved, reimbursement for M&IE must not exceed the

percentage of AEA authorized NTE 300% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location. For example, if AEA for 200% is authorized, AEA NTE 200% of the M&IE rate for the TDY location may be paid.

*B. IE. The maximum reimbursement for IE is:

1. CONUS $3.00 in CONUS, and

2. OCONUS

*a. The locality incidental expense rate, or,

*b. $3.50 OCONUS for all full TDY days (except the days travel begins/ends) when the AO determines the $3.50 rate is adequate to meet anticipated expenses or for Coast Guard member TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION and GOV'T QTRS are available on that U.S. INSTALLATION.

C. M&IE Paid on a Per Diem Basis

1. M&IE may be reimbursed under the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method (see pars. U4149 and U4151) while the lodging cost is reimbursed on an actual expense basis.

2. The amount allowed for M&IE and the lodging cost may not exceed the daily maximum authorized in the AEA for the locality.

3. **EXAMPLE**:

a. A traveler is authorized/approved an AEA for lodging.

b. The traveler is paid M&IE on a per diem basis. Itemization of M&IE is not required when M&IE is paid on a per diem basis.

c. The locality per diem rate is $60 (lodging) + $46 (M&IE) = $106 (Total).

d. The AEA must not exceed 150% of the ***total*** locality per diem rate.

e. The AEA for the maximum amount allowed for ***lodging*** is computed as follows:

(1) $106 (Total Per Diem) x 150% = $159,

(2) $159 - $46 (M&IE) = $113 maximum allowed for lodging.

NOTE: 'Unused' AEA lodging funds cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above 150% or 300% (depending on which level is authorized/approved).

*D. Lodging and/or Meals Obtained under Contract. When a contracting officer contracts for rooms and/or meals for a TDY member, and actual expense reimbursement is authorized/approved, the total daily amount paid by the GOV'T to the vendor(s) and reimbursed to the member for lodging, and M&IE may not exceed the daily maximum authorized under pars. U4210 and U4255 (60 Comp. Gen. 181 (1981) and 62 id. 308 (1983)).

E. Itemization. A detailed statement showing itemized expenses for each calendar day, excluding items claimed separately (such as taxicab fares and registration fees) must be submitted for AEA reimbursement. For M&IE reimbursement on a per diem basis (and AEA for lodging only), itemization of M&IE is not required.

U4260 AEA COMPUTATION

A. General. The daily amount is not prorated for fractions of a day; however, expenses incurred and claimed for a fraction of a day must be reviewed and allowed by the AO to be paid. ***In no case can the amount reimbursed be***

more than the amount authorized/approved in an actual expense authorization for the area concerned.

B. Meals Available under Special Arrangements. When TDY is a special mission (e.g., deployment to foreign military bases, forest fire details, rescue and aircraft recovery missions, or TDY to remote areas) and non-deductible meals are available under special arrangements; reimbursement of actual expenses for such meals is limited to the charge for each meal, NTE the arranged charges for three meals per day.

C. Averaging Expenses

1. When an AEA is authorized/approved that includes M&IE, the daily amount of IE that do not accrue on a daily basis may be averaged over the days for which AEA at the location is authorized/approved. These IEs include laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing incurred at OCONUS locations (see the IE portion of the PER DIEM definition in APP A), hotel maid tips, and similar expenses. ***Averaging IE does not apply if an AEA is authorized for lodging only and M&IE is paid on a per diem basis.***

2. The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing (***not before leaving or after returning to the PDS***) is:

a. A separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense (up to an average of $2 per day) in addition to per diem/AEA when CONUS travel requires at least 7 consecutive nights of CONUS TDY lodging. For example, a member on a 10-day TDY to a CONUS location (receiving AEA while there) incurs a $40 dry-cleaning bill. The $40 cost is averaged over the 10-day TDY to equal a $4 per day average cost. The member may only be reimbursed for $2 per day so the total reimbursement is $20. ***NOTE: This is not payable unless expenses have been incurred.***, or

b. Not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense for OCONUS travel and is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for OCONUS travel. For instance, a member on an 8-day (Saturday-Saturday) TDY to an OCONUS location (receiving AEA while there) incurs a $32 dry-cleaning cost on Friday. The $32 cost is averaged over the 8-day TDY and the member may indicate that $4 was paid daily.

D. Mixed Travel (Per Diem and Actual Expense)

1. General. Mixed travel involves more than one daily maximum reimbursement rate during a single trip and/or reimbursement on both a per diem and an actual expense basis on a single trip. The applicable rate and/or reimbursement method for each calendar day (beginning at 0001) is determined by the traveler's status and TDY location at 2400 of that calendar day. See par. U4145-A. Only one rate and reimbursement method is authorized for each day except when reimbursement is authorized for occasional meals or lodging in par. U4510.

2. Departure Day Reimbursement. The reimbursement method and daily maximum for the departure day from the PDS is the same as for the first location where lodging is required.

3. Return Day Reimbursement. On the return day to the PDS, the same method and daily maximum applicable to the previous calendar day applies. When return travel to the home/PDS requires 2 or more days, see par. U4147 for reimbursement method.

U4265 COMPUTATION EXAMPLES

A. CONUS/Non-Foreign OCONUS. The maximum amount allowed for lodging in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to AEA.

B. OCONUS. The maximum amount allowed for lodging in foreign OCONUS areas/countries includes a lodging tax amount. Tax on lodging in foreign OCONUS areas/countries is part of per diem/AEA and is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

C. Examples. Following are computation examples when travel is authorized on an actual expense basis and on an actual expense and per diem basis on the same trip:

*EXAMPLE 1 AEA Single TDY location AEA authorized for lodging and M&IE paid on a per diem basis. ****Refer to par. U4250 for AEA increases beyond 300% (OCONUS TDY only). 'Unused' AEA lodging cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above the authorized/approved level (NTE 300%).***			
***TDY Location Per Diem w/o AEA** Maximum Per Diem - $146.00 Lodging - $99, M&IE - $47.00		***TDY Location Per Diem w/AEA** *AEA authorized NTE $438 ($146 x 300%) Lodging NTE $391 ($438 - $47) M&IE - $47	
ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**Lodging**
10 Aug	Residence	TDY	*$330.00
11-12 Aug		*At TDY Station, Lodging - $330/day x 2 days =	*$660.00
13 Aug	TDY	Residence	
Date	**REIMBURSEMENT** (denotes AEA computation)		**Amount**
10 Aug	*$47 x 75% = $35.25 + $330 =		*$365.25
11-12 Aug	*$47 + $330 = $377/day x 2 days =		*$754.00
13 Aug	$47 x 75% = $35.25		$35.25
Total Reimbursement			*$1,154.50

*EXAMPLE 2 AEA to multiple TDY locations A, B, and C Location A – AEA authorized for lodging, M&IE paid on a per diem basis, $296 ($248.50 = $249/ $47). Location B – Lodging and M&IE paid on a per diem basis, $108 ($77/ $31). Location C – Lodging and M&IE paid on a per diem basis, $116 ($77/ $39). ****Refer to par. U4250 for AEA increases beyond 300% (OCONUS TDY only). 'Unused' AEA lodging cannot be used to increase the AEA for M&IE above the authorized/approved level (NTE 300%).***			
***TDY Location 'A' Per Diem w/o AEA** Maximum Per Diem - $197.00 Lodging - $150.00, M&IE - $47.00		***TDY Location 'A' Per Diem Rate w/AEA** AEA authorized NTE $295.50 ($197 x 150% = $295.50 = $296) Lodging NTE $249 ($296 - $47) M&IE - $47	
ITINERARY			
Date	**Depart**	**Arrive**	**Lodging**
7 Sep	Residence	TDY, Location A	$170.00
8 Sep		TDY, Location A	$170.00
9 Sep	TDY, Location A	TDY, Location B	$70.00
10 Sep		TDY, Location B	$70.00
11 Sep	TDY, Location B	TDY, Location C	$75.00
12 Sep	TDY, Location C	Residence	
Date	**REIMBURSEMENT** (denotes AEA computation)		**Amount**
7 Sep	$47 x 75% = $35.25 + $170.00 (AEA lodging) TDY Location A =		$205.25
8 Sep	$47 + $170 (AEA per diem rate) =		$217.00
9-10 Sep	$31 + $70 = $101/day x 2 days, TDY Location B =		$202.00
11 Sep	$39 + $75, TDY Location C =		$114.00
12 Sep	$39 x 75% =		$29.25
Total Reimbursement			**$767.50**

PART D: ALLOWABLE TRAVEL TIME FOR TDY TRAVEL

U4300 GENERAL

***NOTE*: Throughout par. U4300, users must remember that it is MANDATORY DOD policy to use CTOs for all official transportation requirements.**

When an authorization/order directs travel by a specific transportation mode and the directed transportation mode is available but not used, per diem or AEA is payable for actual travel performed NTE the per diem or AEA that would have been payable if the directed transportation mode had been used. When the directed transportation mode is not available or the authorization/order does not specify any transportation mode, per diem or AEA is computed as though the transportation mode actually used was directed. ***However, the total per diem or AEA payable must not exceed that payable for constructed travel over a usually traveled route by air or surface common carrier, whichever more nearly meets the requirements of the authorization/order, and is more economical to the GOV'T.*** In determining constructed travel, the transportation allowances are based on the carrier's required check-in time plus travel time from home, office, or place travel actually began, and the carrier's scheduled arrival time at the terminal plus travel time to home, office, or place travel actually ended. See par. U3005 for travel times by different transportation modes.

U4305 ACTUAL TRAVEL TIME

When the actual travel time is less than the time allowable under this Part, the member's actual travel time is used for computation.

U4325 SCHEDULING TRAVEL

A. Schedule. Travel should be by the scheduled transportation that most nearly coincides with the departure and arrival times needed to carry out the mission. Consideration should be given to:

1. Duty hours;

2. Duty requirements;

3. Lodging availability at points of origin, destination or intermediate stops;

4. The need for onward transportation;

5. The member's comfort and well being;

6. The member being scheduled for departures and arrivals between 0600 and 2400 unless the mission requires travel between 2400 – 0600;

7. Arranging transportation so that the member is scheduled to arrive the day before the TDY actually begins;

8. Scheduling the travel for a departure to enable an en route rest stop or an overnight rest period at the destination under the circumstances in par U4326-B or U4326-C;

9. Requiring members to identify travel requirements in sufficient time (if known) to arrange coach-class accommodations; and

10. Carefully reviewing requests for first- and business-class accommodations to determine if mission needs may allow for a change in travel dates to support a lower-class accommodation.

B. Early Departure. When a member departs early to overcome a short interval between the scheduled arrival time and the required reporting time at a duty station, the AO and/or the member should be prepared to provide a brief statement of the reason for departing earlier than scheduled under par. U4300, if required by financial regulations.

U4326 TRAVEL DURING REST HOURS, A REST PERIOD AT A TDY POINT AFTER ARRIVAL, OR AN EN ROUTE REST STOP

NOTE: When scheduling flights of 14 or more hours (see par. U3125-B4i), the member's first consideration is to always fly in economy class and arrive the day before the TDY begins to allow for appropriate rest. Second consideration is to fly in economy class 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 absolute last option, and clearly the most expensive option which should be avoided whenever possible, is to permit the member to travel in GOV'T-funded business accommodations with arrival on the day the TDY starts.

A. Starting and Ending Travel

1. General

a. The authorization/order establishes when travel status starts and ends.

b. Ordinarily, a member on official travel is not required to travel during unreasonable hours (2400 – 0600).

c. When travel is between 2400 – 0600, the only acceptable sleeping accommodations are:

(1) Ship staterooms, and

(2) Train sleeping cars.

NOTE: Reclining seats on planes, trains, or buses are not acceptable sleeping accommodations. If a member is required to travel overnight (2400 - 0600) without acceptable sleeping accommodations, arrival should be scheduled to provide an en route rest stop or an appropriate rest period (NTE 24 hours) at the TDY point before the member is required to perform official duties. See pars. U4326-C and U4326-D.

d. A member should not be required to use a carrier if using that carrier requires beginning travel (i.e., leaving home or TDY lodgings and/or arriving at destination) between 2400 hours and 0600 hours if there are more reasonable schedules that meet mission requirements.

e. A prudent AO should schedule travel so that lodgings may be provided so the member can retire at a reasonable hour and be ready to perform official business as required (33 Comp. Gen. 221 (1953); 61 id. 448 (1982)).

f. Transportation should be arranged so that the member is scheduled to arrive the day before the TDY actually begins.

g. A member should be scheduled for a departure to allow for an en route rest stop or an overnight rest period at the destination under the circumstances in pars. U4326-B and U4326-C.

2. Travel between 0600 and 2400. Travel should be scheduled between 0600 and 2400. To prevent travel between 2400 – 0600, it is reasonable for a traveler to depart the:

a. PDS (or home as appropriate) early enough to prevent having to travel between 2400 and 0600, or

b. TDY station on the earliest available transportation accommodations the day after completing a TDY assignment, provided the traveler is not required to be at the PDS the morning after TDY completion.

3. Additional Per Diem to Travel between 0600 and 2400. Additional per diem may be authorized/approved at a TDY location only if the resulting delay in departing the TDY location permits travel between 0600 and 2400 the day after completing the TDY assignment (56 Comp. Gen. 847 (1977)).

Example 1: A member completes official TDY duty on Friday afternoon. The member could leave on Friday when official duty ends (and arrive at the PDS early on Saturday) and receive 75% M&IE for that Saturday travel day. To prevent the member from traveling between 2400 and 0600, the AO may authorize or approve departure the next day (in this case, Saturday). The member receives per diem (including lodging) for Friday. Saturday is the travel day (assuming arrival at PDS on Saturday) and the member receives 75% M&IE for Saturday. Any additional delayed days are the member's financial responsibility.

Example 2: A member is required to attend a conference that starts at 0800 on Monday morning. If the member is authorized to depart the PDS on Friday to travel during regular duty hours, payment of per diem is limited to one travel day as though the member had departed for the TDY destination on Sunday (75% M&IE plus lodging) (56 Comp. Gen. 847 (1977)). Expenses for any additional early days are the member's financial responsibility.

B. En Route Rest Stop/Rest Period at a TDY Point. Authorizing/approving an en route rest stop or rest period at a TDY point must be used only when the circumstances warrant. Rest stops must not be 'automatic'. The AO must consider each request for a rest stop en route/rest period at the TDY point individually and carefully balance good stewardship of scarce resources with the immediacy of mission requirements. See par. U4325 about scheduled travel and ***NOTE 1*** in par. U4326 on rest periods. ***Rest stops en route/rest periods at destination may not be provided for official travel for PCS, COT leave, emergency leave, R&R, FEML, and personnel evacuations. A rest stop en route/rest period at a TDY point may only be authorized when travel is to the TDY site. A rest stop en route may not be authorized for the return flight if the traveler can rest before reporting back to work.***

C. En Route Rest Stop

1. Travel during Normal Rest Hours. The AO may authorize/approve an en route rest stop when travel must be scheduled:

a. To start at, near, or after the end of the member's regularly scheduled duty hours; or

b. During usual rest hours and the transportation mode does not provide adequate sleeping accommodations. See ***NOTE 2*** following par. U4326-A1c regarding adequate sleeping accommodations.

2. OCONUS Travel Is Involved. The AO may authorize/approve a rest stop en route when:

a. The origin or destination is OCONUS; and

b. Travel is by a usually traveled route; and

c. Travel is by less than first/business-class accommodations; and

d. The scheduled flight time, including stopovers and plane changes, exceeds 14 hours by a usually traveled route. 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 (the flight(s) between two duty points), ***including scheduled non-overnight time spent at airports during plane changes***.

NOTE: The "length of flight (14, 20, 30, 40 hours)" in and of itself is not sufficient justification to authorize/ approve a rest stop en route. The justification must include that the TDY mission was so unexpected that the traveler was unable to schedule a flight arriving the day prior to allow rest before starting work. The 14-hour flight time criterion is restricted to TDY travel only and may not be used to justify a rest stop for PCS, COT leave, Emergency Leave, R&R, FEML, personnel evacuation, or any other transportation. When using length of flight to justify a rest stop the AO must cause the travel authorization/order to be clearly annotated as to when the TDY travel was identified and when travel reservations were made.

3. En Route Rest Stop Prohibited. An en route rest stop at GOV'T expense is prohibited when:

a. Travel is authorized by first- or business-class service.

b. A member chooses to travel by a circuitous route, ***for personal convenience***, causing excess travel time.

c. A member takes leave at a stopover.

4. En Route Rest Stop Location. An en route rest stop:

a. May be authorized/approved at any intermediate point, and

b. Should be as near to midway in the journey as the authorized carrier scheduling permits, or

c. Scheduled at a point en route at which the carrier permits a free stopover (if possible).

5. En Route Rest Stop Duration. An en route rest stop is for a reasonable rest period, NTE 24 hours, plus necessary time to obtain the earliest transportation to the authorized destination.

6. Per Diem. The rest stop locality per diem rate applies.

D. Rest Period at the TDY Point before Reporting for Duty. A reasonable rest period at the TDY point (NTE 24 hours) should be provided before the member reports for duty when:

1. The scheduled flight time, including stopovers and plane changes, exceeds 14 hours by a usually traveled route. Scheduled flight time is the time between the scheduled aircraft departure from the airport serving PDS/TDY point and the scheduled aircraft arrival at the airport serving the TDY point/PDS (the flight(s) between two duty points), ***including scheduled non-overnight time spent at airports during plane changes***;

NOTE: The "length of flight (14, 20, 30, 40 hours)" in and of itself is not sufficient justification to authorize/ approve a rest period at the TDY point. The justification must include that the TDY mission was so unexpected that the traveler was unable to schedule a flight arriving the day prior to allow rest before starting work. The 14-hour flight time criterion is restricted to TDY travel only and may not be used to justify a rest stop for PCS, COT leave, Emergency Leave, R&R, FEML, personnel evacuation, or any other transportation. When using length of flight to justify a rest stop the AO must cause the travel authorization/ order to be clearly annotated as to when the TDY travel was identified and when travel reservations were made.

2. An en route rest stop is not authorized/approved;

3. The member is not authorized first- or business-class service;

4. The member is required to travel overnight (2400 - 0600) (in which case arrival should be scheduled to provide an appropriate rest period (NTE 24 hours) at the TDY point before the member is required to perform official duties). See ***NOTE*** following par. U4326-A1c regarding scheduling an early arrival for a rest period at the TDY point if overnight (2400-0600) travel is involved.

E. Delaying Return Travel to Use Reduced Travel Fares. When, to qualify for reduced transportation fares, a member elects to stay at a TDY station longer than required by the assignment and the AO authorizes/approves the action, per diem or AEA for the additional time may be paid if the:

1. Transportation savings offsets the additional per diem or AEA cost, yielding an overall savings to the GOV'T; and

2. Delay does not extend the TDY time beyond the time when the member is required to be at work at the PDS (B-192364, 15 February 1979; B-169024, 5 May 1970).

U4335 SPECIAL CONVEYANCE TRAVEL

When special conveyance use is authorized/approved, allowable travel time is the actual time needed to perform the travel. ***NOTE: If travel is by vehicle, authorized travel time is computed under par. U3005-C.***

U4340 MIXED MODES TRAVEL

When travel is performed between any two points of a separate leg of a journey (par. U3010) partly by POC and partly by common carrier, the per diem or AEA is computed as in par. U3305-D or U3310-B.

U4345 TDY DEPARTURE/RETURN FROM/TO DEPENDENTS' RESIDENCE

A. Authorization/Approval. The AO may permit the member to begin/end official travel from the location at which the member maintains the family residence if it is not the residence from which the member commutes daily to the PDS.

B. Starting/Ending Travel. If to the GOV'Ts advantage, POC use may be authorized/approved to begin/end at the:

1. Member's residence (from which the member commutes daily to the PDS),

2. Location at which the member maintains the family residence if it is not the residence from which the member commutes daily to the PDS, or

3. Place near the member's residence where the POC is garaged/stored.

C. Cost. ***Relative cost should be a consideration.***

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

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PART F: OCCASIONAL MEALS AND QTRS

U4510 OCCASIONAL MEALS AND QTRS

A. General. A member is authorized reimbursement for meals and/or QTRS under par. U4510-B when the AO determines the member must execute one of the requirements in par. U4510-A1 (see below) ***and*** is in a status listed in par. U4510-A2. See below.

1. Requirements

   a. Procure QTRS from commercial, GOV'T or non-appropriated fund sources;

   b. Use GOV'T QTRS and pay a service charge;

   c. Retain QTRS at a prior TDY location when the retention is authorized/approved by appropriate authority; or

   d. Procure meals from commercial or non-appropriated funds sources;

2. Status

   a. Par. U4102-D: Within PDS limits only for a member escorting arms control inspection team/members while engaged in activities related to the implementation of arms control treaty or agreement during the in-country period referred to in the treaty or agreement;

   b. Par. U4102-E: TDY within the PDS local area (outside the PDS limits;

   c. Par. U4102-F: Round trips within 12 hours;

   d. Par. U4102-G: Members traveling together with no/limited reimbursement;

   e. Pars. U4102-J, U4102-K, and U4102-M: TDY or training duty aboard a ship;

   f. Par. U4102-L: Field duty;

   g. Pars. U4102-O and U4102-P: A member and/or straggler separated from others traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement travel;

   h. Par. U4163: EUM;

   i. Par. U5108-C: Transportation mode directed to first duty station upon enlistment, reenlistment or induction;

   j. Par. U5120-D: PCS with TDY at a location near (but outside the limits of) the old or new PDS;

   k. Par. U7025: Travel incident to application processing;

   l. Par. U7125-D: Bed-patient or inpatient;

   m. Par. U7150-A1: RC member travel; or

   n. Par. U7150-E2g: Lodging and meal expense at a point of delay for an SROTC member performing travel to/from field training/practice cruises and delayed through no personal fault at a location where no GOV'T QTRS or dining facility/mess are available.

B. Computation

1. QTRS

a. The amount allowed is the member's QTRS cost NTE the maximum lodging amount within the per diem rate for the TDY locality.

*b. In special/unusual circumstances when the amounts claimed exceed the lodging components of the applicable per diem rates, the AO may authorize under par. U4210 reimbursement in greater amounts for the occasional QTRS cost.

c. When a member is required to procure/retain unoccupied QTRS or to procure/retain QTRS at more than one location on any calendar day, reimbursement for the cost of such QTRS is in par. U4135.

2. Meals. If the AO determines that a member is required to procure meals, the member is authorized the actual amount paid NTE the PMR (no IE) as in pars. U4149-C or U4151-C1 based on the applicable per diem rate for the TDY locality. If more than one locality is involved on any given day, the PMR limit is based on the highest locality M&IE rate.

PART I: REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS FOR MEMBERS ON TDY WITHIN A COMBATANT COMMAND OR JOINT TASK FORCE AOR

U4800 DEFINITIONS

A. Combatant Command AOR. A specified AOR location where various forces are moved to complete operational actions in low or high intensity operations/exercises. Organizations in the AOR are composed of direct units, coalition forces, CJCS, JTFs and other operating forces supporting the Combatant Commander's operations.

B. Joint Task Force (JTF). A force composed of assigned or attached elements of the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Air Force, or two or more of these Services, which is constituted and so designated by the SECDEF or by the commander of a unified command or an existing JTF (as defined by Joint Publication 1-02, DOD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms). For this Chapter, the definition also includes Coast Guard.

C. Operational Deployment. Those contingencies or other operations directed by the SECDEF in support of a United Nations (UN) or Combatant Commander's mission. These include, but are not limited to, UN and JTF peacekeeping, nation building, and humanitarian missions; and operations against an actual or potential enemy. (See APP A for a definition of Contingency Operations.)

D. Exercises. Those Service, Combatant Commander, or CJCS training military maneuvers or simulated wartime operations whose primary purpose is to enhance unit readiness and mission capability. For example, war games, field exercises, or maneuvers that may or may not involve more than one Service. Members/units are placed in field duty.

E. TDY Options

NOTE: See par. U1035 for continuation of the IE portion of the TDY per diem for a "hospitalized member," as that term is defined under the OUSD(P&R) Memorandum, 15 May 08, and DODFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 13.

1. General

a. The Combatant Commander/JTF Commander:

(1) Provides equity for travel and transportation allowances payment in the AOR and actions within the AOR;

(2) Determines the appropriate TDY option for all assigned personnel from all of the Services within the AOR which establishes the per diem meal rate and lodging conditions, after consultation with Service component commanders;

(3) May delegate authority to a subordinate commander that directs the travel in individual travel cases or specific circumstances to prescribe a different per diem rate, which includes lodging, meal and incidental expense and/or lodging rate; and

(4) Must communicate these decisions (including the appropriate meal rate and/or lodging rate) to the appropriate Services for inclusion in authorizations/orders. ***NOTE: JTF exercises must be field duty***.

b. These decisions apply to all members temporarily assigned for operational deployment to a Combatant Command and/or JTF performing duty under similar conditions within the same AOR.

c. The Secretarial Process for each Service may direct a TDY option different than the one used for Combatant Command and/or JTF members for members:

(1) Not located in the Combatant Command's/JTF's AOR, but who are operating in a support capacity, or

(2) Are located in the Combatant Command's/JTF's AOR, but are not part of the Combatant Command/JTF.

2. Regular TDY

a. General. For regular TDY a member:

(1) Travels to one or more locations away from the PDS to perform TDY ordinarily for less than 180 days (see par. U2145-B for exceptions and waiver authority to the 180 day limit);

(2) Is reimbursed for lodging, meals and incidental expenses in Ch 4, Part B or par. U4800-E2b*;* and

(3) Receiving the GMR while TDY to a Combatant Commander's/JTF Commander's AOR, who travels within that AOR, is not traveling for M&IE purposes for par. U4151-B4 (e.g., if a TDY member travels from one AOR location to another location in the same AOR, and the GMR rate applies to both locations, then the GMR applies for that day unless GOV'T meals are not available). ***NOTE:* GMR and the $3.50 incidental rate do not apply on days the member is traveling into/out of an AOR.**

b. Temporary Dining Facilities – Combatant Command or JTF

(1) If a member consumes meals at the Combatant Command's/JTF's temporary dining facility and are charged the discount GMR for meals, they are reimbursed the discount GMR plus an incidental expense of:

(a) $3.00 in CONUS, or

*(b) The applicable locality incidental expenses rate or $3.50 OCONUS when the Combatant Commander/JTF commander determines $3.50 to be adequate.

(2) If the member's statement is accepted to support increased per diem for a missed meal at a Combatant Command's/JTF's temporary dining facility, the PMR is authorized for that day. See pars. U4149-C and U4151-C.

(3) If Combatant Command/JTF members outside the AOR or en route to the AOR pay the meal rate IAW the DOD Financial Management Regulation at ***http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/12/12_19.pdf***, they are reimbursed IAW Ch 4, Part B.

c. Operational Deployment. A member on an operational deployment is on "regular" TDY. See exceptions for exercises in par. U4800-D4 below.

3. Essential Unit Messing (EUM). EUM may be used for operational deployments when the following circumstances apply:

a. EUM may be required in a command/organizational unit when it:

(1) Enhances operational readiness,

(2) Enhances the conduct of military operations, or

(3) Is necessary for the effective conduct of training.

b. Designation of EUM is not applied to individual service members, but is applied to:

(1) Organizational units,

(2) Operational elements, or

(3) Detachments.

c. The member is provided GOV'T QTRS, and to maintain unit readiness, is required to use a GOV'T dining facility/mess.

d. The member is paid only the incidental portion of the daily M&IE rate.

4. Field Duty. During field duty (APP A) the member is:

a. Subsisted in a GOV'T dining facility/mess or with an organization that is receiving field rations, and is serving with troops on maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar types of operations.

b. Furnished GOV'T QTRS or quartered in accommodations ordinarily associated with field exercises.

c. Not paid per diem as everything, the cost of which is ordinarily reimbursed by per diem, is furnished at no additional cost to the member, i.e., at no cost that exceeds that which the member would normally incur at the PDS.

NOTE: A Combatant Commander/JTF-determined official may place the member in a field duty status if QTRS and subsistence, obtained by contract, are furnished.

TABLE 1
JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS

SUBSIST ASHORE

TDY Option	Subsistence	Per Diem	Remarks
Regular TDY	Commercial Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals - Permanent U.S. INSTALLATION	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate 1/ for GOV'T Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals – Temporary U.S. INSTALLATION or Temporary Dining Facilities Established for JTF Operation	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and for GOV'T Meals at Discount Meal Rate 2/
	GOV'T Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Meals
	Commercial Lodging and GOV'T Meals **(In AOR only)**	Lodging and M&IE	Member Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate for GOV'T Meals
EUM	GOV'T Lodging and Use of GOV'T Meals is Essential for Training and Readiness Purposes	IE	
Field Duty	GOV'T Lodging, Meals and Incidentals Provided	None	

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TDY	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals	None	

FOOTNOTES:

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

2/ Discount Meal Rate = Food costs only.

3/ Member/employee deployed who is ordered to subsist ashore -- see "Subsist Ashore" (above table) for authorization/order type and payment guidelines.

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

SECTION 6: UNUSUAL/EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

U5240 DEPENDENT TRAVEL UNDER UNUSUAL/EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

***NOTE*: For HHG transportation under unusual/emergency circumstances, see par. U5905-C2.**

A. General

1. Par. U5240 covers dependent travel situations that are in:

a. Advance of the member's PCS, and

b. The GOV'T's best interest.

2. These situations include changes in OCONUS duty station status; medical/dental travel; IPCOT PCS-like travel (for COT leave travel, see par. U7200); certain dependent travel ICW a member's court martial; tour extensions; and alerts.

3. An authorization/order authorizing dependent travel and transportation must cite the specific par. U5240 cite (below) under which the travel is authorized.

4. For dependent evacuation travel, see Ch 6.

5. For early return of a dependent, including a dependent in CONUS whose member spouse is court-martialed OCONUS, see Part J.

B. PDS Changed to a Dependent-restricted Tour Station, or Sea Duty Changed to Unusually Arduous Sea Duty

1. General. When a member receives a PCS authorization/order to a PDS to which dependent travel is authorized and that PDS is later changed to a dependent-restricted tour station, or when there is a change in the designation of the duty aboard a ship, afloat staff, or afloat unit from sea duty to unusually arduous sea duty, authorization for dependent travel and transportation allowances to a designated place under par. U5222-D1c is as prescribed in par. U5240-B. In par. U5240-B, "appropriate POE" is the port used for sea travel, if there is one; otherwise it is the aerial POE.

2. Restriction or Change in Designation Imposed after an Authorization/Order Is Received. When the restriction or change in designation is imposed after the date the member first receives the PCS authorization/ order but before the dependent begin travel from the member's old PDS, the authorization for dependent travel and transportation allowances is determined under par. U5222-D1.

3. Restriction or Change in Designation Imposed after a Dependent Begins Travel. When the restriction or change in the designation is imposed after a dependent begins travel, circuitously or otherwise, on or after the date the member first receives the PCS authorization/order, dependent travel and transportation allowances are authorized from the old PDS to the place at which notification was received of the restriction or change in designation and from that place to a designated place authorized in par. U5240-B1. However, the authorization in such cases cannot exceed that accruing from the old PDS to the appropriate:

a. POE serving the member's OCONUS PDS and from the POE to a place authorized in par. U5240-B1 in the case of a change to a dependent-restricted tour, or

b. Home port of the ship concerned and from the home port to a place authorized in par. U5240-B1 in the case of a change in designation of the duty of a ship.

4. Restriction or Change in Designation Imposed while the Dependent Is at a Designated Location. If the dependent is at a designated place authorized in par. U5240-B1 where they were located under a prior authorization/order on the date they receive notification of the restriction or change in designation, no dependent travel and transportation allowances are authorized.

5. Restriction or Change in Designation Imposed after a Dependent Leaves the Designated Location. When the restriction or change in designation is imposed after the dependent begins travel from a designated place authorized in par. U5240-B1, circuitously or otherwise, on or after the date the member first receives the PCS authorization/order, dependent travel and transportation allowances are authorized from that designated place to the place at which they receive notification of the restriction or change in designation and from that place to the previous or a new designated place. However, the authorization in this case cannot exceed that from the designated place at which travel began to the CONUS home port or the appropriate POE serving the member's OCONUS PDS and from that home port or that POE to the designated place last chosen.

6. Restriction or Change in Designation Imposed while En Route from Old PDS or Home Port. When the restriction or change in designation is imposed after the dependent begins travel, but before the dependent arrives at or in the vicinity of the member's OCONUS PDS or home port, dependent travel and transportation allowances are authorized from the old PDS or home port where travel begins, to the place at which they receive notification of the restriction or change in designation and from that place to a:

a. Designated place in CONUS;

b. Temporary OCONUS location as may be authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process; or

c. Designated place in a non-foreign OCONUS area if authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

7. Restriction or Change in Designation Imposed after the Dependent Arrives at Member's Duty Station. When the restriction or change in designation is imposed after the dependent arrives at the member's OCONUS PDS or home port, or the restriction or change in designation is not made known to the dependent until arrival at or in the vicinity of that PDS, dependent travel and transportation allowances under par. U5240-B are authorized to the same locations and under the same conditions as set forth in par. U5240-B6. If dependent evacuation is necessary, par. U6005 applies.

8. Subsequent Authorization. A member, otherwise authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances under par. U5201-A:

a. Whose duty station is again changed from one to which dependent transportation is not authorized or to one to which dependent transportation is authorized, or

b. The duty of a ship, afloat staff, or afloat unit to which assigned is changed from unusually arduous sea duty, or

c. Who is transferred to a station to which dependent transportation is authorized,

is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances to the PDS or home port of the ship concerned, up to those for travel from the place to which they were transported under par. U5240-B to the PDS or appropriate home port. ***However, when the dependent is in CONUS, the return transportation to the same or another OCONUS PDS or appropriate home port may be authorized only when at least 12 months remain in the member's OCONUS tour following the dependent's estimated date of arrival at the PDS or home port concerned or on the date command sponsorship is granted, whichever is later.*** If the member elects, the dependent may be retained at the place to which the dependent traveled under pars. U5240-B1, U5240-B2, U5240-B3, U5240-B4, U5240-B5, U5240-B6 and U5240-B7 until further transportation is authorized. ***NOTE: A dependent may be retained at a temporary OCONUS location to which transported under pars. U5240-B6 and U6005 only when authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.*** Travel of the dependent of a member when the member is not authorized travel and transportation allowances under par. U5201-B is governed by par. U6005.

C. Dependent Travel and Transportation OCONUS for Medical Care

1. Dependent Definition. As used in par. U5240-C, a "dependent" is ***any*** dependent located OCONUS who has an active duty sponsor and who has been authorized, through the Secretarial Process, medical care in a Service medical facility without reimbursement.

2. Local Medical/Dental Care Not Available

a. Authorization/Approval. The commanding officer/other Service designee for a member on OCONUS active duty may authorize/approve dependent transportation if the dependent:

(1) Is accompanying the member and the member has been on active duty for more than 30 days; and

(2) Requires care not available in the member's OCONUS PDS area.

b. Medical/Dental Care. A dependent may be provided travel and transportation for medical/dental care to the nearest appropriate medical/dental facility where adequate medical/dental care is available, except as par. U5240-C2c.

c. Exceptions. A dependent participating under a dental plan established under 10 USC §1076a (currently TRICARE) may not be provided transportation to the nearest appropriate dental facility where adequate dental care is available ***except for***:

(1) Emergency dental care,

(2) Dental care provided at an OCONUS location, or

(3) Dental care not covered by the dental plan.

3. Elective Surgery. ***Travel and transportation reimbursement is not authorized for a dependent who travels for elective surgery.***

4. Transportation to and from a Medical and/or Dental Facility. When practicable, GOV'T transportation should be used for transportation authorized by par. U5240-C. When GOV'T transportation is not available or its use is not practicable, dependent patients must be transported by:

a. GOV'T-procured commercial transportation,

b. Personally procured commercial transportation, or

c. POC.

When personally procured commercial transportation is used, reimbursement for the actual cost of the transportation used is authorized. When a POC is used, reimbursement for the actual expenses incurred (e.g., gas; oil; highway, bridge, and tunnel tolls; parking fees; and other necessary expenses incurred incident to POC use) is authorized. ***TDY mileage may not be paid.*** However, reimbursement for the travel performed by personally procured commercial transportation or by POC is limited to what it would have cost had the transportation been furnished by the GOV'T (i.e., GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation). ***NOTE: This limit does not apply when GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation is not available.*** If a dependent is transported by POC and an attendant is authorized a transportation allowance, no additional transportation expense on behalf of the dependent is authorized.

5. Return Transportation. Upon hospitalization/medical/dental care termination, the dependent's transportation is authorized to the member's PDS or to another place determined appropriate by the AO.

6. Outpatient Transportation. Reimbursement is authorized for the actual expenses incurred for the dependent's transportation between transportation terminal, medical/dental facility, and lodging when the dependent is receiving outpatient care at a medical/dental facility outside the member's PDS area. Actual expenses incurred for transportation cost between medical/dental facility and lodging may be reimbursed for the number of trips the dependent must make between those two places. The transportation mode used should be the least costly mode available that adequately meets the patient's needs. When POC is the appropriate mode, reimbursement for the actual expenses incurred, as in par. U3305-B1, is authorized. ***Transportation expenses may not be paid using a mileage allowance (B-202964, 23 February 1982).***

*7. Lodging and Meals. The actual cost of dependent's lodging (including tax (see *NOTE*), tips, and service charges) and actual cost of meals (including tax and tips, but excluding alcoholic beverages) may be reimbursed NTE the locality per diem rate for the medical/dental facility location. The amount paid for lodging and meals may not be in excess of the maximum amount allowed for lodging and M&IE, respectively, authorized in the medical/dental facility locality per diem rate. This includes travel time to/from the medical/dental facility and time at the medical/dental facility for outpatients.

NOTE:

****1. The maximum lodging amount allowed in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (see APP A definitions) does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.***

****2. The maximum lodging amount allowed in foreign OCONUS areas (see APP A definition) includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.***

8. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. The dependent is authorized reimbursement for the miscellaneous reimbursable expenses listed in APP G except that if a POC is used to and from the transportation terminal, reimbursement is for the actual expenses incurred, as in par. U3305-B1 and ***payment of mileage is not authorized***. Receipt requirements are the same as those in par. U2510.

9. Attendants for a Dependent. If a dependent is unable to travel unattended, round-trip travel and transportation allowances are authorized for necessary attendants as provided in Ch 7, Part Q.

10. Advance. Funds may be advanced to cover expenses reimbursable under par. U5240-C.

11. Administrative Provisions. An authorization/order authorizing/approving dependent travel for medical or surgical care must cite par. U5240-C as authority. A statement by a competent medical official (military or civilian, as available) must support the authorization/order as to the seriousness of the condition and the absence of adequate military and civilian facilities for proper treatment. If a medical official is not available, the authorization/order must so indicate and the AO's statement in the authorization/order that proper medical facilities are not available then suffices. For non-emergency conditions, the receiving medical facility must agree to accept the patient before the authorization/order is issued.

12. Subsequent Travel and Transportation. A member otherwise authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances under par. U5201-A, whose dependent is transported to a place other than the member's PDS under par. U5240-C, is authorized, upon reassignment, travel and transportation expenses for that dependent for direct PCS travel between that place and the destination authorized in the reassignment authorization/order.

D. Dependent Travel and Transportation Incident to an Alert Notice

1. General. A member of certain units is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances, as though assigned to a dependent-restricted tour, under par. U5222-D (45 Comp. Gen. 208 (1965)). This applies to a member whose unit has been officially alerted for movement to an OCONUS PDS (within 90 days after the alert notice) to which dependent transportation is not authorized. This also applies to a member who is transferred or assigned by a PCS authorization/order to a unit so alerted.

2. Member Not Transferred to a Dependent-restricted OCONUS Tour after Alert Notice Announcement. When a dependent has traveled to a designated place under par. U5240-D1, but the member is not transferred to the OCONUS PDS contemplated in the alert notice, dependent travel and transportation allowances are authorized from the designated place to the new PDS. This also applies to return transportation that PDS if the member is continued on permanent duty at the station where the alert notice was officially announced.

E. Dependent Travel and Transportation Incident to Tour Extension. A member on a tour of less than the prescribed tour length at a PDS, who used the dependent travel and transportation allowances upon assignment to that PDS, is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances from the place the dependent is located to that PDS. ***NOTE: The authorization limit is up to that from the old to the current PDS.*** Authorization under par. U5240-E is limited to the situation in which a member's tour is extended due to:

1. Unusual circumstances, and

2. The needs of the Service.

Authorization under par. U5240-E also is limited to the situation where a member did not move a dependent to that PDS initially because of the anticipated short time of assignment (B-208861, 10 November 1982).

F. Dependent Travel and Transportation Incident to a Court Martial Sentence/Administrative Discharge under other than Honorable Conditions (for a Member Stationed in CONUS)

1. Travel and Transportation Allowances. A member (with dependent) stationed in CONUS who:

a. Is sentenced by a court martial to:

(1) Confinement for more than 30 days,

(2) Receive a dishonorable/bad-conduct discharge, or

(3) Dismissal from a Uniformed Service, or

b. Receives an administrative discharge under other than honorable conditions,

is authorized dependent PCS travel and transportation allowances.

2. Authorization. Dependent travel and transportation allowances (including the payment of per diem under par. U5210) are authorized by a Service-designated authority who determines:

a. The authorized destination, and

b. That a reasonable relationship exists between the conditions/circumstances in the specific case and the authorized destination.

3. Travel Request. Travel may be requested by:

a. The member,

b. The member's spouse, or

c. Another dependent (if the member has no spouse, or the spouse is not available).

4. Travel Destination. The dependent destination must be a designated place, except that a foreign-born dependent may be returned to the dependent's native country.

5. Travel and Transportation Reimbursement Payment. Travel reimbursement may be paid to the:

a. Member, or

b. Dependent or ex-spouse, (when the member authorizes payment to either of them (B-193430, 21 February 1979)).

6. Travel Time Limit. Except when additional time is authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process (see par. U5012-I), dependent travel must start within 180 days from the date:

a. The court-martial is completed, or

b. Of administrative discharge.

G. Dependent Travel and Transportation Incident to an IPCOT. A member stationed OCONUS who is selected to serve an IPCOT is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances as follows:

NOTE: An IPCOT is not an extension; it is another full tour.

1. Unaccompanied to Accompanied Tour

a. Dependent travel and transportation at GOV'T expense from a designated place to the current PDS at which the IPCOT is to be served if the dependent is command-sponsored prior to travel to the current PDS at which the IPCOT is to be served.

b. A member who acquires a dependent after the PCS authorization/order effective date, but before entering an IPCOT, is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances to the current PDS at which the IPCOT is to be served if the dependent is command-sponsored prior to travel to the current PDS at which the IPCOT is to be served. Travel and transportation allowances in this case are from the place the dependent is located to the current PDS.

2. Accompanied to Unaccompanied Tour. The provisions of par. U5222-C4 apply.

3. Accompanied-to-Accompanied Tour. A member who acquires a dependent after the PCS authorization/ order effective date, but before entering an IPCOT, is authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances to the current PDS at which the IPCOT is to be served if the dependent is command-sponsored prior to travel to the current PDS at which the IPCOT is to be served. Travel and transportation allowances in this case are from the place the dependent is located to the current PDS.

H. Travel and Transportation for a Dependent Relocating for Personal Safety. See par. U5205.

U5241 DEPENDENT TRAVEL WHEN MEMBER OFFICIALLY REPORTED AS DEAD, INJURED, ILL, OR ABSENT FOR MORE THAN 29 DAYS IN A MISSING STATUS, OR UPON DEATH

A. General. Par. U5241-A applies to a dependent of a member (without regard to command sponsorship (B-158661, 22 December 1966)) on active duty who is officially reported as dead, injured, ill, or absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status (37 USC §554), or who dies while entitled to basic pay (37 USC §406(f)).

B. Definitions

1. Dependent. See APP A. When a member entitled to basic pay dies while on OCONUS duty, "dependent" includes an unmarried child who was transported at GOV'T expense to that member's PDS, incident to the member's assignment thereto, and became age 21 while the member was serving at that PDS. See par. U5215-B.

2. Transportation. "Transportation," as used in par. U5241, includes transportation-in-kind or reimbursement therefore under pars. U5201-A1b, and MALT under par. U5015-A.

C. Limitations

1. Destination. No travel may be authorized/approved under par. U5241-C unless a reasonable relationship exists between the circumstances of the dependent and the requested destination, as determined by the Service concerned.

2. Time. Authority for dependent travel and transportation allowances ends if the dependent does not begin travel to the final home within 1 year after the date of the official status report. However, travel at a later date may be authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process. See par. U5012-I. No travel and transportation allowances are authorized under par. U5241 when travel is delayed until after receipt of official notice that the member has returned to an active status. Effective for deaths occurring on or after 6 January 2006, the dependent has 3 years, beginning on the date of the death of the member to choose a HOS for the purpose of travel and transportation allowances.

Examples:

Member on active duty died on 3 January 2006 -- Family has 1 year to make a HOS.
Member on active duty died on 10 January 2006 -- Family has until 9 January 2009 for HOS.

3. Per Diem. A dependent authorized the transportation authorized in par. U5241-D pursuant to the death of a member entitled to basic pay (37 USC §406(f)), also is authorized per diem under par. U5210. Per diem is not payable ICW the other dependent transportation authorized in par. U5241.

D. When Authorized

1. General. A dependent may be furnished transportation to a member's HOR or to such other location as may be authorized/approved by the official designated by the Secretarial process when the dependent receives official notice that the member is:

a. Dead; or

b. Injured and/or ill and the anticipated period of hospitalization or treatment is expected to be prolonged as shown by a statement of the commanding officer at the receiving hospital; or

c. Absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status.

When a dependent is residing OCONUS at the time the member on permanent duty OCONUS dies, the dependent may be transported to an interim location (within the limitation imposed in par. U5241-C1) to reside pending a decision on where to exercise the authorization to a final move at GOV'T expense. That final move must be exercised within the time limit established in par. U5241-C2.

2. Additional Moves

a. Status Change. A dependent moved under par. U5241-D1 may again be moved under par. U5241-D1 when official notice is received that the member's status has changed from one to another of those listed in par. U5241-D1.

b. No Status Change Member Reported as Missing for more than 1 Year. A dependent moved under par. U5241-D1 may be moved again under par. U5241-D1 when the member has been reported officially as absent for a period of more than 1 year in a missing status and through the Secretarial Process it is determined that the circumstances in the case justify an additional move.

3. Termination of Casualty Status. When the member's casualty status is terminated, authorization for dependent travel and transportation allowances under par. U5201 is determined IAW this Part.

E. Administrative Instructions. Each Service must issue regulations or instructions deemed necessary for the judicious administration of the authorization contained in par. U5241.

F. Attendant for a Dependent. See Ch 7, Part Q, concerning an attendant for a dependent authorized travel under par. U5241.

U5242 FUNERAL TRAVEL

A. Transportation for Eligible Relatives of a Deceased Member to Attend the Member's Burial Ceremony (37 USC §411f)

NOTE: The families of cadets/midshipmen are not eligible for this transportation.

1. General. An eligible relative is authorized round trip travel and transportation allowances to attend burial ceremonies for a deceased member who dies while on active or inactive duty. "Eligible relative", as used in par. U5242, means:

a. The deceased member's surviving spouse (including a remarried surviving spouse);

b. The deceased member's children (including stepchildren, adopted children and illegitimate children) regardless of age;

c. The deceased member's parent or parents as defined in 37 USC §401(b)(2) (see ***NOTE 1*** below);

d. The deceased member's siblings;

e. The person who directs the disposition of the deceased member's remains under 10 USC §1482(c) (see ***NOTE 2*** below) or, in the case of a deceased member whose remains are commingled and buried in a common grave in a national cemetery, the person who would have been designated under 10 USC §1482(c) to direct the disposition of the remains if individual identification had been made; and

f. If no person described in par. U5242-A1a, U5242-A1b, U5242-A1c, or U5242-A1d is provided travel and transportation allowances; then no more than two persons, closely related to the deceased member, who are selected by the person referred to in par. U5242-A1e. A person provided travel and transportation under par. U5242-A1f is in addition to the person referred to in par. U5242-A1e.

2. Attendant or Escort. An attendant or escort (pars. U7550-A and U7550-B pertain) accompanying an eligible traveler provided travel and transportation allowances under par. U5242-A1 for travel to the burial ceremony for a deceased member also may be provided round trip travel and transportation allowances for travel to the burial ceremony if:

a. The accompanied eligible traveler is unable to travel unattended or unescorted because of age, physical condition, or other justifiable reason acceptable to the AO; and

b. There is no other eligible traveler of the deceased member, traveling to the burial ceremony, eligible for travel and transportation allowances under par. U5242-A1 and qualified to serve as the attendant or escort.

3. Allowances Limitations. Allowances under pars. U5242-A1 and U5242-A2 are limited to travel and transportation to attend burial ceremonies of a deceased member at a location determined through the Secretarial Process. Per diem is payable for:

a. The time necessary to travel to the location concerned, plus

b. NTE 2 days at that location, and

c. The time necessary for return travel from that location.

4. Travel and Transportation Allowances

a. General. Individuals traveling under par. U5242-A are authorized one, or a combination, of the following for the authorized round trip travel:

(1) Transportation-in-kind,

(2) Reimbursement for the cost of personally procured commercial transportation,

(3) Automobile mileage rate (see par. U2600) for the official distance traveled by POC.

GOV'T transportation must be used to the maximum extent practicable ICW transoceanic travel. Reimbursement as provided in par. U5242-A4a(2) is subject to par. U5201-A1b, for land travel and par. U5205-B for transoceanic travel. When land travel is by mixed modes, reimbursement is for actual travel NTE the personally procured commercial transportation cost between origin and destination (minus any used GOV'T-procured transportation cost). When travel is by POC, only the POC operator is authorized the allowance prescribed in par. U5242-A4a(3).

b. Per Diem Allowances while Traveling and at the Funeral and Burial Site. An eligible family member is authorized per diem computed using the 'Lodgings-Plus' method in Ch 4, Part B when traveling under par. U5242-A. The per diem payable must not exceed the appropriate rate for the area concerned. Per diem must not be paid for more than two days plus the time necessary to travel to and from the location concerned.

c. Limitations. Per diem is not payable when the eligible relatives' residence and the burial site are in the same local area as defined in par. U3500-B, or when the total time from departure to return is 12 or fewer hours.

d. Reimbursable Expenses. The authorized traveler(s) is/are authorized reimbursement for the miscellaneous reimbursable expenses listed in APP G incurred incident to travel under par. U5242. Receipt requirements are the same as those in par. U2510.

e. Definitions. See par. U5242-C.

B. Funeral Travel of the Family of a Member Who Died while a POW or MIA during the Vietnam Conflict

1. General. Par. U5242-B applies to an eligible family member (as defined in par. U5242-B2) of a member who died while officially classified as a POW or as MIA during the Vietnam conflict and whose remains are returned to the U.S. (37 USC §406 (Note)).

2. Definition of Eligible Family Member. For purposes of par. U5242-B1, an eligible family member of the deceased member of the armed forces includes the following:

a. Surviving spouse (including a remarried surviving spouse) of the deceased member,

b. Child or children, including children described in section 37 USC §401(b)(1) (see ***NOTE 4*** below) of the deceased member,

c. The parent or parents of the deceased member as defined in section 37 USC §401(b)(2) (see ***NOTE 1*** below),

d. If no person described in par. U5242-B2a, U5242-B2b, or U5242-B2c is provided travel and transportation allowances, any brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters of the deceased member.

3. Allowances. An eligible family member is issued an ITA under APP E, Part II, and is authorized transportation and travel allowances, as prescribed therein, for travel from place of residence to the place of burial and return.

C. Definition of Burial Ceremony. For the purpose of par. U5242, the term "burial ceremony" includes the following:

1. An interment of casketed or cremated remains;

2. A placement of cremated remains in a columbarium;

3. A memorial service for which reimbursement is authorized under 10 USC §1482(d)(2) (see ***NOTE 3*** below); and

4. A burial of commingled remains that cannot be individually identified in a common grave in a national cemetery.

NOTE 1: For the purposes of par. U5242-A1c and U5242-B2c: 37 USC §401(b)(2), the term "parent" means:

a. A natural parent of the member;

b. A step parent of the member;

c. A parent of the member by adoption;

d. A parent, stepparent, or adopted parent of the spouse of the member; and

e. 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 five years before the member became age 21.

NOTE 2: With reference to par. U5242-A1d(1): 10 USC §1482(c) states: Only the following persons may be designated to direct disposition of the remains of a decedent covered by this chapter:

a. The surviving spouse of the decedent;

b. Blood relatives of the decedent;

c. Adoptive relatives of the decedent; and

d. If no person covered by clauses (1)-(3) can be found, a person standing in loco parentis to the decedent.

NOTE 3: For the purpose of par. U5242-C3; 10 USC §1482(d)(2) reads as shown below:

"(d) When the remains of a decedent covered by section 1481 of this title, whose death occurs after January 1, 1961, are determined to be non-recoverable, the person who would have been designated under subsection (c) to direct disposition of the remains if they had been recovered may be -

(1) presented with a flag of the U.S.; however, if the person designated by subsection (c) is other than a parent of the deceased member, a flag of equal size may also be presented to the parents, and

(2) reimbursed by the Secretary Concerned for the necessary expenses of a memorial service.

However, the amount of the reimbursement must be determined in the manner prescribed in subsection (b) for an interment, but may not be larger than that authorized when the U.S. provides the grave site. A claim for reimbursement under this subsection may be allowed only if it is presented within two years after the date of death or the date the person who would have been designated under subsection (c) to direct disposition of the remains, if they had been recovered, receives notification that the member has been reported or determined to be dead under authority of Chapter 10 of Title 37, whichever is later."

NOTE 4: For the purposes of par. U5242-B2b: 37 USC §401(b)(1), the term "child" includes a/an:

a. Stepchild of the member (except that such term does not include a stepchild after the divorce of the member from the stepchild's parent by blood);

b. Adopted child of the member, including a child placed in the member's home by a placement agency (recognized by the SECDEF) in anticipation of the member's legal adoption of the child; and

c. Illegitimate child of the member if the member's parentage of the child is established IAW criteria prescribed in regulations by the Secretary Concerned.

U5246 TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF AN ILL OR INJURED MEMBER

A. General. Ordinarily, not more than three family members (see par. U5246-B) of a member described in par. U5246-A1 or U5246-A2 may be provided transportation for one round-trip and per diem under par. U5246 as determined by appropriate authority. The Secretarial Process may authorize transportation and per diem for more than three family members in extenuating circumstances. See par. U1010-B1 for claims and APP E, Part I, par. A2q for ITA authority. ***NOTE: Limitation for each family member is (1) transportation and per diem for one round-trip between the family member's home and the medical facility in which the member is hospitalized (37 USC §411h), and (2) per diem only at/in the vicinity of the medical facility when a family member travels to and from the medical facility at personal expense.***

1. Active Duty Member Including an RC Member on Active Duty

a. Seriously Ill or Injured. Transportation for one round-trip and per diem is authorized to visit an active duty member who is seriously ill, seriously injured or in a situation of imminent death, whether or not electrical brain activity still exists or brain death is declared, and who is hospitalized in a medical facility anywhere in the world.

b. Hospitalized as Result of Combat Injury. Transportation for one round trip and per diem, may be authorized for each family member authorized to visit a member not described in par. U5246-A1a who has an injury incurred in an operation or area designated by the SECDEF as a combat operation or combat zone under 38 USC §1967(e)(1)(A) and who is hospitalized in a medical facility in the U.S. for treatment of that injury. This allowance is initiated when there is a reasonable expectation by the treating physician that the member will remain hospitalized in an inpatient status in a hospital in the U.S. Per diem authorization must not exceed 30 days unless an extension is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

2. RC Member Entitled to Disability Pay and Allowances. Transportation for one round-trip and per diem is authorized to visit an RC member entitled to disability pay and allowances under 37 USC §204(g), who is physically disabled as the result of an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated, or in a situation of imminent death, whether or not electrical brain activity still exists or brain death is declared, and who is hospitalized in a medical facility anywhere in the world if that member became ill or injured or was diseased:

a. In the line of duty while performing inactive-duty training (other than work or study ICW a correspondence course of an armed force or attendance in an inactive status at an educational institution under the sponsorship of an armed force or the Public Health Service), and

b. While traveling directly to or from such training.

See DODFMR, Volume 7A, paragraph 80254, table 8-2-3 at ***http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/07a/index.html*** or COMDTINST M7220.29 (series) par. 12-Q and figure 12-2 for a Coast Guard member at ***http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/g-wpm-2/PayMan.htm***

3. Member Retired due to Illness or Injury. Transportation for one round-trip and per diem is authorized to visit a member who is retired solely because of a serious injury or illness, or because of an imminent death declaration, whether or not electrical brain activity still exists or brain death is declared, and who is hospitalized in a medical facility anywhere in the world. This transportation and per diem is to be provided incident to and about the same time as the occurrence of the serious illness, serious injury, or imminent death declaration, and is not intended to provide transportation at a later date. This authorization does not extend to retirees who incur serious injuries or illnesses after retirement, whose serious illness or injury that resulted in their medical retirement reoccurs or is aggravated after retirement, or whose death becomes imminent after retirement.

NOTE: The families of cadets/midshipmen are not eligible for this transportation.

B. Definition. "Family members" as used in par. U5246 are the member's spouse, children (including step, adopted, and illegitimate children), the member's siblings and the member's parents (includes fathers and mothers through adoption and persons who have stood "in loco parentis" to the member for a period of not less than 1 year immediately before the member entered the Uniformed Service). However, only one father and one mother or their counterparts may be recognized in any one case. If the family member is a:

1. Uniformed Service Member: The member is authorized TDY travel and transportation allowances.

2. Civilian Employee: A U.S. Government civilian employee is authorized the TDY travel and transportation allowances in regulation issued by the agency or department funding the travel. A civilian employee traveling using DOD funds is issued a DD Form 1610 TDY travel authorization.

3. Other Persons: A person, other than a member or civilian employee, should be issued an ITA (APP E, Part I, par. A1). The individual is authorized the allowances in pars. U5246-C, U5246-D and U5246-E.

C. Transportation. One, or a combination, of the following round-trip transportation services between the family member's home and the medical facility location in which the member is hospitalized may be provided if the attending physician or surgeon and the commander/head of the military medical facility exercising military control over the member determines in writing that the presence of the family member is necessary for the health and welfare of the member is concerned:

1. Transportation-in-kind;

2. Reimbursement for the cost of personally procured commercial transportation (***CTO/TMC use is still MANDATORY***);

3. Automobile mileage rate (see par. U2600) for the official distance traveled by POC.

GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation must be used to the maximum extent practicable for transoceanic travel. Reimbursement provided in par. U5246-C2 is subject to par. U5201-A1b for land travel and par. U5207 for transoceanic travel. When land travel is by mixed modes, reimbursement is for actual travel NTE the cost of personally procured transportation between origin and destination (minus the cost of any GOV'T-procured transportation used). When travel is by POC, only the POC operator is authorized the allowance prescribed in par. U5246-C3.

D. Per Diem. When a family member is authorized a round-trip to and from a medical facility at GOV'T expense per diem may be paid for travel to the medical facility, while at the site during visits with a seriously ill or injured member, and for return travel to the family member's home. ***Comparing costs as in par. U4175 for voluntary trips away from the medical facility site does not apply to par. U5246-D.***

1. Family Member Travels to the Medical Facility at GOV'T's Expense but Returns Home at Personal Expense. If a family member travels to the medical facility at GOV'T expense but returns home at personal expense, per diem stops on, and is not paid for, the departure day. When the family member returns to the medical facility at personal expense per diem resumes on the arrival day at the medical facility location. When the family member returns home at GOV'T expense per diem is paid for the return travel.

2. Family Member Travels to and From the Medical Facility at Personal Expense. When a family member, who was authorized travel to and from the medical facility at GOV'T expense, later travels to and from the facility at personal expense, per diem begins on the arrival day at the medical facility location and terminates on, and is not paid for, the departure day from that location. Per diem is not paid for travel to and from the medical facility.

E. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. The member is authorized reimbursement for the miscellaneous reimbursable expenses listed in APP G incurred incident to travel under par. U5246. Receipt requirements are the same as those in par. U2510.

U5258 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS INCIDENT TO THE REPATRIATION OF A MEMBER HELD CAPTIVE

A. Definitions

1. "Eligible member" as used in par. U5258 is a member of a uniformed service who:

a. Is serving on active duty;

b. Was held captive, as determined by the Secretary Concerned; and

c. Is repatriated to a site inside or outside the U.S.

2. "Family members" as used in par. U5258 are the member's spouse, children (including step, adopted, and illegitimate children), the member's siblings and the member's parents (includes fathers and mothers through adoption and persons who have stood "in loco parentis" to the member for a period of not less than 1 year immediately before the member entered the Uniformed Service). However, only one father and one mother or their counterparts may be recognized in any one case.

B. Family Authorized Travel and Transportation

1. Not more than three family members of a member (see par. U5258-A), or

2. Not more than two persons related to and selected by the member if no family members (as described in par. U5258-A) are able to travel to the repatriation site.

NOTE: The Secretary Concerned may waive the limitation on the number of family members to whom travel and transportation allowances are provided in circumstances determined to be appropriate by the Secretary Concerned.

C. Attendant. In addition to family members or other persons authorized to travel in pars. U5258-B1 and U5258-B2, the Secretary Concerned may provide travel and transportation allowances to an attendant to accompany a family member (see par. U5258-B1) if the Secretary Concerned determines that:

1. A family member is unable to travel unattended because of age, physical condition, or other reason determined by the Secretary Concerned; and

2. No other family member or person related to and selected by the member who is eligible for travel and transportation is able to travel to the repatriation site of the member.

D. Transportation. One, or a combination, of the following round-trip transportation methods may be provided between the family member's home (or home of the attendant or person provided transportation) and the repatriation site location at which the member is located:

1. Transportation-in-kind.

2. Automobile mileage rate (see par. U2600) for the official distance traveled by POC.

3. Reimbursement for the commercial transportation cost NTE the cost of GOV'T-procured round-trip air travel.

E. Per Diem. A per diem allowance or AEA, whichever applies, as prescribed in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable travel time computed under par. U3005-C is authorized for travel to, from, and while at the repatriation site for travel under par. U5258.

F. Funds Advance. An allowance under par. U5258 may be paid in advance. See par. U2300.

SECTION 1: GENERAL

U5300 GENERAL

This Part prescribes PCS HHG transportation and NTS allowances including those in unusual or emergency circumstances. See APP A for the definition of HHG transportation.

U5305 ELIGIBILITY

A member is authorized HHG transportation or NTS when the member is ordered to perform a PCS move.

U5310 BASIC ALLOWANCES

A. General. Subject to the conditions in par. U5310, a member ordered on a PCS is authorized HHG transportation. See par. U5310-A9 below. See par. U5201 for dependent transportation. See par. U5500 for mobile home transportation.

1. The GOV'T's HHG transportation obligation is limited to the cost of the completed movement of HHG equal in weight to a member's weight allowance (see par. U5310-B) in one lot between authorized places at the lowest overall cost (except for a personally procured transportation move) to the GOV'T. For information about HHG authorized locations for PCS, see the table at par. U5390-B, and for TDY, see the table at par. U4780.

2. As used in par. U5310, a "former PDS" includes an individual's HOR.

3. If a member does not transport the authorized HHG weight allowance to a new PDS, a later shipment may be transported from a former PDS using a combination of authorizations/orders if the HHG:

   a. Were in the member's possession before the PCS authorization/order effective date from the PDS from which the HHG were not transported, and

   b. Previously transported HHG plus the HHG being transported do not exceed the authorized PCS HHG weight allowance on the PCS authorization/order effective date from the former station.

4. Example of a Combination of Authorizations/Orders HHG Computation

   a. A member was ordered from PDS A to PDS B. The authorized HHG weight under the PCS authorization/order was 8,000 lbs. The member actually transported 6, 000 lbs to PDS B. The unused HHG weight balance is 2,000 lbs.

   b. The member is ordered from PDS B to PDS C. The authorized HHG weight under the new PCS authorization/order is 10,000 pounds.

   c. The member may ship NTE 10, 000 lbs at GOV'T expense to PDS C of which 2, 000 lbs of HHG owned while at PDS A may be shipped from PDS A using authorizations/orders in combination. Excess cost may apply per par. U5340.

5. HHG transportation includes SIT unless specifically prohibited. See par. U5375.

6. For cases involving mobile home allowances, see par. U5330-F and Ch. 5, Part F.

7. ***UB weight is part of the member's authorized HHG weight allowance.***

8. For a compelling reason, transportation of any HHG article to and/or from OCONUS may be prohibited in writing through the Secretarial Process.

9. Delivery out of storage is authorized at GOV'T expense, regardless of time in storage as long as the member's authorization/order and/or transportation authorization is valid. This includes shipments that have been converted to storage at the member's expense.

Effective for an authorization/order issued on/after 1 October 2007

B. Prescribed Weight Allowances

1. Higher Weight Allowance Authorization

a. Either the Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process, at Service discretion, for each Service may authorize a higher weight allowance (NTE 18,000 pounds) of a member below pay grade O-6, but only on a case-by-case basis;

b. No general policy statements are permitted; and

c. The Secretary Concerned or the Secretarial Process decision maker must issue a determination that failure to increase the member's weight allowance would create a significant hardship to the member or the member's dependents.

2. Authorized PCS Weight Allowances. Except as provided in pars. U5315 and U5330-A, authorized PCS weight allowances are:

PCS & NTS Weight Allowances (Pounds)		
Grade *NOTES 1 & 3*	**With Dependents *NOTE 2***	**Without Dependents**
Officer Personnel		
0-10 to 0-6	18,000	18,000
0-5/W-5	17,500	16,000
0-4/W-4	17,000	14,000
0-3/W-3	14,500	13,000
0-2/W-2	13,500	12,500
0-1/W-1/Service Academy Graduates	12,000	10,000
Enlisted Personnel		
E-9	15,000 ***NOTE 4***	13,000 ***NOTE 4***
E-8	14,000	12,000
E-7	13,000	11,000
E-6	11,000	8,000
E-5	9,000	7,000
E-4	8,000	7,000
E-3 to E-1	8,000	5,000
Aviation Cadets	8.000	7,000
Service Academy Cadets/Midshipmen		350

NOTES:

1. Includes a Uniformed Service regular and an RC member, and an officer holding a temporary commission in the U.S. Army/Air Force.

2. For this table, a member "with dependents" is a member who has a dependent eligible to travel at GOV'T expense incident to the member's PCS. Actual dependent travel has no bearing. Incident to a member's first PCS after:

a. The death(s) of all of the member's dependent(s), or

b. A divorce that leaves the member with no dependent(s) eligible to travel at GOV'T expense,

the member has the weight allowance of a member "with dependents".

3. A Uniformed Services member appointed from an:

a. Enlisted/warrant officer grade to a commissioned officer grade, or

b. Enlisted grade to a warrant officer grade or rating,

is authorized the grade's weight allowance:

a. Held on the member's PCS authorization/order effective date used for HHG transportation, or

b. From which an appointment was accepted,

whichever is greater. Upon reversion, the member is authorized the weight allowance of the grade held:

a. On the member's PCS authorization/order effective date then being used for HHG transportation, or

b. Before reversion,

whichever is greater.

4. A member selected as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Sergeant Major of the Army, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard is authorized a weight allowance of:

a. 17,000 pounds with dependents or,

b. 14,000 pounds without dependents.

for a PCS authorization/order issued on or after receiving notice of selection to that position and for the remainder of the military career.

C. Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E). See the APP A definition.

1. A member is authorized PBP&E (see APP A definition) transportation IAW the Agency/Service regulations, when the member certifies the PBP&E as necessary for official duty and the Service agrees.

2. The Secretarial Process for each Service may authorize a member an additional weight allowance NTE 500 pounds for PBP&E that belongs to the member's spouse when on a PCS.

3. PBP&E is transported in the same manner as HHG, including incident to separation, relief from active duty or retirement, but is not charged against the authorized weight allowances in par. U5310-B.

4. When an item no longer qualifies as PBP&E, it may be transported or placed in NTS incident to the next PCS as PBP&E if it is still HHG.

5. An article which loses its identity as PBP&E continues as HHG, if otherwise qualified.

6. PBP&E must be declared at origin and documented IAW Agency/Service transportation policy and procedures. HHG not declared and/or documented as PBP&E prior to the HHG transportation or not PBP&E for that move is part of the HHG counted against the applicable HHG weight allowance.

D. Additional Consumable Goods

1. A member, assigned to a PDS designated in APP F, Part I is authorized transportation of consumable goods in addition to the authorized HHG weight allowance.

2. The consumable goods must be for the member's and/or dependents' personal use.

3. OCONUS locations and their consumable goods weight allowances are contained in APP F, Part I.

4. Instructions for adding a location to the list are contained in APP F, Part II.

E. Weight Additive Articles. When HHG include an article for which a weight additive is assessed by a carrier, the weight additive is added to the shipment's actual net weight each time a weight is computed. It becomes part of the weight shipped for comparison against the weight allowance in par. U5310-B. ***Special packing, crating and/or handling expenses for these articles are the member's financial responsibility.***

F. Excess Costs for Transportation of a Boat and/or a Personal Watercraft, either Exceeding 14 Feet, as HHG.

1. The following examples outline excess cost determination, using various rates available from SDDC, ICW transportation of a boat and personal watercraft exceeding 14 feet (including the trailer) as HHG.

2. All rates used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only. Cost factors change periodically. The examples are designed to establish a standardized procedure to compute excess costs incurred for transportation of a boat or personal watercraft exceeding 14 feet as HHG.

3. If a boat is under 14' in length and no boat trailer is involved, or if it is a dinghy or scull of any size, the usual JFTR method of computing excess cost applies. See par. U5340.

NOTE 1: The member is responsible for all additional accessorial arrangements and costs related to the boat, including "lift-on" and/or "lift-off" services.

NOTE 2: A personal watercraft (e.g., a jet ski) and associated trailer for which the total length does not exceed 14 feet. A personal watercraft exceeding this standard is classified, and shipped, as a 'boat' IAW par. U5310-F.

6. Examples

a. Example 1

EXCESS COST COMPUTATION	
Member on PCS from San Diego, CA, to Washington, DC (2,595 miles). Member is an O-6 with a PCS HHG weight allowance of 18,000 lbs. Member transports HHG weighing 12,000 lbs. (net is tare weight less PBP&E and less 10% for packing) and a boat (no trailer) weighing 20,000 lbs. The lowest applicable tariff rate for transporting 12,000 lbs is $30,124.19. The lowest applicable tariff rate for transporting 18,000 lbs is $43,145.57. The SDDC one-time-only (OTO) rate for movement of a boat between authorized points is $9,617.50.	
Step 1: Compute the GOV'T's Maximum Transportation Cost Liability. Add the weight of HHG transported (if any) plus the boat's weight. If the weight sum exceeds the member's authorized weight allowance, use the member's maximum weight allowance.	
HHG transported (net is tare weight less PBP&E and less 10% for packing)	12,000 lbs.
Weight of boat	+ 20,000 lbs.
Total weight of HHG and boat exceeds member's maximum weight allowance of 18,000 lbs.	32,000 lbs.
Lowest applicable tariff cost to ship 18,000 lbs.	$43,145.57
Step 2: Compute the Actual HHG Transportation Cost. Add the sum of the SDDC OTO rate for the boat and the lowest applicable tariff rate for the HHG weight actually transported, other than a boat.	
OTO single factor (flat) rate for moving boat	$ 9,617.50
Weight of HHG actually transported (12,000 lbs.)	
Lowest applicable tariff rate to ship 12,000 lbs.	+ $30,124.19
Total	**$39,741.69**
Step 3: Compare the results of Steps 1 and 2. In this case, the cost in Step 2 is less than the cost in Step 1. The member is not financially responsible for excess costs but is financially responsible for boat-related accessorial costs:	
Total Step 2 (Actual cost to ship HHG and Boat)	$39,741.69
Less Step 1 (GOV'T's obligation)	- $43,145.57
Difference (if negative amount enter zero)	$ 0
Additional accessorial costs member owes (lift on/off charges)	+ $ 300.00
Total transportation cost for which the member is financially responsible	**$ 300.00**

b. Example 2

EXCESS COST COMPUTATION	
Member on PCS from Scott AFB, IL, to Andrews AFB, MD (790 miles). Member is an E-6 (with dependents) with a PCS HHG weight allowance of 11,000 lbs. Member transports HHG weighing 8,000 lbs. (net is tare weight less PBP&E and less 10% for packing) and a 17' bass boat and trailer weighing 2,800 lbs. The lowest applicable tariff rate for moving 8,000 lbs. is $14,041.18. The lowest applicable tariff rate for moving 10,800 lbs. is $18,279.82. The SDDC OTO rate for movement of a boat/trailer between authorized points is $2,025.25.	
Step 1: Compute the GOV'T's Maximum Transportation Cost Liability. Add the weight of HHG transported (if any) plus the transported boat's actual weight. If the weight sum exceeds the member's authorized weight allowance, use the member's maximum weight allowance.	
HHG transported (net is tare weight less PBP&E and less 10% for packing)	8,000 lbs.
Weight of boat	+ 2,800 lbs.
Weight of HHG actually transported (10,800 lbs.). Total weight of HHG and boat does not exceed member's maximum weight allowance	10,800 lbs.
Lowest applicable tariff rate to ship 10,800 lbs. is $18,279.82	
GOV'T's maximum transportation cost liability	$18,279.82
Step 2: Compute the Actual HHG Transportation Cost. Add the sum of the SDDC OTO rate for the boat and the lowest applicable tariff rate for the HHG weight actually transported, other than a boat.	
OTO single factor (flat) rate for moving boat	$ 2,025.25
Weight of HHG actually transported (8,000 lbs.) x $42.05/cwt	
Lowest applicable tariff rate to ship 8,000 lbs.	+ $14,041.18
Total	**$16,066.43**
Step 3: Compare the results of Steps 1 and 2. ***In this case, the cost in Step 2 is less than the cost in Step 1.*** The member is not financially responsible for any excess costs.	
Total Step 2 (Actual cost to ship HHG and boat)	$16,066.43
Less Step 1 (GOV'T's obligation)	- $18,279.82
Difference (if negative amount enter zero)	$ 000.00
Additional accessorial costs member owes	+ $ 000.00
Total transportation cost for which the member is financially responsible	**$ 000.00**

c. Example 3

EXCESS COST COMPUTATION	
Member on PCS from Ft Shafter, HI, to Ft. Benning, GA. Member is an E-6 (with dependents) with a PCS HHG weight allowance of 11,000 lbs. Member transports HHG weighing 7,000 lbs. (net is the tare weight less PBP&E and less 10% for packing) and a 22' sailboat and trailer weighing 1,834 lbs. The lowest applicable tariff rate (lowest applicable international tariff rate) for HHG transportation of 11,000 lbs. between authorized points is $117.13/cwt. The SDDC OTO rate for movement of boat between authorized points is $6,130.00. The OTO rate for moving 7,000 lbs. of HHG with that boat is $104/cwt (moving HHG with the boat results in a cheaper overall cost).	
Step 1: Compute the GOV'T's Maximum Transportation Cost Liability. Multiply the lowest applicable tariff rate times the sum of the HHG weight transported (if any) plus the boat's actual weight. If the weight sum exceeds the member's maximum authorized weight allowance, multiply the lowest applicable tariff rate, times the member's maximum weight allowance.	
HHG transported (net is the tare weight less PBP&E and less 10% for packing)	7,000 lbs.
Weight of boat and additive(s)	+ 1,834 lbs.
Total weight of HHG and boat (including weight additive(s)) does not exceed member's authorized weight	8,834 lbs.
Weight of HHG and boat actually transported (8,834 lbs. = 88.34 cwt) x lowest applicable tariff rate x $ 117.13/cwt	
GOV'T's maximum transportation cost liability	$10,347.26
Step 2: Compute the Actual HHG Transportation Cost. Add the sum of the SDDC international OTO rate for the boat and the lowest applicable international OTO HHG rate and multiply times the HHG weight actually transported, other than a boat. ***NOTE: When HHG including a boat are transported OCONUS together, the HHG are all transported using the OTO HHG rate.***	
International OTO rate for moving boat	$6,130.00
Weight of HHG actually transported (7,000 lbs. = 70 cwt) x lowest usable applicable international OTO HHG rate ($104.00/cw)	+ $7,280.00
Total	**$13,410.00**
Step 3: Compare the results of Steps 1 and 2. In this case, the cost in Step 2 is more than the cost in Step 1. The member is financially responsible for the following excess costs:	
Total Step 2 (Actual cost to ship HHG and boat)	$ 13,410.00
Less Step 1 (GOV'T'S obligation)	- $ 10,347.26
Difference (if negative amount enter zero)	$ 3,062.74
Additional accessorial costs member owes	+ 000.00
Total transportation cost for which the member is financially responsible	**$ 3,062.74**

G. Recruit's Civilian Clothing. A recruit, required by Service regulations to dispose of civilian clothing when uniform clothing has been received, is authorized transportation of up to 50 pounds of civilian clothing to the HOR.

H. Storage. HHG SIT is part of HHG transportation (par. U5375). NTS may be authorized/approved as an alternative to HHG transportation of any or all of a member's HHG.

I. GOV'T-paid Expenses. Incident to HHG transportation, the following services are allowed NTE the cost associated with the authorized weight limit:

1. Packing, crating, unpacking, uncrating, drayage, and hauling (as necessary).

2. Special technical servicing to prepare household appliances for safe transport and use at destination (not connecting or disconnecting).

3. Use of special rigging and equipment (e.g., cranes for HHG other than boats) for heavy or delicate articles and handling.

4. SIT NTE 90 days, as applicable. See par. U5375-B1.

J. Authorized Transportation Locations. Authorized HHG transportation locations include, but are not limited to, any combination of:

1. Origin:

   a. From QTRS to packing/crating facility and/or to place of storage;

   b. From packing/crating facility to QTRS, when a portion of the HHG, after being packed and crated, is to be joined with the remainder of the HHG;

   c. From packing/crating facility to place of storage;

   d. To carrier's station from QTRS, packing/crating facility, and/or place of storage.

2. En route or in transit, such as from:

   a. Incoming carrier's station to place of storage;

   b. Place of storage to outgoing carrier's station;

   c. Incoming carrier's station to outgoing carrier's station.

3. Destination from:

   a. Carrier's station to QTRS and/or place of storage;

   b. Place of storage to QTRS.

K. Transportation of Replacement HHG Items. When a member's original HHG shipment is destroyed or lost during transportation, through no fault of the member, replacement HHG may be transported as though the original shipment was improperly transported or unavoidably separated from the member (B-229189, 9 December 1988). The member's full weight allowance is authorized for the replacement shipment.

L. Required Medical Equipment (***CTO/TMC use is MANDATORY***). Medical equipment necessary for medical treatment authorized under Title 10, USC, required by a member/dependent (who is entitled to medical care under Title 10, USC). Required medical equipment:

1. May be shipped in the same manner as PBP&E (see par. U5310-C),

2. ***Does not include a modified POV***, and

3. Must be certified by an appropriate Uniformed Services health care provider as necessary for medical treatment of the member/dependent authorized under Title 10, USC.

U5315 ADMINISTRATIVE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

A. General. Administrative weight limitations in par. U5315 and administrative weight, or item allowances (within the table of weight allowances in this Part), are Service-established for specific locations using par. U5315-B weight allowances. Specified administrative weight limitation locations are subject to the conditions promulgated in Service regulations. An eligible member is authorized HHG transportation to a designated place and/or NTS of the remainder of the authorized HHG weight allowance that may not be transported to the PDS.

B. Authorization. On a PCS to/from a Service-concerned designated OCONUS PDS as a place at which GOV'T-owned furnishings are provided for all QTRS, a member is limited to HHG transportation to the PDS of 2,500 pounds (net) or 25 percent (net) of the weight allowance in par. U5310-B, whichever is greater, plus UB transportation. The limitation for a member serving an accompanied tour in Korea (except Chinhae and Osan which are full JFTR weight allowance locations) is 50 percent (net) of the weight allowance in par. U5310-B. See par. U5315-C for other exceptions. If both spouses are members and are assigned to the same OCONUS area at which they jointly occupy QTRS, they are limited to one administrative weight allowance (50% if Korea), based on the higher ranking member's weight allowance; however, each is authorized individually to UB transportation, PBP&E (see par. U5310-C), and required medical equipment (see par. U5310-L).

C. Exceptions

1. General. Administrative weight limitations do not apply to:

a. Shipments from non-foreign OCONUS areas to any location where there is no Service administrative weight limitation;

b. A member with a weight allowance of less than 2,500 pounds; or

c. A member on duty as U.S. Defense Attaché.

2. GOV'T Furnishings Unavailable. When an item of GOV'T furnishings ordinarily provided at a new PDS is unavailable, the weight limitation is increased in an amount equal to the weight of personally-owned substitute furnishings.

*3. Weight Allowance Increase. A member's request to increase the restricted HHG weight allowance, upon departure from the OCONUS PDS at which an administrative weight limit was prescribed, may be authorized/ approved through the Secretarial Process in the following circumstances:

a. The member is assigned COT from an unrestricted to a weight restricted area;

b. The member extends a tour for one year or longer within the same weight restricted area;

*c. Upon departure from an administratively weight-restricted area if additional furnishings were acquired through marriage after the member was assigned to the weight restricted area (***NOTE: A member who acquires a dependent, after the PCS authorization/order effective date to a weight-restricted OCONUS PDS, is not authorized transportation for the acquired dependent's HHG (or an increase in weight allowance) to that PDS***.); or

d. Circumstances exist that would cause undue hardship if the weight restriction were enforced.

NOTE: The combined weights of HHG in NTS plus transported HHG must not exceed the weight allowance in par. U5310-B.

4. Additional HHG at Member's Expense. The GOV'T may transport additional HHG at the GOV'T rate; however, the member is responsible for the excess weight transportation cost.

U5317 HHG TRANSPORTATION DISALLOWED

NOTE: See par. U5201-B for related dependent transportation.

HHG transportation authorization does not exist for a member:

1. Of an RC when called/ordered to active duty (including active duty for training) for less than 20 weeks, or active duty for training for 20 or more weeks when the active duty is for less than 20 weeks at any one location (see par. U5345-B2);

2. On leave;

3. Who is in an AWOL status; deserters or stragglers; dropped or dismissed; transferred as prisoners to a place of detention; or in confinement, except as provided in pars. U5370-B1, U5370-B2 (see also par. U5900-D2h), and U5370-H;

4. Serving in CONUS, who have no dependents, incident to a court-martial, sentence, or resignation, or an administrative discharge under conditions other than honorable (for such a member who has dependents, see pars. U5370-B1, U5370-B2 (see also par. U5900-D2h), and U5370-H);

5. Under an authorization/order to a course of instruction of less than 20 weeks duration (except HHG within the TDY weight allowance may be transported);

6. Called/ordered to active duty for basic training for less than 6 months (see par. U5345-B2);

7. When less than 12 months remain in an OCONUS tour after the scheduled HHG arrival date at the PDS, except under par. U5350-J (exceptions may be granted through the Secretarial Process when the HHG shipping time uses a portion of the 12 months at the OCONUS PDS), and when assigned to Foreign Service Schools under par. U5345-D1;

8. Transferred between PDSs located in proximity to, or activities at, the same PDS, except as provided in par. U5355-B1 (57 Comp. Gen. 266 (1978)).

U5318 RE-TRANSPORTATION OF THE SAME HHG

HHG transportation must not be made for a member's convenience to some other place for re-transportation later.

U5319 FUNDS ADVANCE

Except for USPHS, advance payment of an operating allowance is authorized for personally procured HHG transportation depending on the move type the member elects. Advance payment is authorized of:

1. A monetary allowance, equal to the constructed expenses for transportation arranged under par. U5320-D1.

2. A monetary allowance, equal to the constructed expenses, NTE 100% of the GOV'T's constructed cost arranged under par. U5320-D2a.

3. 60% of the monetary allowance under par. U5320-D2b.

PART 3: SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCES FOR A COMMAND-SPONSORED DEPENDENT AND A DEPENDENT STUDENT

U6005 SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCES FOR A COMMAND-SPONSORED DEPENDENT AND A DEPENDENT STUDENT

A. Purpose. A safe haven allowance is provided to assist a member in meeting the excess costs involved in temporarily maintaining command-sponsored dependents at a place away from the PDS and a dependent student for any period during the evacuation during which the dependent student would have otherwise been residing at the member's PDS. ***A member is not authorized any safe haven allowances in Ch 6, Part A, for a non-command-sponsored dependent who was at the member's PDS.*** However, all other dependents listed in par. U6001-A, including a dependent who turned 21 at the evacuated PDS or while at the safe haven/designated place, are authorized safe haven allowances, even though no longer command-sponsored.

NOTES:

1. Taxes paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area are a separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to lodging reimbursement.

2. Taxes paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in foreign areas are not separately reimbursable. They are part of the per diem rate(s) used to compute the safe haven allowances. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging taxes.

B. General

*1. 'Lodgings-Plus' Computation Method Applicability to an Evacuated Dependent. An evacuated command-sponsored dependent and an evacuated dependent student are authorized a safe haven allowance computed using the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method for each day they are in an evacuation status. ***An AEA described in Ch 4, Part C, does not apply to an evacuation.*** The 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method consists of a lodging allowance ceiling and an M&IE allowance. For an explanation of the expense items the safe haven allowance is intended to cover, see APP A, definition of "PER DIEM ALLOWANCE," and Ch 4, Part B. The maximum lodging reimbursement for a dependent family is the actual total daily lodging cost the family incurs, not to exceed the sum of the daily lodging portion of the locality per diem rate authorized for each dependent there. In general, the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method described in Ch 4, Part B, applies to an evacuated command-sponsored dependent and a dependent student. ***If an evacuated dependent stays with friends or relatives while at a safe haven, no cost for lodging is allowed, whether or not any payment for lodging is made to the friend or relative.*** This restriction does not apply when the dependent leases a house, apartment (i.e., lodgings) from a friend or relative with a bona fide, standard written lease, in those instances when the friend or relative concerned does not jointly occupy the leased house or apartment. Each evacuated command-sponsored dependent and dependent student is authorized the safe haven allowance M&IE portion even if not authorized the safe haven allowance lodging portion for any given day. See the computations in par. U6005-G. ***GOV'T dining facility/mess or open mess availability/use has no effect on safe haven allowances for a dependent even though the dependent may or does use such facilities without charge.*** A safe haven allowance payable under par. U6005 may be paid in advance as in par. U6013-A.

2. Authorization Termination

a. Authorization for safe haven allowances may:

(1) Be terminated by the Secretarial Process on an individual basis when a member's/dependent(s)' situation does not warrant additional reimbursement assistance; or

(2) Terminate sooner for other reasons.

b. If not terminated under par. U6005-B2a above, safe haven allowances authorized in par. U6005 terminate on the date the member detaches/departs from the PDS from which the dependent's evacuation was authorized/ordered except when the:

(1) Authorization for evacuation safe haven allowances is extended by an Evacuation Allowance Determination issued by the PDTATAC; or

(2) Member dies (see par. U6001-A).

c. Safe haven allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the earliest of the:

(1) 180-consecutive-day period unless extended by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DOD Service member's dependent;

(2) Date dependents depart the safe haven for the PDS or designated place (or convert the safe haven to a designated place); or

(3) Expiration date established by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DOD Service member's dependent.

3. Unexpired Lease. A dependent should avoid signing a long- term lease and a lease without a military clause while at a safe haven and/or a designated place. However, many short-term leases and leases with military clauses require at least 30 days termination notice. If a dependent signs a lease for lodging at the safe haven/ designated place and is then authorized to return to the PDS or move to a designated place, reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the unexpired lease period up to 30 days may be authorized. The amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount the evacuated dependent would have received for the safe haven allowance lodging portion for the unexpired period.

C. Safe Haven Allowances while Traveling. While traveling from:

1. The place at which a dependent receives evacuation notification incident to travel to a member's PDS under par. U6004-D or U6005-F to a safe haven or designated place;

2. A member's OCONUS PDS to a safe haven or designated place;

3. One safe haven to another safe haven;

4. A safe haven to a designated place, or;

5. A safe haven or designated place to return to member's OCONUS PDS; the safe haven allowance payable to a command-sponsored dependent and a student dependent in an evacuation status:

a. Age 12 or older is equal to that payable to a member traveling on TDY;

b. Under age 12 is not to exceed one half of the amount payable to a member traveling on TDY.

D. Safe Haven Allowances while at Safe Haven

1. Safe Haven Allowances Payable. A command-sponsored dependent, and a dependent student in an evacuation status, is authorized safe haven allowances for 30 consecutive days beginning on the dependent's initial safe haven arrival date. A dependent student in evacuation status who joins the evacuated command-sponsored dependent at the safe haven is authorized safe haven allowances for any of those 30 days the command-sponsored dependent is authorized safe haven allowances. The safe haven allowance is computed as shown in the par. U6005-G examples, in an amount NTE the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. A dependent age 12 and older is authorized the full safe haven allowance amount, while a dependent under age 12 is authorized a safe haven allowance NTE 50 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area concerned.

The safe haven allowance rate is increased for a dependent reaching age 12 while located at a safe haven beginning on the twelfth birthday. After the 30-consecutive-day period expires, and unless otherwise authorized/approved in a determination issued by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent and/or the Secretary Concerned for a non-DOD Service member's dependent, the safe haven allowance rate is computed for not to exceed 150 consecutive additional days (unless extended for time and/or per diem rate percentage by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DOD Service member's dependent under par. U6005-B2) at:

a. 60% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent age 12 and older, and

b. 30% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent under age 12.

A situation may arise in which the reduced safe haven allowance does not cover the additional costs involved in maintaining specific dependent(s) at the safe haven (i.e., the additional expenses for lodging, meals and IE exceed the reduced rate amount). The specific dependent(s) receiving the safe haven allowances, or the individual receiving the safe haven allowances on the dependent(s)' behalf, may forward a request through the paying disbursing or finance office to the PDTATAC Division Chief, requesting an increased safe haven allowance rate. Requests must contain the actual daily cost figures for lodging, meals and IE. The finance or disbursing office should add any pertinent information concerning the request, make appropriate recommendations, and forward the request to PDTATAC. The request should be mailed to:

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
ATTN: Evacuation Allowances
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546,

Sent via message to: SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//DTMO//,

Sent via facsimile to: PDTATAC at COML 703/696-7890, DSN 312/426-7890

Or e-mailed to pdtatac-tt@dtmo.pentagon.mil

If the request is granted, PDTATAC issues an Evacuation Allowance Determination specifying the authorized/approved safe haven allowance amount. The Evacuation Allowance Determination, or request disapproval, is sent directly to the dependent concerned, with a copy to the finance or disbursing office. PDTATAC provides copies of all requests and approvals/disapprovals to the applicable Service representative.

2. Safe Haven Allowances when Movement to Another Safe Haven Is Directed or Authorized. Competent authority may direct the movement of a command-sponsored dependent and/or a dependent student between safe havens. Safe haven allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to the dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven allowances may not be authorized for any period beyond that authorized in par. U6005-D1.

When a dependent is directed to move between safe havens (e.g., from one OCONUS safe haven to another OCONUS safe haven or to a CONUS safe haven), safe haven allowances as in par. U6005-D1 for not to exceed 180 consecutive days begin again on the new safe haven arrival date. If at the dependent's or member's request a dependent is authorized to travel between:

a. Safe havens (e.g., from CONUS safe haven to safe haven in Japan), or

b. Locations within the same safe haven (e.g., from Chicago to Baltimore),

the 180-consecutive-day period begun at the first safe haven continues in effect but the locality per diem rate applicable to the new location begins on the arrival date at that location. If travel to the new location is not completed within one day, safe haven allowances for the travel day(s) are paid under par. U6005-C (except for the arrival day at the new safe haven).

3. Return to Member's PDS Authorized. When a PDS's evacuation status is terminated and competent authority authorizes a command-sponsored dependent to return, safe haven allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to a dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven allowances may not be authorized beyond the period authorized in par. U6005-D1.

a. The maximum 180-consecutive-day period authorized in par. U6005-D1,

b. The date the dependent departs the safe haven for the designated place (or converts the safe haven to a designated place), or

c. The expiration date, even if in excess of 180 consecutive days, established by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DOD Service member's dependent.

4. Safe Haven Allowances - Termination when an Evacuated Dependent Is Directed to Move to a Designated Place. A command-sponsored dependent at a safe haven is expected to comply promptly with the requirement to select a designated place and move thereto if the dependent selects other than the safe haven location as the designated place. The requirement to select a designated place is issued by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DOD Service member's dependent. The requirement directing the relocation to a designated place must specify the date on which safe haven allowances terminate for a dependent ordered to relocate from the safe haven to a designated place. Safe haven allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the period authorized in par. U6005-B2.

5. A Command-sponsored Dependent Is Temporarily Absent from the Member's PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized or Ordered. A command-sponsored dependent who has established a residence at/in the member's OCONUS PDS vicinity who is temporarily absent from the PDS for any reason (to include a dependent student attending an OCONUS dormitory school away from the member's PDS) when the evacuation is authorized/ ordered, is at a safe haven thereat and is authorized the safe haven allowances for the place at which located beginning on the date return travel to the PDS would have begun had return not been prevented by the evacuation. Competent authority must determine this date from information secured from the dependent or the member, but the date must not be earlier than the date the evacuation from the PDS actually began.

6. A Dependent Student Attending School in the U.S. when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. When a member, whose PDS has been evacuated, has a dependent student attending school in the U.S. for whom the member is authorized transportation allowances under par. U5260-D, the safe haven location displaces the member's PDS as the dependent student's authorized travel destination. The dependent student is authorized the safe haven allowances under Chapter 6, Part A, for the dependent student who has joined other family members at the safe haven or, being the member's only dependent, is the member's only dependent at the safe haven. See par. U6004-D2. Evacuation allowances are authorized beginning on the date the dependent student would have joined the member OCONUS had it not been for the evacuation. Unless the authorization terminates sooner for other reasons under this Part, authorized allowances continue until the dependent student:

a. Would have otherwise returned under par. U5260-D from the member's PDS,

b. Departs the safe haven to return to school to resume class attendance there, or

c. Starts attending classes at school,

whichever occurs earliest.

7. Safe Haven Allowances when Away from Safe Haven. Safe haven allowances continue for a command-sponsored dependent at a safe haven location, and a dependent student at the safe haven location under par. U6005-D6, who is absent from the safe haven for personal reasons, during such absences provided the:

a. Dependent does not join the member to establish a residence (or occupy the old residence) at the PDS, and

b. Dependent student (at the safe haven under par. U6005-D6) does not depart the safe haven to return to school to resume class attendance there.

Any excess transportation costs are the dependent's financial responsibility. The locality per diem rate used for safe haven allowances and the payment period while the dependent is away from the safe haven location is the same as though the dependent had remained at the safe haven location during the entire period. If the dependent does not go to the authorized safe haven but goes somewhere else instead without authorization/approval, use the Standard CONUS per diem rate, even OCONUS. Transportation costs are limited to the cost to the authorized safe haven location. If the dependent ultimately goes to the authorized safe haven location or if the location to which the dependent travels is later approved as an authorized safe haven, then the safe haven locality rate is used for the entire time, rather than the Standard CONUS per diem rate.

E. Safe Haven Allowances while at a Designated Place. When a command-sponsored dependent or a dependent student selects a designated place and moves there, or converts the safe haven location to a designated place, the dependent must establish a permanent residence there as soon as practicable. Safe haven allowances are authorized to offset lodgings, M&IE while locating and establishing such residence. While at a designated place, a dependent who:

1. Moves to a designated place is authorized safe haven allowances as in par. U6005-D.

2. Converts the safe haven to a designated place, or a dependent student who converted the school location to a designated place, is authorized safe haven allowances as in par. U6005-D, except for a dependent receiving a reduced safe haven allowance IAW par. U6005-D1. A dependent continues receiving a reduced safe haven allowance while looking for a permanent residence.

Safe haven allowance begins on the dependent's initial arrival date at the designated place or the date their safe haven is converted to a designated place. Safe haven allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies the permanent residence or at 2400 on the 30th day, whichever is earlier. When unusual or emergency circumstances prevent permanent residence establishment, the SECDEF, Secretary Concerned, or a Secretary's designated representative may authorize/approve an additional safe haven allowance period as warranted, but safe haven allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies a permanent residence. Determine safe haven allowances at the designated place as in par. U6005-D for a safe haven. The Secretarial Process may approve safe haven allowance rates higher (i.e., higher percentages) than those prescribed for periods after 30 days, on a case-by-case basis, when justified by costs for lodging, M&IE.

F. Safe Haven Allowances when a Dependent Is En Route to a Member's OCONUS PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. When a member's OCONUS PDS is authorized/ordered evacuated, a dependent:

1. With a port call for travel to the member's PDS or with official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally-procured transportation subject to reimbursement by the GOV'T (i.e., it was not intended to issue a port call for that dependent's travel);

2. Who has already disestablished the former permanent residence and has moved to temporary accommodations in preparation for performing such travel, and who has been notified of the evacuation; and

3. Who has been requested to remain at the place at which located when notified, pending notification to continue to the member's PDS or to travel to a safe haven or to a designated place;

is authorized safe haven allowances based on the locality per diem rate for the area concerned, computed as shown in par. U6005-G. The allowance period begins at 0001 on the date the dependent receives official notification of port call withdrawal or suspension, or official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally-procured transportation. The allowance continues until 2400 on the date that the dependent receives notification to resume travel or to begin travel to a designated place. If travel to the member's PDS is then authorized, no safe haven allowances incident to such travel are authorized under Ch 6, Part A. If travel to a designated place is authorized, pars. U6005-C and U6005-D apply.

G. Safe Haven Allowance Computations. The following examples illustrate the method used for computing safe haven allowances incident to evacuation:

NOTES:

1. The locality per diem rates and mileage allowances used in the following example(s) are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current allowances.

2. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area are separately reimbursable travel expenses in addition to safe haven allowances.

3. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in a foreign OCONUS area is not separately reimbursable. They are part of the per diem rate used in safe haven allowance computation. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.

4. OCONUS locality rates include an amount for laundry/dry cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. CONUS locality per diem rates do not include an amount for laundry/dry cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. There is no authority to reimburse laundry/dry cleaning expenses while at a CONUS safe haven or designated place.

EXAMPLE 1

A member's spouse, one child age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from an OCONUS PDS, at which they were command-sponsored, to a CONUS safe haven. The daily actual lodging cost incurred at the safe haven by the three dependents, who shared one room, was $70 plus $5.60 for lodging taxes (8%). The maximum locality per diem rate was $120 ($66/ $54).

(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 days that may be paid to the member's three dependents as follows. See par. U6005-D1:

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized a safe haven allowance up to the full locality per diem rate ($120), which in this case is $54 for M&IE and up to $66 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized a safe haven allowance up to 50 percent of the locality per diem rate.

	M&IE	**Max Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$54	$66	$120
Child (age 12 or older)	$54	$66	$120
Child (under age 12)	$27 ($54 x 50%)	$33 ($66 x 50%)	$60
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	$135	$165	$300

(b) Determine the actual total daily amount paid for the first 30 days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a), ($135 for M&IE and up to $165 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$135 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$70 (This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the three dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum ($165) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Daily Amount:	$205 (Daily amount that is payable to dependents (within the maximum $300 established in (a) for the three dependents' costs incurred for the first 30 days)
Lodging Tax:	$5.60
Total:	$210.60 (Actual daily amount (including lodging taxes) paid to dependents for the three dependents' costs incurred for first 30 days)

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven allowance is computed at 60 percent (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30 percent (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate, unless otherwise authorized under par. U6005-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st day to the 180th day for the member's three dependents in this example as follows:

	M&IE	**Max Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$32.40 ($54 x 60%)	$39.60 ($66 x 60%)	$72
Child (over age 12 or older)	$32.40 ($54 x 60%)	$960 ($66 x 60%)	$72
Child (under age 12)	$16.20 ($54 x 30%)	$19.80 ($66 x 30%)	$36
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	$81	$99	$180

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount for payment for the 31st to the 180th days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($81 for M&IE and up to $99 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$81 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$70 (This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) paid for lodging by the three dependents, which is less than the maximum ($91.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Daily Amount:	$151 (Daily amount that is payable to dependents (within the maximum $180 established in (c) for costs incurred by the three dependents on 31st to 180th days)
Lodging Tax:	$5.60
Total:	$156.60 (The actual daily amount (including lodging taxes) paid for the three dependents' costs on the 31st to the 180th days)

EXAMPLE 2

A member's spouse, two children over age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from a member's OCONUS PDS, at which they were in a command-sponsored status, to a safe haven in a foreign area. The actual daily lodging cost at the safe haven location for one room shared by the spouse and child under age 12 was $52 (including lodging tax). The actual daily lodging cost for the room shared by the two children over age 12 was also $52 (including lodging tax). Max locality per diem rate for the safe haven location was $84 ($44/ $40).

(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 days that may be paid to member's four dependents as follows (see par. U6005-D1):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full rate ($84), which in this case is $40 for M&IE and up to $44 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowances up to 50 percent of the rate.

	M&IE	**Max Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$40	$44	$84
Child (over age 12)	$40	$44	$84
Child (under age 12)	$40	$44	$84
Child (under age 12):	20 ($40 x 50%)	$22 ($44 x 50%)	$42
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dependents' costs:	$140	$154	$294

(b) Determine the actual daily amount that is paid for the first 30 days, within the maximum amount shown in (a). ($140 for M&IE and $154 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$140 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry cleaning for the four dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$104 (This is the actual daily amount ($52 + $52) (including lodging taxes) paid for lodging by the four dependents, which is less than the maximum ($154) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Total:	$244 (The actual daily amount paid to dependents for costs incurred by the four dependents for first 30 days)

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven allowances are computed at 60 percent (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30 percent (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate, unless otherwise authorized under par. U6005-D1. The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's four dependents in this example starting on the 31st day to the 180th day is determined as follows:

	M&IE	**Max Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$24 ($40 x 60%)	$26.40 ($44 x 60%)	$50.40
Child (over age 12)	$24 ($40 x 60%)	$26.40 ($44 x 60%)	$50.40
Child (under age 12)	$24 ($40 x 60%)	$26.40 ($44 x 60%)	$50.40
Child (under age 12)	$12 ($40 x 30%)	$13.20 ($44 x 30%)	$25.20
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dependents' costs:	$84	$92.40	$176.40

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to the 180th days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($84 for M&IE and up to $92.40 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$84 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and cleaning for the four dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$92.40 (The actual daily cost for lodging for the four dependents is $104 but the maximum that may be reimbursed is $92.40. A lodging receipt is required for the actual lodging cost.) (See ***NOTE***.)
Total:	$176.40 (The actual daily amount paid for the four dependents on the 31st to the 180th days)

NOTE: Since the amount ($92.40) reimbursed for the dependents' lodging costs is less than the actual amount the dependents paid ($104), a request may be submitted through the paying office to the PDTATAC for approval of an increase to the maximum lodging allowance for the member's spouse from $26.40 to $38. If approval is received, an additional $11.60 per day is payable to cover the lodging costs.

EXAMPLE 3

A member, his spouse and one child over age 12 were in a CONUS location on authorized leave (COT or FEML) from 25 July to 15 August when a dependent evacuation was ordered effective 1 August from the member's PDS at which the dependents reside in a command-sponsored status. The member contacted the command at the OCONUS PDS and was directed to return. The member departed the leave point on 3 August. As in par. U6005-D5, the dependent was determined to already be at a safe haven and authorized safe haven allowances for the place at which located beginning on the date return travel to the member's PDS would have begun had the evacuation not prevented the return. Since the dependent was scheduled to begin travel to the member's PDS on 16 August, the dependent was authorized safe haven allowances under par. U6005-D1 beginning on that date. The member's spouse and child stayed in the spouse's parents' home. The maximum locality per diem rate for the CONUS location at that time was $185 (136/ $49).

(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's two dependents' costs for the first 30 days is determined as follows (see par. U6005-D1):

Each dependent age 12 years or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full per diem rate ($185), which in this case is $49 for M&IE and up to $136 for lodging.

	M&IE	**Maximum Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$49	$136	$185
Child (over age 12)	$49	$136	$185
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents' costs:	$98	$272	$370

(b) The actual total daily amount, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) ($98 for M&IE and up to $272 for lodging), that may be paid for first 30 days is determined as follows:

M&IE:	$98 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the two dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$0 (No lodging allowance is paid when a dependent stays with a friend or relative (par. U6005-B1)).
Total:	$98 (Actual daily amount paid to dependents for two dependents' costs for first 30 days)

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven allowances are computed at 60 percent (for a dependent age 12 or older) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6005-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's two dependents in this example starting on the 31st day to the 180th day as follows:

	M&IE	**Maximum Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$29.40 ($49 x 60%)	$81.60 ($136 x 60%)	$111
Child (over age 12)	$29.40 ($49 x 60%)	$81.60 ($136 x 60%)	$111
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dependents' costs:	$58.80	$163.20	$222

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to the 180th days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($58.80 for M&IE and up to $163.20 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$58.80 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the two dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$0 (No lodging allowance is paid when dependents stay with friends or relatives (par. U6005-B1)).
Total:	$58.80 (The actual daily amount paid for the two dependents' costs on the 31st to the 180th days)

EXAMPLE 4

A member's spouse, one child age 14 and one child age 9 were evacuated from a member's foreign area PDS, where they were command-sponsored, to their designated place in CONUS.

Depart (14 Aug)	Arrive (14 Aug)	Overnight Lodging	Depart (15 Aug)	Arrive (15 Aug)
OCONUS PDS	POE CONUS	CONUS arrival point. Incurred a lodging cost of $75 plus $9 lodging tax (12%)	CONUS arrival point	Designated place

The dependents shared a hotel room at the designated place and incurred a lodging cost of $150 plus $18.75 lodging tax (12.5%) per day until they moved into their permanent residence on 10 September. The dependents are authorized safe haven allowances while traveling to, and while at, the designated place. Safe haven allowances at the designated place begin on the arrival date at that place (15 August) and continues to 2400 on the day they occupied the permanent residence. See par. U6005-E. The maximum locality rate at the arrival point at the time of travel was $132 ($78/ $54). The maximum locality rate at the designated place was $200 ($141/ $59).

(a) The maximum safe haven allowances that may be paid for the member's three dependents for 14 August while they traveled to the designated place and while they remained overnight at the arrival point (par. U6005-E):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full rate ($132), which in this case is $54 for M&IE and up to $78 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowances up to 50 percent of the rate.

	M&IE	**Max Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$54	$78	$132
Child (age 14)	$54	$78	$132
Child (age 9):	$27 ($54 x 50%)	$39 ($78 x 50%)	$66
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	$135	$195	$330

(b) Computing safe haven allowances, as for a member's TDY, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) ($135 for M&IE and up to $195 for lodging) for payment for the travel period to the designated place via the CONUS arrival point on 14 August.

The dependents are authorized 75% of the M&IE allowance for travel on 14 August ($135 x 75% = $101.25).

M&IE:	$101.25 (The M&IE in this amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$75 (This is the actual amount (not including lodging tax the three dependents paid for lodging at the arrival point, which is less than the maximum ($247.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Lodging Tax:	$9
Total:	$176.25 (The actual amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the three dependents' costs on 14 August.)

(c) Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's three dependents beginning on the arrival day at the designated place through the day the permanent residence was occupied as follows. See par. U6005-E:

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full rate ($200), which in this case is $59 for M&IE and up to $141 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowances up to 50 percent of the rate.

	M&IE	**Max Lodging**	**Total**
Member's spouse:	$59	$141	$200
Child (age 14)	$592	$141	$200
Child (age 9):	$29.50 ($59 x 50%)	$70.50 ($141 x 50%)	$500
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dependents' costs:	$147.50	$352.50	$500

(d) The actual total daily amount, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($147.50 for M&IE and up to $352.50 for lodging), that may be paid for 27 days (15 August to 10 September) is determined as follows:

M&IE:	$147.50 (The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of M&IE for the three dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.)
Lodging:	$150 (This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the three dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum ($352.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.)
Daily amount:	$297.50 (The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum $352.50 established in (c) for the three dependents' costs for 27 days)
Lodging Tax:	$18.75
Total:	$316.25 (The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid to dependents for the three dependents' costs while at the designated place for 27 days (27 days x $316.25 = $8,538.75)).

U6006 LOCAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE IN AND AROUND THE SAFE HAVEN AND THE DESIGNATED PLACE

A local travel allowance is authorized to be paid when a dependent is receiving evacuation allowances and has not taken delivery of a POV transported to the designated place under par. U6008. To assist with unexpected local transportation costs, a transportation allowance is paid at a rate of $25/day/family group, regardless of the number of dependents. No receipts are required. This allowance is intended to partially offset the expenses an evacuated dependent incurs for required local travel. ***An allowance under par. U6006 may not be paid for days reimbursement is received under par. U6008-D for expenses incurred to rent a motor vehicle.***

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SECTION 3: SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCE

U6054 SAFE HAVEN ALLOWANCE

A. Purpose. A safe haven allowance is provided to assist a dependent in meeting the excess costs involved in temporarily maintaining a place away from the PDS. Each dependent listed in par. U6050-A, including a dependent who turned 21 while at the safe haven/designated place, are authorized safe haven allowances.

NOTE:

1. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separately reimbursable travel expense in addition to lodging reimbursement.

2. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in foreign areas is not separately reimbursable. It is part of the per diem rate(s) used to compute the safe haven allowances. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.

B. General

*1. 'Lodgings-Plus' Computation Method Applicability to an Evacuated Dependent. An evacuated dependent is authorized a safe haven allowance computed under the 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method for each day the dependent is in an evacuation status. ***An AEA described in Ch 4, Part C, does not apply to an evacuation.*** The 'Lodgings-Plus' computation method consists of a lodging allowance ceiling and an M&IE allowance. For an explanation of the expense items the safe haven allowance is intended to cover, see APP A definition of "Per Diem Allowance," and Ch 4, Part B. The maximum lodging reimbursement for a dependent family is the actual total daily lodging the family incurs, NTE the sum of the daily lodging portion of the evacuation allowance authorized for each dependent concerned. Because such an evacuated dependent may stay with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, par. U4129-E applies. ***That is, if an evacuated dependent stays with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, no lodging cost is allowed, whether or not any lodging payment is made to the friend or relative***. This restriction does not apply when the dependent leases a house, apartment (i.e., lodgings) from a friend or relative with a bona fide, standard written lease, in those instances when the friend or relative concerned does not jointly occupy the leased house or apartment. Each evacuated dependent is authorized the M&IE portion of the safe haven allowance even if not authorized the lodging portion of the safe haven allowance for any given day. See computations in par. U6054-G. ***GOV'T dining facility/mess or open mess availability/use has no effect on safe haven allowances even though the dependent may or does use such facilities without charge.*** Safe haven allowances payable under par. U6054 may be paid in advance as in par. U6060-A.

2. Authorization Termination

a. Authorization for safe haven allowances may:

(1) Be terminated by the Secretarial Process on an individual basis when a member's/dependent(s)' situation does not warrant additional reimbursement assistance; or,

(2) Terminate sooner for other reasons.

b. If not terminated under par. U6054-B2a(1) or U6054-B2b(2), above, safe haven allowances, authorized in par. U6054-B, terminate on the date the member detaches/departs from the PDS from which the dependent's evacuation was authorized/ordered except when the:

(1) Authorization for evacuation safe haven allowances is extended by the Secretarial Process; or,

(2) Member dies. See par. U6050-A.

c. Safe haven allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the earliest of the:

(1) 180-consecutive-day period unless extended by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DOD Service member's dependent;

(2) Date the dependent departs the safe haven for the PDS or designated place (or converts the safe haven to the designated place); or

(3) Expiration date established by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretarial Process for a non-DOD Service member's dependent.

3. Unexpired Lease. A dependent should avoid signing a long-term lease and a lease without a military clause while at a safe haven and/or a designated place. However, many short-term leases and leases with military clauses require at least 30 days termination notice. If a dependent signs a lease for lodging at the safe haven/designated place and is then authorized to return to the PDS or move to a designated place, reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the unexpired lease period up to 30 days may be authorized. The amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount the evacuated dependent would have received for the lodging portion of the safe haven allowances for the unexpired period.

C. Safe Haven Allowances while Traveling. While traveling:

1. From:

a. The place a dependent, while traveling to a member's PDS, receives notification of the evacuation under par. U6054-D or U6054-F to a safe haven or designated place;

b. A member's CONUS PDS to a safe haven or designated place;

c. One safe haven to another safe haven;

d. A safe haven to a designated place, or;

e. A safe haven or designated place to return to member's CONUS PDS;

2. The safe haven allowance payable, IAW par. U6054-C1, to a dependent in an evacuation status:

a. Age 12 or older is equal to that payable to a member traveling on TDY;

b. Under age 12 is NTE one half of the amount payable to a member traveling on TDY.

D. Safe Haven Allowances while at Safe Haven

1. Safe Haven Allowances Payable. A safe haven allowance rate is based on the locality per diem rate for the safe haven location. A dependent in an evacuation status, incident to an authorized/ordered evacuation or limited evacuation, is authorized safe haven allowances for 30 consecutive days beginning on the dependent's initial safe haven arrival date. The safe haven allowance is computed as shown in examples in par. U6054-G, in an amount NTE the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. A dependent age 12 and older is authorized NTE the full safe haven allowance amount, while a dependent under age 12 is authorized NTE 50% of the locality per diem rate for the area concerned. The safe haven allowance rate is increased for a dependent reaching age 12 while located at a safe haven beginning on the twelfth birthday. After the 30-consecutive-day period expires, and unless otherwise authorized/approved in a determination issued by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and/or the Secretary Concerned for a non-DOD member's dependent, the safe haven allowance rate is computed for NTE 150 consecutive additional days (unless extended for time and/or safe haven allowance rate percentage by the USD (P&R) for a DOD member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DOD member's dependent under par. U6052-D) at:

a. 60% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent age 12 and older; and

b. 30% of the locality per diem rate for the area for a dependent under age 12.

A situation may arise in which the reduced safe haven allowance does not cover the additional cost involved in maintaining a specific dependent at a safe haven (i.e., the additional expense for lodging and M&IE exceed the reduced rate amount). The specific dependent receiving the safe haven allowances, or the individual receiving the safe haven allowances on the dependent's behalf, on a case-by-case basis may forward a request for approval through the Secretarial Process requesting an increased safe haven allowances rate.

2. Safe Haven Allowances when Movement Is Directed or Authorized to Another Safe Haven. Competent authority (see par. U6052) may direct a dependent to move between safe havens. Safe haven allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to the dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven allowances may not be authorized for any period beyond that authorized in par. U6054-D1. A dependent, who is directed to move between safe havens (e.g., from one OCONUS safe haven or to another OCONUS safe haven or to a CONUS safe haven) receives safe haven allowances in par. U6054-D1 for NTE 180 consecutive days begin again on the arrival date at the new safe haven. If at the dependent's or member's request, a dependent is authorized to travel between:

(a) Safe havens (e.g., from a CONUS safe haven to a safe haven in Puerto Rico), or

(b) Locations within the same safe haven (e.g., within CONUS from Chicago to Baltimore),

the 180-consecutive-day period begun at the first safe haven continues in effect but the locality rate applicable to the new location begins on the arrival date at that location. If travel to the new location is not completed within one day, safe haven allowances for the travel day(s) is paid under par. U6054-C except for the arrival day at the new safe haven.

3. Return to the Member's PDS Authorized. When the evacuation status is terminated and competent authority authorizes a dependent to return, safe haven allowances at the former safe haven terminate on the day transportation is first made available to a dependent unless competent authority authorizes a further delay as being unavoidable and for reasons beyond the individual's control. Safe haven allowances may not be authorized beyond the period authorized in par. U6054-D1.

4. Safe Haven Allowances - Termination when an Evacuated Dependent Is Directed to Move to a Designated Place. A dependent at a safe haven is expected to comply promptly with the requirement to select a designated place and move thereto, if the dependent selects other than the safe haven location as the designated place. The requirement to select a designated place is issued by the USD (P&R) for a DOD Service member's dependent, and by the Secretary Concerned for a non-DOD Service member's dependent. The requirement to relocate to a designated place must specify the date on which safe haven allowances terminate for a dependent directed to relocate from the safe haven to a designated place. Safe haven allowances at a safe haven may not extend beyond the period authorized in par. U6054-B2.

5. A Dependent Is Temporarily Absent from the Member's PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/Ordered. A dependent who has established a residence at/in the member's CONUS PDS vicinity who is temporarily absent from the PDS for any reason when the evacuation is authorized/ordered, is at a safe haven. Safe haven allowances for the dependent's location are authorized beginning on the date return travel to the PDS would have begun had return not been prevented by the evacuation. Competent authority must determine this date from information secured from the dependent and/or the member, but the date must not be earlier than the date the evacuation from the PDS actually began.

6. Safe Haven Allowances when Away from the Safe Haven. Safe haven allowances continue for a dependent at a safe-haven location under par. U6054-D5, who is absent from the safe haven for personal reasons, is authorized a continuation of safe haven allowances during such absences provided the dependent does not join the member to establish a residence (or occupy the old residence) at the PDS. Any excess transportation costs are the dependent's financial responsibility. The locality rate used and payment period while the dependent is away from the safe haven location is the same as though the dependent had remained at the safe haven location during the entire period. If the dependent does not go to the authorized safe haven but goes somewhere else instead without authorization/approval, use the Standard CONUS per diem rate, even OCONUS. Transportation costs are limited to the cost to the authorized safe haven location. If the dependent ultimately goes to the authorized safe haven location or if the location to which the dependent travels is later approved as an authorized safe haven, then the safe haven locality rate is used for the entire time, rather than the Standard CONUS per diem rate.

E. Safe Haven Allowances at a Designated Place. When a dependent selects a designated place and move there, or converts the safe haven to a designated place, the dependent must establish a permanent residence there as soon as practicable. Safe haven allowances are authorized to offset lodgings and M&IE while locating and establishing such residence. While at a designated place, a dependent who:

1. Moves to a designated place is authorized safe haven allowances as in par. U6054-D.

2. Converts the safe haven to a designated place, is authorized safe haven allowances as in par. U6054-D, except for a dependent receiving a reduced safe haven allowance IAW par. U6054-D1. A dependent continues receiving a reduced safe haven allowance while looking for a permanent residence.

Safe haven allowance begins on the dependent's initial arrival date at the designated place or the date the safe haven is converted to a designated place. Safe haven allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies the permanent residence or at 2400 on the 30th consecutive day, whichever is earlier. When unusual or emergency circumstances prevent permanent residence establishment, the SECDEF, Secretary Concerned, or a Secretary's designated representative may authorize/approve an additional safe haven allowance period as warranted. The safe haven allowances end at 2400 on the day the dependent first occupies a permanent residence. Determine safe haven allowances at the designated place using par. U6054-D. The Secretarial Process may approve rates higher than those prescribed for periods after 30 days, on a case-by-case basis, when justified by costs for lodging and M&IE.

F. Safe Haven Allowances for a Dependent En Route to a Member's CONUS PDS when an Evacuation Is Authorized/ Ordered. When a member's CONUS PDS is authorized/ordered to be evacuated, an en route dependent:

1. With official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally procured transportation subject to GOV'T reimbursement,

2. Who has already disestablished the former permanent residence and has moved to temporary accommodations in preparation for performing such travel, and who has been notified of the evacuation, and

3. Who has been requested to remain at the place at which located when notified pending notification to continue to the member's PDS or to travel to another safe haven or to a designated place

is authorized safe haven allowances at the applicable per diem rate for the area concerned, computed as shown in par. U6054-G. The allowance period begins at 0001 on the date the dependent receives official notification of withdrawal or suspension of the official authorization to travel to the member's PDS on personally procured transportation. The allowance continues until 2400 on the date that the dependent receives notification to resume travel or to begin travel to a designated place. If travel to the member's PDS is then authorized, no safe haven allowances incident to such travel are authorized under Ch 6, Part A. If travel to a designated place is authorized, pars. U6054-C and U6054-E apply.

G. Safe Haven Allowance Computations. The following examples illustrate the method used for computing safe haven allowances incident to evacuation:

NOTES:

1. The locality per diem rates/mileage allowances used in the following example(s) are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current allowances.

2. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable travel expense in addition to safe haven allowances.

3. Tax paid on lodgings while at a safe haven/designated place or traveling in a foreign OCONUS area is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense. It is part of the per diem rate used in safe haven allowance computation. The value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost is separately reimbursable if the certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging tax.

4. OCONUS locality rates include an amount for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. CONUS locality per diem rates do not include an amount for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing cost. There is no authority to reimburse laundry/dry cleaning expenses while at a CONUS safe haven or designated place.

EXAMPLE 1

A member's spouse, one child age 12 and one child under age 12 were evacuated from a CONUS PDS to a CONUS safe haven. The daily actual lodging cost incurred at the safe haven by the 3 dependents, who shared one room, was $100 plus $11.50 for lodging tax (11.5%). The applicable maximum locality rate was $139 ($90/ $49).

(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's 3 dependents for the first 30 consecutive days is determined as follows (see par. U6054-D1):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowance up to the full rate ($139), which in this case is $49 for M&IE and up to $90 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowance up to 50% of the rate.

	M&IE		**Max Lodging**		**Total**
Member's spouse:	$49		$90		$139
Child (age 12 or older)	$49		$90		$139
Child (under age 12)	$24.50	$49 x 50%	$45	$90 x 50%	$69.50
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:	$122.50		$225		$347.50

(b) Determine the actual total daily amount for each of the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) ($122.50 for M&IE and up to $225 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$122.50	The M&IE, in this daily amount, is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$100	This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the maximum ($225) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.
Daily amount:	$222.50	Daily amount that is payable to the dependents within the maximum $347.50/day established in (a) for the three dependents for each of the first 30 consecutive days.
Lodging Tax:	$11.50	
Total:	$234	Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the three dependents' costs incurred for first 30 consecutive days.

(c) Beginning on the 31st day, the safe haven allowance is computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days for the member's three dependents in this example as follows:

	M&IE		**Max Lodging**		**Total**
Member's spouse:	$29.40	$49 x 60%	$54	$90 x 60%	$83.40
Child (age 12 or older)	$29.40	$49 x 60%	$54	$90 x 60%	$83.40
Child (under age 12)	$14.70	$49 x 30%	$27	$90 x 30%	$41.70
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:	$73.50		$135		$208.50

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount paid for 31st to 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($73.50 for M&IE and up to $135 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$73.50	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$100	This is the actual daily amount (not including lodging tax) paid for lodging by the 3 dependents, which is less than the maximum ($135) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.
Daily amount:	$173.50	The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum $208.50 established in (b) for costs incurred by the 3 deps for the 31st to 180th consecutive days.
Lodging Tax:	$11.50	
Total:	$185	The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for costs incurred by the 3 dependents on the 31st to the 180th consecutive day.

EXAMPLE 2

A member's spouse, 2 children over 12 and one child under 12 were evacuated from a member's CONUS PDS to a non-foreign OCONUS area safe haven. The actual daily lodging cost at the safe-haven location for one room shared by the spouse and child under 12 was $110 plus $9.90 for lodging tax (9%). The actual daily lodging cost for the room shared by the 2 children over 12 was also $110 plus $9.90 for lodging tax (9%). Maximum locality rate in for the safe-haven location was $226 ($155/ $71).

(a) Determine the maximum daily amount for the first 30 consecutive days that may be paid to member's 4 dependents as follows. See par. U6054-D1.

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowance up to the full rate ($226), which in this case is $71 for M&IE and up to $155 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowances up to 50% of the rate.

	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	$71		$155		$226
Child (12 or older)	$71		$155		$226
Child (12 or older)	$71		$155		$226
Child (under 12)	$35.50	$71 x 50%	$77.50	$155 x 50%	$113
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dep:	$248.50		$542.50		$791

(b) Determine the actual daily amount that is paid for each of the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amount shown in (a) ($248.50 for M&IE and $542.50 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$248.50	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry-cleaning for the 4 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$220	The actual daily lodging cost for the 4 dependents ($110 + $110) (not including lodging tax), which is less than the max ($542.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.
Daily amount:	$468.50	Daily amount paid to the dependents within the maximum $791 established in (a) for the 4 dependents' costs for the first 30 consecutive days.
Lodging Tax:	$19.80	$9.90 + $9.90
Total:	$488.30	Actual daily amount paid to dependents (including lodging tax) for the 4 dependents' costs for first 30 days.

(c) Beginning on the 31st consecutive day safe haven allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependent age 12 or older) and 30% (for a dependent under age 12) of the applicable locality per diem rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the member's 4 dependents in this example on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days is determined as follows:

	M&IE		Max Lodging		Total
Member's spouse:	$42.60	$71 x 60%	$93	$155 x 60%	$135.60
Child (12 or older)	$42.60	$71 x 60%	$93	$155 x 60%	$135.60
Child (12 or older)	$42.60	$71 x 60%	$93	$155 x 60%	$135.60
Child (under 12)	$21.30	$71 x 30%	$46.50	$155 x 30%	$67.80
Max daily amount payable for the 4 dep:	$149.10		$325.50		$474.60

(d) Determine the actual total daily amount that is paid for 31st through 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($149.10 for M&IE and up to $325.50 for lodging), as follows:

M&IE:	$149.10	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover cost of meals, laundry and dry-cleaning for the 4 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$220	The actual daily lodging cost for 4 dependents (not including lodging tax) which is less than the max ($325.50) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for the actual lodging cost.
Daily amount:	$369.10	Daily amount paid to dependents within the maximum $474.60 established in (c) for the 4 dependents' costs for the first 30 consecutive days.
Lodging Tax:	$19.80	$9.90 + $9.90
Total:	$388.90	Actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the 4 dependents' on the 31st through the 180th consecutive days.

EXAMPLE 3

A member, spouse and one child over age 12 were in a CONUS location on authorized leave from 25 July to 15 August when a dependent evacuation was ordered effective 1 August from the member's PDS. The member contacted the organization at the CONUS PDS and was directed to return. The member departed the leave point on 3 August. As in par. U6054-D5, the dependents were determined to already be at a safe haven and are authorized safe haven allowances for the place at which they were located beginning on the date return travel to the member's PDS would have begun had the evacuation not prevented the return. Since the dependents were scheduled to begin travel to the member's PDS on 16 August, the dependents were authorized safe haven allowances under par. U6054-D1 beginning on that date. The member's spouse and child stayed in the spouse's parent's home. The locality rate for the CONUS location at that time was $184 ($130/$54).

(a) The maximum daily amount that may be paid for the first 30 consecutive days to the member's two dependents is determined as follows (see par. U6054-D1):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full locality rate ($184), which in this case is $184 ($130/$54).

	M&IE		**Max Lodging**		**Total**
Member's spouse:	$54		$130		$184
Child (age 12 or older)	$54		$130		$184
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dep:	$108		$260		$368

(b) The actual total daily amount that is paid for the first 30 consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) ($108 for M&IE and up to $260 for lodging), is determined as follows:

M&IE:	$108	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 2 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$0	No lodging allowance is paid when deps stay with friends or relatives (par. U6054-B1).
Total:	$108	The actual daily amount paid to dependents the 2 dependents' costs for first 30 consecutive days.

(c) Beginning on the 31st day safe haven allowances are computed at 60% (for a dependents age 12 or older) of the applicable locality rate unless otherwise authorized under par. U6054-D1. Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid starting on the 31st to the 180th consecutive days for the member's 2 dependents in this example as follows:

	M&IE		**Max Lodging**		**Total**
Member's spouse:	$32.40	$54 x 60%	$78	$130 x 60%	$110.40
Child (age 12 or older)	$32.40	$54 x 60%	$78	$130 x 60%	$110.40
Max daily amount payable for the 2 dep:	$64.80		$156.00		$220.80

(d) The actual total daily amount that is paid for the 31st to 180th consecutive days, within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($64.80 for M&IE and up to $156.00 for lodging), is determined as follows:

M&IE:	$64.80	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 2 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$0	No lodging allowance is paid when deps stay with friends or relatives (par. U6054-B1).
Total:	$64.80	The actual daily amount paid for the 2 deps' costs on 31st to 180th consecutive days.

EXAMPLE 4

Member's spouse, one child age 14 and one child age 9 evacuated from member's CONUS PDS to a designated place.

The travel itinerary was as follows:
Departed the CONUS PDS on 14 August. Arrived at a CONUS location en route to the designated place on 14 August.
Remained overnight at the CONUS location; incurred lodging cost of $95 plus $11.40 lodging tax (12%).
Departed the CONUS location on 15 August. Arrived at the designated place on 15 August.

The dependents shared a hotel room at the designated place and incurred a lodging cost of $105 plus $13.13 lodging tax (12.5%) per day until they moved into a permanent residence on 10 September. The dependents are authorized safe haven allowances while traveling to, and while at, the designated place. Safe haven allowances at the designated place begin on the arrival date at that location (15 August) and continues to 2400 on the day they occupied the permanent residence. See par. U6054-E. The maximum locality rate at the CONUS location en route, at the time of travel was $148 ($99/ $49). The maximum locality rate at the designated place was $154 ($110/ $44).

(a) The maximum safe haven allowances that may be paid for the member's 3 dependents for 14 August while they traveled to the designated place and while they remained overnight at the en route CONUS location (par. U6054-E):

Each dependent age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full rate ($148), which in this case is $44 for M&IE and up to $99 for lodging. Each dependent under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowances up to 50% of the rate.

	M&IE		**Max Lodging**		**Total**
Member's spouse:	$49		$99		$148
Child (age 14)	$49		$99		$148
Child (age 9)	$24.50	$49 x 50%	$49.50	$99 x 50%	$74
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:	$122.50		$247.50		$370

(b) Computing safe haven allowances, as for a member's TDY, within the maximum amounts shown in (a) ($105 for M&IE and up to $247.50 for lodging) for payment for the travel period to the designated place via the en route CONUS location on 14 August:

The dependents are authorized 75% of the M&IE allowance for 14 August ($122.50 x 75% = $91.88).

M&IE:	$91.88	The M&IE in this amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$95	Actual amount (not incl lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging at the en route CONUS location, which is less than the reimbursable max ($247.50). A lodging receipt is required for this amount.
Lodging Tax:	$11.40	
Total:	$198.28	Actual amount (including lodging tax) paid to deps for the 3 dependents' costs on 14 August.

(c) Determine the maximum daily amount that may be paid to the member's 3 dependents beginning on the arrival day at the designated place through the day the permanent residence was occupied as follows. See par. U6054-E:

Each dep age 12 or older is authorized safe haven allowances up to the full rate ($154), which in this case is $44 for M&IE and up to $110 for lodging. Each dep under age 12 is authorized safe haven allowances up to 50 % of the rate.

	M&IE		**Max Lodging**		**Total**
Member's spouse:	$44		$110		$154
Child (age 14)	$44		$110		$154
Child (age 9)	$22	$44 x 50%	$55	$110 x 50%	$77
Max daily amount payable for the 3 dep:	$110		$275		$385

(d) The actual total daily amount that is paid for 27 days (15 August to 10 September), within the maximum amounts shown in (c) ($110 for M&IE and up to $275 for lodging), is determined as follows:

M&IE:	$110	The M&IE in this daily amount is paid to cover M&IE for the 3 dependents. No itemization or receipts are required.
Lodging:	$105	The actual daily amount (not incl lodging tax) the 3 dependents paid for lodging, which is less than the max ($275) that may be reimbursed. A lodging receipt is required for this amount.
Daily amount:	$215	The daily amount that is payable to dependents within the maximum $380 established in (c) for costs incurred by the 3 dependents for 27 days.
Lodging Tax:	$13.13	
Total:	$228.13	The actual daily amount (including lodging tax) paid for the 3 dependents' costs while at the designated place for 27 days (27 days x $200.62 = $6,159.51).

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PART G: TRAVEL OF A RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBER OR RETIRED MEMBER CALLED/ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY

U7150 RC MEMBER TRAVEL

A. Active Duty with Pay (48 Comp. Gen. 301 (1968))

1. General

a. Applicability. Par. U7150-A applies to an RC member called (or ordered) to active duty for any reason with pay under an authorization/order that provide for return to home or PLEAD.

b. Travel and Transportation Allowances when a Member Commutes. ***Travel and/or transportation allowances are not authorized for travel between the home/PLEAD and the place of active duty when***:

(1) Both are in the corporate limits of the same city or town,

(2) The member commutes daily between home/PLEAD and the place of active duty, or

(3) The AO/INSTALLATION commander determines that both are within reasonable commuting distance of each other IAW U3500-B and that the nature of the duty involved permits commuting.

However, a member commuting under pars. U7150-A1b(2) and U7150-A1b(3) is authorized the applicable automobile or motorcycle mileage rate (see par. U2600), for one round trip between the duty station and,

(a) Home, or

(b) Place of unit assignment, or

(c) Place from which called (or ordered) to active duty.

ICW par. U7150-A1b(3), AEA may be paid, if authorized by the member's commanding officer, for any day(s) the nature of the duty requires the member to remain overnight and GOV'T QTRS and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess are unavailable. For this duty, the member is authorized AEA as computed under par. U4510 for all meals and QTRS, except for the meal ordinarily procured when commuting. Payment for local travel within/around the member's place of active duty may be authorized under Ch 3, Part F.

c. No Per Diem or AEA for Certain Active Duty Periods. There is no authority for per diem or AEA under par. U7150-A3 for a:

(1) Member performing annual training duty when both GOV'T QTRS (other than temporary lodging facilities) and a GOV'T dining facility/mess are available;

(2) Member ordered to involuntary active duty for training because of unsatisfactory participation in the reserve commitment when both GOV'T QTRS (other than temporary lodging facilities) and a GOV'T dining facility/mess are available;

(3) Newly enlisted member who is undergoing processing, indoctrination, initial basic training (including follow-on technical and/or home station training), or instruction. This includes a member attending courses of instruction with a break in active duty between courses of instruction and both GOV'T dining facility/mess/QTRS (other than temporary lodging facilities) are available. Per diem is payable to a member who is on TDY under instruction following completion of initial technical/specialty training after basic training. The course of instruction must be designated by the Secretarial Process as a course of instruction for which per diem is authorized; or

(4) PHS officer called to active duty solely to participate in the Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program (COSTEP).

An RC member performing active duty for training, who is not authorized per diem or AEA, may be reimbursed for lodging service charges when transient GOV'T housing is occupied, or lodgings in kind may be provided. ***Reimbursement for other than service charges for GOV'T QTRS use (see APP A) is not authorized.***

2. Physical Examination ICW a Call (or Order) to Active Duty with Pay. A member, called (or ordered) to active duty with pay and required to take a physical examination before proceeding to the first duty station, is authorized PCS allowances from the place the authorization/order is received or addressed to the place of physical examination (whichever is less) and (as directed in the authorization/order):

a. Return, or

b. Then to the new PDS, or

c. Return and then to the new PDS.

Travel required ICW these examinations is IAW par. U7150-A3.

3. Active Duty for Training

a. Fewer Than 140 Days. When the active-duty-for-training period contemplated by an authorization/order is for fewer than 140 days (except as noted in par. U2146) at any location, travel and transportation allowances are payable as provided for TDY in Ch 4. Except if par. U7150-A1b or U7150-A1c applies, per diem or AEA is payable at the training location. When, during an active-duty-for-training period of fewer than 140 days, the duty must be extended due to unforeseen circumstances and the prospective extended period is fewer than 140 days (including the days remaining on the existing authorization/order and the number of days added by the extension), per diem or AEA continues for the entire period. When the prospective extended period is for 140 or more days (including the days remaining on the existing authorization/order and the number of days added by the extension), no per diem or AEA is payable from the date of the authorization/order directing the additional/extended duty except as authorized in par. U7150-A4b(3) for non-training active duty TDY. See par. U2146 for extension examples.

b. 140 or More Days

(1) Duty at One Location. A member, called to active-duty-for-training for 140 or more days at one location, is authorized travel and transportation allowances payable under Ch 5 as for a PCS (except as noted in par. U2146-B). ***No per diem or AEA is payable at the duty location. The availability of GOV'T QTRS and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess does not change this determination.***

(2) Duty at More than One Location. When the active duty to be performed is at more than one location and the duty is 140 or more days at one location, the member is authorized PCS travel and transportation allowances (Ch 5). TDY allowances are payable at any location where the duty is for fewer than 140 days as provided for TDY in Chs 3 and 4. If the duty to be performed is fewer than 140 days at each location, travel and transportation allowances are payable as provided for TDY in Ch 3 and 4 for the entire duty, including travel to and from the duty locations.

4. Active Duty for and Active Duty Extensions (Other than Training)

a. For 180 or Fewer Days. When the active-duty-for-other-than-training (ADOT) contemplated by an authorization/order at any location is for 180 or fewer days (except as noted in par. U2146) TDY travel and transportation allowances are payable as provided in Chs 3 and 4. Per diem or AEA is payable at the duty location, except if par. U7150-A1b or U7150-A1c applies. When, during an ADOT of 180 or fewer days, the duty must be extended due to unforeseen circumstances and the prospective extended period is 180 or fewer days (including the days remaining on the existing authorization/order and the number of days added by the extension), per diem or AEA continues for the entire period. When the prospective extended period is for more than 180 days (including the days remaining on the existing authorization/order and the number of days added by the extension), no per diem or AEA is payable from the date of the authorization/order directing the additional/extended duty except as authorized for non-training active duty TDY in par. U2145-B. The current station becomes a PDS and the member is authorized PCS allowances to that station. See par. U2146 for extension examples.

b. Active Duty for More Than 180 Days

(1) Active Duty at One Location

(a) When a member is called to active-duty-for-other-than-training for more than 180 days at one location, PCS travel and transportation allowances are payable under Ch 5.

(b) ***No per diem or AEA is payable at the duty location except as noted in pars. U7150-A4b(3) and U7150-A4b(4). GOV'T QTRS and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess availability does not change this determination.***

(2) Active Duty at More Than One Location

(a) When active duty is to be performed at more than one location, and the duty is more than 180 days at one location, PCS travel and transportation allowances are payable under Ch 5 to the 181-day location.

(b) ***No per diem or AEA is payable at the location at which the member is to perform duty for more than 180 days except as noted in pars. U7150-A4b(3) and U7150-A4b(4).***

(c) TDY travel and transportation allowances are payable at any location at which the duty is for 180 or fewer days under Chs 3 and 4.

(d) If the duty to be performed is 180 or fewer days at each location, TDY travel and transportation allowances are payable under Chs 3 and 4 for the entire duty.

(3) Per Diem in Excess of 180 Days. Except when paid station allowances and/or OHA under par. U7150-H, a member called to active duty away from home for other than training purposes for:

(a) More than 180 days at one location, or

(b) 180 or fewer days but extended to be more than 180 days (from the extension date) at one location,

may be authorized per diem for the entire period if the call to active duty/extension is required by:

(c) Unusual circumstances, or

(d) Emergency circumstances, or

(e) Contingency Operations, or

(f) Exigencies of the Service concerned,

as determined by the Secretarial Process.

(4) Per diem, travel and transportation allowances, when authorized are paid as for any member on TDY 180 or fewer days. See par. U2145.

5. TDY Per Diem Computation. When a member is ordered on TDY away from the PDS as indicated in par. U7150-A3b(1), per diem or AEA is computed under Ch 4.

B. Active Duty without Pay

1. Standby Reserve. ***Travel and transportation allowances are not authorized for an Armed Forces Standby Reserve member who voluntarily performs active duty training without pay.***

NOTE: Par. U7150-B2 is effective as of 10 February 1996.

2. Technicians (Dual Status). The Secretarial Process may authorize per diem for a dual status military technician (as described in 10 USC §10216) while on leave from technical employment and performing active duty without pay (as authorized by 5 USC §6323(d)) outside the U.S.

3. Others. Except as provided in par. U7150-B2, an RC member who performs duty without pay as described in par. U7150-A may be authorized/approved to receive the applicable automobile or motorcycle mileage rate, for travel to and from the duty station including travel required ICW a qualifying physical examination or conditions precedent to the duty involved, and/or reimbursement for occasional meals and/or QTRS. See par. U4510. ***The member is not authorized per diem and AEA at the duty station (44 Comp. Gen. 615 (1965); 46 id. 319 (1966))***.

C. Inactive Duty Training with Pay

1. General. The following definitions apply to par. U7150-C.

a. Assigned Unit. For travel allowance purposes, an RC member's designated post of duty is the assigned unit.

b. TDY Station. An alternate site outside the local commuting area of the member's assigned unit or home is a TDY Station. See par. U3500-B.

2. Travel from Home to the Assigned Unit or to an Alternate Site in the Local Commuting Area

a. Allowances. There are no travel or transportation allowances for:

(1) Inactive duty training at the:

(a) Training duty station,

(b) Drill site,

(c) Assigned unit city/town location, or in the

(d) Local area of assigned unit or home, or

(2) Travel between home and the:

(a) Assigned unit except as provided in par. U7160,

(b) Unit training assembly place, or

(c) Place of duty instead of a unit training assembly.

b. Transportation Reimbursement. Reimbursement may be authorized/approved under Ch 3, Part F, for transportation expenses incurred on official business in and around the:

(1) Training duty station,

(2) Drill site, and/or

(3) City/town.

When the member travels between home and an alternate duty/work site, the member may be paid TDY mileage only for the distance that exceeds the distance from home to the assigned unit since the member is financially responsible for travel from home to the assigned unit.

Example 1: A member's home is Springfield, VA, and the assigned unit (usual drill site) is Ft. Belvoir, VA (18 miles round trip). The member drives to an alternate duty site at the Pentagon (38 miles round trip). The member is due reimbursement for 20 miles (38 miles – 18 miles) x $0.55/mile = $11.00.

Example 2: A member's home is St. Louis, MO, and the assigned unit is at the Pentagon (in VA) (842 miles one way). The member ordinarily flies to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and takes a subway to the Pentagon. In this instance, the member drills at an alternate duty site, Andrews AFB, MD, which is inside the local Washington, DC, area (DODD 4515.14). The member flies to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and takes a taxi to Andrews AFB, MD, (850 miles from St. Louis). The member is due reimbursement for 8 miles (850 miles – 842 miles) x 2 (round trip) x $0.55/mile = $8.80.

3. Travel from Home/Assigned Unit to TDY Station

a. Authorization. A member directed to travel from the home/assigned unit to a TDY station is authorized the TDY allowances in Ch 4.

b. Transportation Reimbursement. When the member travels directly from the home/assigned unit to the TDY station, reimbursement is limited to the travel cost ***from the assigned unit*** to the TDY station.

Example**:** A member's home is Location E assigned unit is at Location F and TDY is at Location G. The member travels directly from home (Location E) to Location G. The member is due travel cost from Location E to Location G limited to the travel cost from Location F to Location G.

4. Travel from a Location other than Home/Assigned Unit to a TDY Station

a. Authorization. A member directed to travel from a location other than the home/assigned unit to a TDY station is authorized the TDY allowances in Ch 4.

b. Transportation Reimbursement. When the member travels directly from the other location to the TDY station, reimbursement is limited to the travel cost ***from the assigned unit*** to the TDY station.

Example**:** A member's home is Location E assigned unit is at Location F and TDY is at Location G. The member is authorized to travel from another location, Location H a location where the member is on business for a civilian job. The member is due travel cost from Location H to Location F limited to travel cost from Location F to Location G.

5. Travel from Other than Home/Assigned Unit to an Alternate Site within the Local Commuting Area

a. Allowances. ***A member directed to travel from other than the home/assigned unit to an alternate site within the local commuting area of the assigned unit/home is not authorized travel and transportation allowances.***

b. Transportation Reimbursement. When the member travels directly from the other location to the alternate site, the member is paid TDY mileage for the distance, limited to the distance ***from the assigned unit*** to the alternate site less the distance from home to the assigned unit.

Example**:** A member's home is Springfield, VA, and the assigned unit is Ft. Belvoir, VA, (9 miles from Springfield) with an alternate duty site of the Pentagon (16 miles from Ft. Belvoir). The member is authorized to travel from Dallas, TX, to the Pentagon (in Arlington, VA) (1,315 miles). The member is paid for the distance traveled from Dallas to the Pentagon (1,315 miles) limited to Ft. Belvoir to the Pentagon (16 miles) less Springfield to Ft. Belvoir (9 miles). The member is due reimbursement for 7 miles (1,315 miles NTE 16 miles - 9 miles = 7 miles) x 2 (round trip) x $0.55/mile = $7.70.

6. Reimbursement of Service Charges for Transient GOV'T Housing Use. An RC member not authorized per diem or AEA, who occupies transient GOV'T housing (while performing inactive duty training with pay) may be reimbursed for the lodging service charges, or may be provided lodgings in kind. ***Reimbursement for other than service charges for GOV'T QTRS use (see APP A) is not authorized.***

D. Inactive Duty Training without Pay

1. Standby Reserves. ***There is no authority for travel and transportation allowances for an Armed Forces' Standby Reserve member who voluntarily performs inactive duty training without pay.***

2. Other than Standby Reserves. An Armed Forces' RC member authorized to perform inactive duty training without pay is authorized the travel and transportation allowances in par. U7150-C.

An RC member not authorized per diem or AEA, who occupies transient GOV'T housing while performing inactive duty training without pay, may be reimbursed for lodging service charges, or may be provided lodgings in kind. ***Reimbursement for other than service charges for GOV'T QTRS use (see APP A) is not authorized.***

E. SROTC Member

1. Applicability. Par. U7150-E applies to a designated SROTC applicant and member appointed under 10 USC §2104 and §2107.

2. Advanced Training (10 USC §2104)

a. Transportation for Field or At-Sea Training. An SROTC Advanced Training member or designated applicant is authorized transportation between home or the SROTC unit's location, as specified in the authorization/order, and the authorized field or at-sea training site.

b. Transportation for Examination or to Observe. An SROTC Advanced Training member or designated applicant may be furnished transportation and subsistence, or be paid mileage as prescribed in pars. U7150-E2c and U7150-E2d for travel to and from INSTALLATIONS:

(1) for medical or other examinations,

(2) to observe military functions or operations, or

(3) for other observations deemed appropriate by the Service concerned.

c. Transportation and Meals. GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation and GOV'T-supplied meals are authorized.

d. Mileage. In lieu of transportation and meals, the automobile mileage rate (no per diem) is authorized for travel performed under par. U7150-E2a or U7150-E2b at personal expense. It may be paid in advance of return from the activity site. When transportation for part of the journey is personally procured, the automobile mileage rate (no per diem) is authorized for travel between home and the nearest appropriate public transportation terminal thereto, and between the activity site and the nearest appropriate public transportation terminal thereto.

e. Mixed Modes. If travel under par. U7150-E2a or U7150-E2b is by mixed modes, authorization is for the automobile mileage (no per diem) for the distance of the ordered travel NTE the constructed cost of GOV'T-procured transportation plus GOV'T-supplied meals for travel between the authorized points (minus the cost of any GOV'T-procured transportation and/or GOV'T-supplied meals).

f. Per Diem Not Authorized. ***Per diem is not authorized for members and designated applicants appointed under 10 USC §2104 (53 Comp. Gen. 957 (1974)).***

g. Lodging and Meal Expense at Point of Delay. Reimbursement for lodging/meal expenses is authorized for a member when traveling to/from field training/practice cruises when, through no fault of the member, a delay occurs at a place where no GOV'T QTRS or dining facility/mess are available (B-195791, 31 March 1980). Reimbursement for the cost of occasional meals/QTRS is made IAW par. U4510.

3. Financial Assistance Program for a Cadet or Midshipman in SROTC (10 USC §2107)

a. Travel to Accept Appointment. A person who travels to an educational institution to accept an appointment as a cadet or midshipman in the Financial Assistance Program is authorized the Ch 5, Part B PCS allowances; the allowances may not exceed those payable from the appointee's permanent residence, home, school, or duty station at the time travel begins to the educational institution. Eligibility for reimbursement is demonstrated by a notice of selection for appointment or other evidence showing the travel is or was ICW appointment.

b. Travel under a TDY Authorization/Order. TDY travel and transportation allowances are the same as the travel and transportation allowances prescribed for a cadet or a midshipman of the Service academies in par. U7001 for TDY, except while performing field or at-sea training and both GOV'T QTRS (other than temporary lodging facilities) and GOV'T dining facility/mess are available. This includes travel from home or the SROTC unit location (as specified in the authorization/order) to the place designated for field or at-sea training and return. For the purpose of par. U7150-E3, a GOV'T dining facility/mess is a facility designated for use by officers except when other messing facilities have been designated for use by the SROTC members. MALT may be paid before a member departs from the field or at-sea training site for the return trip home or to the SROTC unit location (as specified in the authorization/order).

c. Travel upon Discharge. Upon discharge from the Financial Assistance Program, a member is authorized the Ch 5, Part B allowances, for travel from the educational institution to the authorized home, or military station. If the member continues scholastic instruction at the same institution after discharge no travel allowances are authorized.

4. Member Ordered to Active Duty in Enlisted Grade or as an Officer. A member appointed under 10 USC §2104 or §2107, ordered to active duty to serve in an enlisted grade or as an officer in an Armed Force, is authorized the Ch 5, Part B PCS allowances. The authorization is from the home or place which ordered to active duty to the first PDS via any TDY location en route specified in the authorization/order.

F. Travel Allowances for a Member Authorized Medical and Dental Care. A member, authorized medical or dental care under 10 USC §1074a for an illness, disease, or injury incurred or aggravated while:

1. On active duty for a period of 30 days or less;

2. On inactive duty training;

3. On funeral honors duty;

4. Traveling directly to or from the place where the member performs or has performed the duty in pars. U7150-F1 through U7150-F3; or

5. Remaining overnight immediately before serving on funeral honors duty at the funeral honors duty location outside the commuting distance of the member's residence,

is authorized the Chs 3 and 4 TDY travel and transportation allowances for necessary travel between home and the treatment facility for this care, but not while at the treatment facility. If an injury is incurred or aggravated as the result of the member's gross negligence or misconduct, there is no authority.

G. 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 the Chs 3 and 4 TDY travel and transportation allowances.

H. COLA and Housing Allowances. See par. U9145 for COLA and par. U10428 for housing allowances.

Effective for an RC member called/ordered/entering active duty on/after 6 January 2006.
NOTE: New rules apply for an RC member called/ordered to active duty for more than 30 days and who began to serve active duty on or after 6 January 2006. If active duty began prior to 6 January 2006 the new rules do not apply even if the member's continuous service extends beyond 6 January 2006. A member whose service is extended on/after 6 January 2006, through an amended or modified authorization/order, and serves more than 30 days from the extension authorization/order, is authorized allowances under the new rules effective the date of the extension.

U7155 RETIRED MEMBER CALLED (OR ORDERED) TO ACTIVE DUTY WITH OR WITHOUT PAY

Except for a periodic physical examination covered by par. U7250, a retired member (including those on the TDRL and a member in the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve receiving retainer pay), called (or ordered) to active duty with or without pay, is authorized travel and transportation allowances as provided in par. U7150 for an RC member.

U7160 INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING OUTSIDE NORMAL COMMUTING DISTANCE

Effective for travel that occurs on/after 20 March 2008 or on/after the Service implementation date, whichever comes later, through and including 31 December 2010.

A. General. The Secretary Concerned may authorize reimbursement to an eligible member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve 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. U7160, 'outside the local commuting distance' is defined as the local travel area as prescribed under par. U3500, but not less than 150 miles one-way by DTOD.

B. Eligible Member. A member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve (and not just any RC member) must be:

1. Qualified in a skill designated as critically short by the Secretary Concerned;

2. Assigned to a unit of the Selected Reserve with a critical staffing shortage, or in a pay grade in the member's RC with a critical staffing shortage; or

3. Assigned to a unit or position that is disestablished or relocated as a result of Defense BRAC or other force structure reallocation.

C. 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***.

1. Transportation. When commercial transportation is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of the transportation used to include the transportation cost between home and the terminal and between the terminal and the training location. When POC is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual expense incurred (gas; oil; highway, bridge, and tunnel tolls; parking fees; and other necessary expenses incurred incident to such travel). ***NOTE: Payment may not be on a commuted basis, such as a mileage allowance for transportation costs.***

2. Lodging and Meals. The actual cost of the member's lodging (including tax (see ***NOTE***), tips, and service charges) and actual cost of meals (including tax and tips, but not including alcoholic beverages) may be reimbursed up to the per diem rate for the area concerned.

a. The maximum amount allowed for CONUS or non-foreign OCONUS area lodging does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in a CONUS or non-foreign OCONUS area is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid.

b. The maximum lodging amount allowed in a foreign OCONUS area includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

U7175 MUSTER DUTY ALLOWANCE FOR 'READY RESERVE' RC MEMBER

See DODFMR, Volume 7A, par. 580105.A (at ***http://www.defenselink.mil/comptroller/fmr/***) for rate.

U7180 ALLOWANCE SUMMARY TABLES

***NOTE**: These tables summarize the allowances and are for informational purposes. The actual allowances are prescribed in Ch 5, Part G.*

Table U7G-1		
RC PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH PAY *(NOTE 1)*		
SITUATION	**TRANSPORTATION *(NOTES 2 and 3)***	**PER DIEM *(NOTES 4 and 5)***
Annual training duty ***(NOTE 6)***	Ch 3 applies	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available; otherwise Ch 4 applies
Involuntary training due to unsatisfactory participation in reserve commitments	Ch 3 applies	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available
PHS officers called to active duty for Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program (COSTEP)	Ch 3 applies--reimbursement for POC is the automobile mileage, limited to cost of GOV'T contract carrier	Not authorized
Pipeline Student--newly enlisted member undergoing training	Normally performed as members traveling together with no/limited reimbursement (Ch 4, Part B). Otherwise, may be authorized reimbursement under Ch 3	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS and dining facility/mess available
Member commutes, or is within the commuting area as designated by local commander	May be paid the automobile mileage for one-round trip only (provided the place of active duty and home are not in same city limits). Also may be authorized reimbursement under Ch 3, Part F	Not authorized - AEA may be authorized under par. U4510 (except for meal normally procured when commuting) if required to remain overnight (except if duty site and home are in same city limits)
Active duty for training for fewer than 140 days or active duty for other than training for 180 or fewer days at one location	Ch 3 applies	Ch 4 applies
Additional periods for 140 or more days for training or over 180 days for other than training		If prospective extended period is fewer than 140 day for training or 180 or fewer days for other than training per diem continues. If 140 or more days for training or more than 180 days for other than training per diem stops on date of the authorization/order directing additional duty
Physical examination ICW active duty	Ch 5, Part B applies	Ch 5, Part B applies from the place the authorization/order is received or addressed to the place of physical examination and return, or to the new PDS, or return and then to the new PDS
Active duty for other than training, required by unusual or emergency circumstances or Service exigencies, for more than 180 days	Ch 3 applies if the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem, otherwise Ch 5 applies	Ch 4 applies if the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem, otherwise no per diem at the location -- Ch 5 applies en route and Ch 4 applies when duty performed at any other location for 180 or fewer days
Active duty for more than 180 days at one location	Ch 5 applies	No per diem at the location except as noted in par. U2146-B -- Ch 5 applies en route and Ch 4 applies when duty performed at any other location for 180 or fewer days

NOTES:

1. Applies to an RC member called/ordered to active duty with pay under an authorization/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 a periodic physical for a member on the TDRL.) See par. U7250.

2. Travel and transportation allowances are not authorized if the place of duty and home are in the corporate limits of the same city/ town.

3. An RC member may not be paid for commuting from home to duty--only one round-trip may be paid.

4. Temporary lodging facilities are not GOV'T QTRS for the purpose of this table.

5. An RC member on active duty for training who otherwise is not authorized per diem and who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

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

Table U7G-2		
RC MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY WITHOUT PAY		
SITUATION	**TRANSPORTATION**	**PER DIEM** ***(NOTES 1 and 2)***
Standby RC Member	Not authorized	Not authorized
Others performing duty without pay	Service discretion to reimburse under Ch 4, Part B (as for members traveling together with no/limited reimbursement) and/or the automobile mileage rate	Not authorized except occasional meals and/or QTRS may be authorized for travel days only. See par. U4510.

***NOTES*:**

1. Temporary lodging facilities are not GOV'T QTRS for the purpose of this table.

2. An RC member on active duty for training who otherwise is not authorized per diem and who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

*Table U7G-3		
INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING WITH OR WITHOUT PAY ***(NOTES 1 and 2)***		
SITUATION	**TRANSPORTATION**	**PER DIEM**
TDY to an RC member's assigned unit including the training duty station, drill site, city or town in which assigned unit is located ***NOTE 3***	*1. Not authorized - may be authorized reimbursement under Ch 3, Part F. 2. 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
*TDY from home/assigned unit to other than the RC member's assigned unit	*Ch 3 applies, limited to cost from member's assigned unit.	Ch 4 applies
*TDY from a location other than home/assigned unit to other than the RC member's assigned unit	*Ch 3 applies, limited to lesser cost from member's residence or home unit	*Ch 4 applies
*Travel from a location other than home/assigned unit to alternate site within the local commuting area in which home/assigned unit is located	*Mileage for the distance limited to the distance from the assigned unit to the alternate site less the distance from the home to assigned unit	*Not authorized
A Standby RC member voluntarily performing without pay	Not authorized	Not authorized

***NOTES*:**

1. For travel and transportation allowance purposes, the RC unit is the designated post of duty for an RC member attached or assigned to that unit.

2. An RC member on inactive duty for training who otherwise is not authorized per diem and who occupies transient GOV'T housing may be reimbursed the actual cost incurred for service charges/lodging.

3. See par. U7160 for limited authority for a Selected Reserve member of the Ready Reserve to be reimbursed travel and transportation expenses when the assigned unit is outside the member's normal commuting distance.

Table U7G-4			
SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS MEMBERS ***(NOTES 1 and 2)***			
SITUATION	**TRANSPORTATION**	**PER DIEM**	**REMARKS**
Travel of SROTC Advanced Training members 1) to and from field training or at-sea training sites or 2) for medical or other exam or for observations the Service deems appropriate	Transportation is by GOV'T conveyance or GOV'T-procured transportation or reimbursement on a per mile basis at the automobile mileage rate. The AO may authorize reimbursement for POC from home or SROTC unit location to the training site and return for advance training.	No GOV'T prepared meals or box lunches are furnished or meal tickets issued	1. If transportation and meals are not furnished, the automobile mileage rate is payable per mile. 2. Reimbursement on a mileage basis may be authorized to and from transportation terminals. 3. Payment may be authorized under par. U4510 at a delay point. 4. If mixed mode transportation is involved, pay mileage up to the total cost of GOV'T-procured transportation plus meal tickets (minus cost of any such items used).
SROTC Cadets and midshipmen in Financial Assistance Program ordered to perform TDY	Par. U7001 applies	Par. U7001 applies	Does not apply while at a location performing field training or at-sea training when both GOV'T QTRS and meals are available
Travel to educational institution to accept appointment as SROTC cadet or midshipman in Financial Assistance Program	Ch 5, Part B applies; allowances may not exceed those payable from appointee's permanent place of abode, home, school, or duty station at the time of travel to the educational institution	Ch 5, Part B applies	Transportation may be furnished or reimbursement made for travel on the basis of receipt of a notice of selection for appointment or other evidence showing travel was ICW such appointment
SROTC Cadets or midshipmen discharged from the Financial Assistance Program	Ch 5, Part B applies for travel from the educational institution where enrolled to the authorized abode, home, or military station	Ch 5, Part B applies	If the member continues school at the same institution after discharge from the Financial Assistance Program, no travel allowances are authorized
SROTC member ordered to active duty as an enlisted member or an officer in an Armed Force	Ch 5, Part B applies	Ch 5, Part B applies	From home or place ordered to active duty to the first PDS via any TDY en route

NOTES:

1. Neither a member nor a designated applicant appointed under 10 USC §2104--SROTC advanced training members-- is authorized per diem.

2. A member and/or a designated applicant appointed under 10 USC §2107--SROTC cadets and midshipmen in Financial Assistance Program may be authorized per diem.

Table U7G-5			
MISCELLANEOUS			
SITUATION	**TRANSPORTATION**	**PER DIEM**	**REMARKS**
Member entitled to medical or dental care under 10 USC §1074a for illness, disease, or injury incurred or aggravated while: (1) on active duty for a period of 30 or fewer days; or (2) on inactive duty training; or (3) traveling directly to or from the place at which the member performs or has performed such duty.	Ch 3 applies	Ch 4 applies	Not authorized if the injury is a result of the member's gross negligence or misconduct
Muster Duty – Ready Reserve member who is not a member of the National Guard or the Selected Reserve	Not authorized; however, an allowance for Muster Duty is	Not authorized	Must be engaged in muster duty for a period of at least 2 hours. See par. U7175 for the effective rate.

PART Y: TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO SPECIALTY CARE OVER 100 MILES

U7960 TRAVEL TO SPECIALTY CARE OVER 100 MILES

A. General. When a TRICARE Prime enrollee is referred by the primary care manager (PCM) for medically necessary non-emergency specialty care more than 100 miles from the PCM's office, the patient must be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses. ***NOTE: The Military Treatment Facility (MTF), where the TRICARE Prime member is enrolled, or the Lead Agent, if the TRICARE Prime member is enrolled with a civilian PCM, determines if the specialty care is more than 100 miles from the PCM. That distance is not the distance for which transportation expenses are reimbursed. Transportation expenses are reimbursed for the official distance (see par. U2020) from the patient's residence city to the specialty care provider's city.*** This also applies to subsequent specialty referrals authorized by the PCM or Health Care Finder. This policy is based on OASD/Health Affairs, TRICARE Management Activity memo of 22 June 2001.

B. Applicability. Travel under this Part may be provided to a covered beneficiary enrolled in TRICARE Prime. ***The following are not authorized travel under this Part***:

1. Active duty members (see par. U7252); and

2. Dependents overseas authorized travel under par. U5240-C.

NOTE: A retired member (and the retiree's dependents) may be authorized patient travel under par. U7960-A provided the retiree is (or dependents are) TRICARE Prime enrollee(s).

C. Transportation. A patient, referred by the PCM for specialty care at a location over 100 miles away from the PCM's office, may have transportation to the appropriate specialist authorized/approved. When practicable, GOV'T transportation should be used. When GOV'T transportation is not available or its use is not practicable, patients may be transported by one of the following modes:

1. GOV'T-procured commercial transportation,

2. Personally procured commercial transportation (see par. U3120), or

3. POC.

When personally procured commercial transportation is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of the transportation used. When POC is used, reimbursement is authorized for the actual expense incurred (gas; oil; highway, bridge, and tunnel tolls; parking fees; and other necessary expenses incurred incident to such travel). ***Reimbursement for travel performed by personally procured commercial transportation or POC must not exceed the GOV'T's cost if GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation is available.*** When GOV'T-procured or personally procured commercial transportation is used, reimbursement is authorized for actual expenses incurred for the transportation cost between home and terminal and terminal and the specialty care provider facility and return. ***NOTE: Payment may not be on a commuted basis, such as a mileage allowance for transportation cost.***

*D. Lodging and Meals. The actual cost of the patient's lodging (including tax (see *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 for the location concerned. The amount paid for meals and lodging may not be reimbursed in excess of the maximum amount allowed for M&IE and lodging, respectively, authorized in the medical/dental facility location per diem rate.

NOTE:

****1. The maximum lodging amount allowed in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (see APP A definitions) does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in a CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS area is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid.***

2. The maximum lodging amount allowed in foreign OCONUS areas (see APP A definition) includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

E. Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursement is authorized for the actual expenses incurred for the patient's travel between the transportation terminal, medical facility, and lodging when the patient is receiving outpatient care from a specialist located more than 100 miles from the PCM's office. Actual expenses incurred for transportation costs between the medical facility and lodging may be reimbursed for the number of trips the patient must make between those two places. The transportation mode used should be the least costly mode available that adequately meets the patient's needs. When a POC is the mode, reimbursement for the actual expenses incurred, as in par. U7960-D, is authorized. ***Transportation expenses may not be paid using a mileage allowance (B-202964, 23 February 1982). Reimbursement is not authorized for other expenses not specifically authorized in par. U7950-D (i.e., expenses in APP G are not authorized).***

F. Administrative Provisions. An authorization/order authorizing/approving patient transportation to a specialist for medical care must cite par. U7960 as authority. A statement by a competent medical official (military or civilian, as available) that travel is to a specialty care provider facility IAW 10 USC §1074 must support the order.

U7961 ATTENDANT'S TRAVEL FOR SPECIALTY CARE OVER 100 MILES

If a patient meets the par. U7960-A travel requirements, round trip travel and transportation expenses are authorized for one necessary attendant. ***The attendant must be a parent, guardian, or another adult (at least age 21 years) member of the patient's family.*** An individual traveling as an attendant is authorized travel and transportation allowances or reimbursement for expenses as prescribed in par. U7961.

1. A Uniformed Member (Who Is a Family Member) as an Attendant. A uniformed member who is a family member, and is ordered to be an attendant, is authorized TDY allowances while acting as an attendant.

2. A Civilian Employee (Who Is a Family Member) as an Attendant. A U.S. GOV'T civilian employee who is a family member and is assigned an attendant is authorized the TDY travel and transportation allowances in regulations issued by the agency or department funding the travel.

3. Another Person (Who Is a Family Member) as an Attendant. A person other than a uniformed member or U.S. GOV'T civilian employee, who is at 1east age 21 years and a family member, who is designated to travel as an attendant, should be issued an ITA or included in the patient's travel order/authorization and identified as an attendant. This person is authorized reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses as in pars. U7960-C and U7960-D.

NOTE 1: The patient and attendant cannot both be reimbursed for the same travel expense (e.g., both cannot claim and be paid for gas costs when traveling by POC).

NOTE 2: A beneficiary with questions about the non-medical attendant allowance should contact the local military treatment facility or regional director travel representative on Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordination (BCAC) for assistance.

A: GENERAL INFORMATION

U10000 DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER

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

1. Members authorized an OHA/FSH-O; and/or

2. Federal civilian employees, including dependents, authorized a living QTRS allowance or COLA (in non-foreign OCONUS locations); and/or

3. Other persons, excluding the member's dependents, who contribute money toward the payment of rent, mortgage and/or utilities.

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

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

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

2. Navy - Through appropriate command channels to: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (M&P); Washington Staff/Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20350-2000;

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

4. Air Force - Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1SF, 201 12 Street, Suite 411D, Arlington, VA 22202-5406;

5. Coast Guard - Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001;

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

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

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

1. U.S. GOV'T owned or leased sleeping accommodations or family-type housing;

2. Lodgings or other QTRS obtained by U.S. GOV'T contract;

3. Dormitories or similar facilities operated by cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract;

4. Sleeping or housing facilities furnished by a foreign government on the GOV'T's behalf;

5. QTRS in a state-owned National Guard camp.

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

E. Privatized Housing

1. GOV'T housing that has been privatized is, by definition (see APP A), no longer GOV'T housing.

2. The Service Secretary determines which privatized housing is suitable for use as military family housing.

3. Each member occupying privatized housing is authorized a housing allowance in the same manner as a member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS.

4. See par. U10010-C for Navy Barracks Privatization Test.

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

G. Housing Allowance. Housing allowance includes:

1. Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). See pars. U10004 and U10006.;

2. Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA). See pars. U10020 – U10032.;

3. Family Separation Housing (FSH). See par. U10016.;

4. Basic Allowance for Housing Differential (BAH-Diff). See par. U10008.;

5. Partial Basic Allowance for Housing (Partial BAH). See par. U10010.;

6. Transit Rate (BAH-T). See par. U10012.; and

7. RC Rate (BAH-RC). See par. U10014.

U10002 HOUSING ALLOWANCE

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

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

1. BAH Rates

a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a Military Housing Area (MHA) for all Uniformed Services' members authorized BAH. The determination for housing allowances is based upon the costs of adequate rental housing for civilians with comparable income levels in the same area.

b. An adjustment in the BAH rates as a result of PDTATAC housing costs redetermination-in an MHA takes effect with the pay raise each year.

c. A Military Housing Area (MHA) is defined geographically by Zip Code(s) within the U.S. Major military population areas are further identified by a combination of a 2-digit code for the state and a 3-digit numerical designation within the state. For small military population areas, Zip Codes are aggregated into areas of similar housing cost and designated as County Cost Groups.

2. OHA Rates

a. The PDTATAC determines adequate housing costs in a locality for all Uniformed Services' members authorized OHA by location.

b. OHA rate ceilings are calculated based on data provided by OCONUS commanders and actual rent data derived from pay systems.

c. The PDS geographic location governs the OHA rate payable unless otherwise specified. Geographic locations are determined as outlined in APP K, Part I, par. A.

3. FSH Rates

a. The FSH-B rate is the same as the without-dependent BAH rate for the same location.

b. FSH-O is computed under the same rules and conditions as without-dependent OHA for the same location.

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

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

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

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

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

D. Dependency Determinations. For Army, Navy and Air Force determinations of dependency and relationships for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents are made by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). CMC-MPP-1 makes dependency and relationship determinations for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents for Marines. For non-DOD Services, see Service regulations. The Secretary Concerned or persons designated by the Secretary make determinations for primary dependents. The designee may re-delegate this authority. See Part B for dependents.

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

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

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

a. On the day the member's OHA lease terminates, or

b. On the day before the member departs in compliance with a PCS authorization/order, or

c. On the day before the home port change effective date (from OCONUS) of the ship or unit to which a member is assigned (see par. U10002-E3 below for exception), or

d. Upon assignment to GOV'T QTRS.

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

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

***NOTES*:**

1. Payment of OHA requires a lease agreement or mortgage.

2. Includes dependent acquired while member is on authorized leave.

3. a. Applies to sole dependent of officer or enlisted member.

   b. Applies to any dependent on whose behalf a member is authorized increased BAH or OHA.

   c. BAH or OHA starts with date of member's marriage even though the marriage occurs on same day as divorce from another member.

   d. When blood parents of an illegitimate child marry, the child becomes a legitimate dependent for BAH or OHA purposes.

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

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

***NOTES*:**

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

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

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

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

***NOTES*:**

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

U10004 BAH RATE PROTECTION

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

U10006 BAH ADVANCES

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

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

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

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

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

U10008 BAH DIFFERENTIAL (BAH-DIFF)

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

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

*1. If a member is assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS or a housing facility under a Uniformed Service's jurisdiction and is authorized BAH solely by reason of the member's adequate child support payment, the member is authorized only BAH-DIFF. ***A member is not authorized BAH-DIFF if the child support payment is less than the member's applicable pay grade BAH-DIFF amount.***

2. A member not assigned to GOV'T QTRS, who is authorized BAH or OHA on behalf of a dependent solely on the basis of child support payment, is authorized a with-dependent housing allowance (either BAH or OHA).

*3. A member is not authorized BAH or OHA solely on the basis of the member's child support payment when the child/children is/are in another active duty member's custody (including a former spouse), who is assigned to GOV'T owned/leased family-type QTRS (does not include privatized quarters) or is in receipt of a with-dependent housing allowance or on behalf of the child/children. See pars. U10120, U10122, U10124, U10126 and U10206.

U10010 PARTIAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-Partial)

A. Partial Rates. A member without dependents who is assigned to single-type QTRS or is on field or sea duty, and is not authorized to receive a BAH or OHA, is authorized BAH-Partial at the rates provided at ***http:/perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/***.

B. Conditions

1. A member without dependents assigned to single-type adequate GOV'T QTRS at the permanent station and authorized BAH-Partial who is subsequently sick in a hospital (no PCS involved), continues to be authorized BAH-Partial while hospitalized.

2. Except as provided in pars. U10400-D and U10400-E, a member without dependents in grade E-6 or below who is offered an assignment of adequate GOV'T QTRS, or is assigned GOV'T QTRS but elects not to occupy such QTRS and resides in private QTRS at own expense, is considered to be assigned to GOV'T QTRS and not

authorized BAH or OHA. Therefore, such member is authorized BAH-Partial.

3. BAH-Partial is not authorized during proceed time, leave en route, or travel time on PCS unless the member is assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS and not authorized BAH or OHA.

4. A member, married to another member, who has no dependents other than the spouse is authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS and is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate. However, such a member assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS is not authorized BAH-Partial.

5. A member occupying single-type GOV'T QTRS whose dependents reside in family-type GOV'T QTRS, is not authorized BAH or OHA at the full rate and therefore, is authorized BAH-Partial, provided the family QTRS are not assigned under the member's eligibility.

6. A single member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to family-type GOV'T QTRS.

7. A member without dependents confined in a guardhouse, brig, or correctional barracks who was assigned to single-type, GOV'T QTRS before confinement and remains assigned to such QTRS during confinement is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.

8. A member without dependents who is restrained in a status of arrest in assigned single-type GOV'T QTRS, and therefore not authorized BAH or OHA, is authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.

9. A member without dependents permanently assigned to a hospital for treatment and assigned QTRS in the hospital is authorized BAH-Partial.

10. A member married to another member, if neither member has other dependents, who is assigned to sea duty and occupies GOV'T family QTRS assigned to the spouse when the ship is in port, is a member without dependents assigned to QTRS on the ship and is not authorized BAH or OHA but is authorized BAH-Partial.

11. A member without dependents who is ordered PCS to confinement in a guard-house, brig, correctional barracks, or to additional training in a retraining or rehabilitation facility, is assigned to certain QTRS therein and is not authorized BAH or OHA. Such member is Authorized BAH-Partial unless forfeiture of allowances was directed.

12. A member without dependents assigned to single-type GOV'T QTRS between PDSs and not authorized BAH or OHA is authorized BAH-Partial.

13. Effective 20 April 1999, a member without dependents is not authorized BAH-Partial when assigned to GOV'T single-type QTRS (including GOV'T-leased QTRS) that exceed the minimum standards of single QTRS for the member's grade.

14. A member paying child support and receiving BAH-DIFF is not a member without dependents and therefore is not authorized BAH-Partial.

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

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

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

U10012 TRANSIT HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH-T)

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

U10014 RESERVE COMPONENT RATE (BAH-RC)

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

U10016 FAMILY SEPARATION HOUSING (FSH)

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

U10018 TEMPORARY BAH INCREASE

A. General. The SECDEF may prescribe a temporary increase in BAH rates in an area declared as a major disaster area by the President or at an INSTALLATION experiencing a sudden increase in the number of members assigned. Payment of the higher BAH is only effective for a MHA or zip code within a County Cost Group approved on or after 31 May 2006. ***This authority expires 31 December 2009.***

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

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

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

1. Less than the existing BAH rate, no increase is authorized. In this situation, the existing allowance fully covers the documented expenses, even though the member may be paying more after the disaster/influx of military personnel than before.

2. Higher than the existing BAH rate, then the member is authorized the increased rate effective the earlier of the approval date of the MHA for an increased rate or the date of the member's expenses certification, provided the member's certification does not predate the implementation effective date.

E. Termination. The increased allowance is paid through the day before the next regular rate change effective date for the area at which time the new regular BAH rate applies. There is no rate protection of temporary increased rates. The following examples reflect how changes during the temporary rate increase period affect the BAH paid. If a member receiving a temporary BAH rate increase:

1. Is Promoted. The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the higher grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the higher grade.

2. Is Demoted. The member must certify that housing costs exceed the regular BAH rate for the lower grade, otherwise change to the regular BAH rate for the lower grade.

3. Has a Dependency Change. The member must recertify housing costs for purposes of comparing applicable rates.

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

1. ***No Locations at this Time***

U10020 OHA - GENERAL

NOTES:

1. The OHA program is designed to help offset housing expenses for a member and/or dependent at the assigned overseas location. The reported housing must be the actual residence that the member occupies and from which the member commutes to and from work on a daily basis. If a member is assigned on an unaccompanied tour or has a Secretarial waiver and is authorized OHA for a dependent who lives separately, the reported housing must be the actual residence that the member's dependent occupies.

2. OHA is not intended, and must not be allowed to be used, for the personal enrichment of a member by including costs incurred for procuring/adapting a residence to accommodate renters or for vacation purposes.

3. OHA is intended to assist in paying for private sector leased/owned housing for a member and/or a member's dependent.

4. Disciplinary action addressed in par. U1055 applies when housing allowances are used for other than the purpose intended.

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

1. An up-front, lump-sum MIHA for those who qualify (see par. U10026 and APP N for rules and information), and

2. A monthly OHA including a utility/recurring maintenance allowance.

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

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

C. Allowances Payable. The amount of OHA payable is determined as shown in APP K, unless a special determination jointly issued by the Secretary Concerned and the PDTATAC Chair authorizes a different rate due to special circumstances. OHA rates are based on a member's PDS except as indicated in Part E or par. U10400-B or U10402-B.

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

U10022 OHA DETERMINING MONTHLY RENT

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

1. A recurring condominium or homeowner association fee, paid by the member, is prorated to a monthly charge and incorporated into the member's rent.

2. See par. U10022-C for a member-owned dwelling place.

3. A sharer's monthly rent is determined by dividing the total monthly rent by the number of sharers occupying the dwelling.

4. ***In an arrangement by which a member pays rent in advance and the landlord agrees to reimburse the member all or substantially all of the rental money at the end of the lease agreement, the amount of rent used in computing a member's OHA is zero.***

5. Re-compute OHA if/when the rent changes.

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

1. Sharer's prorated share of the rent paid or the maximum rental established for the sharer's grade and locality, whichever is less, plus

2. Prorated monthly Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance.

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

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

C. Private Sector Housing Owned

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

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

a. Definitions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Navy - Through appropriate command channels to: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (M&P); Washington Staff/Chief of Naval Personnel (N-130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20350-2000;

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

(4) Air Force - Through appropriate command channels to: HQ USAF/A1SF, 201 12 Street, Suite 411D, Arlington, VA 22202-5406;

(5) Coast Guard - Directly to: Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001;

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

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

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

NOTE: If a member obtains a mortgage on the inherited dwelling or residence specifically i.e., for home improvements or takes out a loan to pay inheritance taxes on the residence or dwelling, the mortgage or loan cost may be used as an OHA housing cost.

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

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

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

U10024 OHA UTILITY/RECURRING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

A. Monthly Allowance

1. The utility/recurring maintenance allowance for each OHA locality is found in the OHA locality tables and is based on member (with-dependent) reported expenses of members who pay all or a majority of their utilities,

2. Covers the utility costs for 80 percent of the members assigned to an area,

3. Is paid to sharers (see par. U10000-A) on a pro rated amount of the net allowance,

4. Is paid to a member 'without dependent' (who ***is not*** a sharer) at 75 percent of the 'with-dependent' rate, and

5. Is eliminated or paid on a percentage basis if all, or part, of the utilities are included in rent.

B. Rent Includes All, No, or Some Utilities

1. When rent does not include utilities or the member is a homeowner, the member is authorized the utility/ recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above.

2. When rent includes all utilities, a member is not authorized the utility/recurring maintenance allowance. However, the appropriate utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A above is added to the member's rental allowance when computing the OHA.

3. When rent includes some utilities, a member is not authorized all of the utility/recurring maintenance allowance in par. U10024-A. The locality ***climate code*** and the ***utility point score*** determine the utility/ recurring maintenance allowance amount percentage the member is authorized. However, the amount to which the member is not authorized is to be added to the appropriate rental allowance ceiling when computing OHA.

a. Climate Codes. Locality climate codes are indicated on each OHA locality table. The three climate codes include:

(1) Code 1 (Cold) - long-term mean temperature of 45 degrees F or colder,

(2) Code 2 (Moderate) - neither Code 1 nor Code 3, and

(3) Code 3 (Hot) - long-term average of 69 degrees F or warmer, except when long-term average for one or more months of the year drops to 45 degrees F or colder. In such instances, a climate code of 2 is assigned.

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

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

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

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

U10026 MOVE-IN HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MIHA)

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

B. Rules and Information

1. To be authorized a MIHA, a member must be eligible for OHA.

2. An eligible member is authorized MIHA for one dwelling during a tour at a PDS unless a GOV'T-funded local move occurs and the member occupies another dwelling covered by OHA.

3. There is no MIHA when:

a. a local move would otherwise initiate a second or subsequent MIHA payment request unless that move is GOV'T funded;

b. a member complies with a PCS authorization/order but remains in the same dwelling place (includes an RC member called/ordered to active duty who is authorized OHA based on the primary residence at the time called/ordered to active duty); or

c. a member moves from GOV'T QTRS to private sector housing under par. U5355-A5 (Separation) or par. U5355-A6 (Retirement).

4. The three MIHA payment types are:

a. MIHA/Miscellaneous. MIHA/Miscellaneous reflects average expenditures made and reported by members to make their dwellings habitable. See APP K, Part III to determine reportable/non-reportable MIHA Miscellaneous expenses and the Overseas Housing Allowance Query to determine the amount payable. ***Only one payment is authorized at a PDS unless par. U10026-B2 applies***.

b. MIHA/Rent. ***Homeowners are ineligible.*** MIHA/Rent totally covers reasonable rent-related expenses. These are fixed, one-time, nonrefundable charges levied on behalf of the landlord, or a foreign GOV'T that the member must pay before/upon occupying a dwelling. ***Expenses deferred until lease termination are not MIHA/Rent.*** Examples are real estate agents' fees, redecoration fees if paid up-front, and/or one-time lease tax. Advance rental payments, refundable deposits, and/or recurring costs are not covered. All unreasonable expenditures, as determined by the authorizing/approving official, must be disallowed. See APP N, par. C.

c. MIHA/Security. MIHA/Security covers reasonable security-related expenses for a member assigned to an area in which dwellings must be modified to minimize terrorist and/or criminal threat. See APP N, par. D for qualifying areas and additional rules.

5. Each member authorized OHA receives MIHA/Miscellaneous. To receive MIHA/Miscellaneous, the member must have the Service-designated official complete Block 11 of DD Form 2367. Additionally, a member with qualifying rent, or security related expenses, must complete and submit DD Form 2556. Each member classified as a sharer and authorized MIHA is authorized the full MIHA/Miscellaneous allowance. However, for MIHA/Rent and MIHA/Security, only one sharer may claim the individual expense. See APP N, pars. C and D.

6. Acceptable claims for MIHA/Rent and/or MIHA/Security must include proper documentation and all receipts for expenditures of $75 or more.

U10028 OHA ADVANCE PAYMENT

See APP K, Part 2 for detailed information on areas with rental advance protection under OHA.

A. Authorization

1. Advance Rent – General. Rental payments should be made on a month-to-month basis whenever possible. This avoids the need for rental advances.

2. Advance Rent of Less than 4 Months, Security Deposits, and/or Initial Expenses. The Senior Officer in-country or the Senior Officer's designated representative, may authorize an advance OHA payment to pay advance rent (see par. U10028-A3), security deposits, and/or MIHA-related expenses incident to occupying private sector housing. ***Personal preference is not grounds for authorizing advance rent payment.*** Advance OHA is not authorized for lease arrangements in which the member lives rent free after making a one-time payment to the landlord with the anticipation that the rental amount is to be either completely or substantially refunded at lease termination. The advance may be made at any time during the member's tour. It also may be authorized when a member has located housing incident to a PCS authorization/order.

3. Advance Rent of 4 or More Months. Rental advances of 4 or more months (but not for period longer than a year) may be made only for the locations authorized by PDTATAC in Part IV, APP K. Requests for a rental advance of 4 or more months are considered for approval if the requirement for the advance rent exists due to:

a. law,

b. local custom for everyone, including local nationals, or

c. economic (i.e., market) conditions preclude availability of secure housing, as confirmed by the U.S. Embassy.

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

Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
ATTN: Division Chief
4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

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

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

1. Anticipated housing expenses, or

2. OHA accruable for the member's tour at that PDS,

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

C. Liquidation

1. Repayment within 12 Months. Liquidating monthly installments should be at a rate of one-twelfth of the amount advanced for the next 12 months. Collection action should begin on the first day of the month after payment of the advance.

2. Postpone Collection Start. When justified by the member and authorized by an official designated by the Service concerned, the collection start may be postponed for up to 3 months after the advance. Repayment may be spread over a period of more than 1 year, but NTE the member's tour at the PDS.

3. Advance Rent Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of advance rent until the member vacates the housing for which the advance rent was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.

4. Security Deposit Repayment Postponement until the Member Vacates Housing. An official designated by the Service concerned may postpone repayment of the entire amount of a security deposit of $500 or more until the member vacates the housing for which the security deposit was paid. Repayment period may be postponed if earlier repayment during the member's tour would create an excessive economic burden.

5. Recouping Lump Sum Returned by Landlord. Action to recoup in a lump sum any advance made under par, U10028 that has been returned to the member by the landlord must be taken immediately upon receipt of information that the member has vacated the housing for which the advance was made. Any balance of an advance not returned by the landlord may be liquidated in monthly installments, if desired by the member, for a period over the balance of the months remaining on the member's existing loan repayment schedule.

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

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

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

1. The rental allowance in effect at the time of the advance, or

2. Any higher rental allowance implemented during the repayment period of the advance.

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

U10030 OHA COMPUTATION DATA

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

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

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

PART B: DEPENDENCY

U10100 DETERMINATIONS AND FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

A. Determinations. In determining relationship or dependency for housing allowance eligibility, the appropriate officials must apply the rules in Table U10B-1 or U10B-2. All determinations of dependency and relationships are made by:

1. Service Secretary or designee for primary dependents (the designee may re-delegate) or

   a. Army and Air Force determinations are made by the offices in Table U10B-1.

   b. Navy and Marine Corps determinations are made by the offices in Table U10B-2.

2. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for secondary dependents and doubtful primary dependents for Army, Navy and Air Force, or

   a. CMC-MRP-1 for Marines,

   b. According to Service regulations for non-DOD Services.

B. Dependency Approval. Dependency must be determined before a housing allowance is authorized. After initial approval, the Services must maintain adequate levels of internal audit to assure the legality, propriety, and correctness of all housing allowance payments. See individual Service regulations for procedures.

C. Dependents' Status Certification. Upon arrival at a new PDS, each member who is authorized a housing allowance for dependents must recertify to the Secretary Concerned indicating the status of each dependent to support a housing allowance on the dependents' behalf. If a member fails to provide the certification in a timely manner, the housing allowance on dependents' behalf is stopped at the end of the month in which the certification is due. A housing allowance at the appropriate partial or without-dependent rate is paid unless the member is not authorized to that allowance for some other reason. A housing allowance at the with-dependent rate is authorized effective the date the member provides proper certification. The higher rate is not retroactive unless the member's commander certifies that the failure to recertify timely was for reasons beyond the member's control.

D. RC Member. After initial certification, an RC member must recertify dependency status at least every third year from the previous certification or upon a dependency status change.

E. Dependency Re-determinations. Annual re-determination of dependency is required for a member who claims a housing allowance for:

1. Parents, parents-in-law, stepparents, parents-by-adoption, or in-loco-parentis,

2. Students 21 and 22 years of age,

3. Incapacitated children over age 21, or

4. Ward of a court.

F. Fraudulent Claims. Any member who submits a claim for housing allowance which contains false statements is subject to court-martial or criminal prosecution. In addition, fraudulent acceptance of benefits may cause a civilian recipient to be subject to criminal prosecution. The law provides for severe penalties of imprisonment and a fine. For military personnel, it may include a punitive separation, total forfeitures, and confinement.

U10102 DEPENDENTS

A. Lawful Spouse and Legitimate, Unmarried, Minor Children. A member's lawful spouse and legitimate, unmarried, minor children are always dependents for housing allowance purposes except under the situations in par. U10102-B below and in pars. U10106 and U10202.

B. No Authorization on Dependent's Behalf. A member is not authorized a housing allowance for:

1. A minor child who is entitled to basic pay as a member on active duty in a Uniformed Service. This includes a minor child attending one of the Military Service academies at which QTRS are furnished by the U.S.

2. A spouse who is on active duty in a U.S. Uniformed Service and entitled to basic pay and allowances. See Ch 10, Part C, and Table U10C-1 for a guide to housing allowances when both spouses are in the Military Service and entitled to basic pay and allowances.

3. A dependent for whom the member has been absolved of the requirement to provide support; for example, desertion without cause.

4. A dependent whose whereabouts is unknown and whose absence or whereabouts remains unexplained.

5. A former spouse to whom the member is paying alimony.

6. A dependent who occupies GOV'T QTRS as a permanent residence without payment of a rental charge. See par. U10126 for exception.

*7. A child/children for whom the member pays child support, if the child/children is/are in another active duty member's custody (including a former spouse) who is assigned to GOV'T owned/leased family-type QTRS (does not include privatized quarters) or is in receipt of a with-dependent housing allowance on behalf of the child/children. See pars. U10120, U10122, U10124, U10126 and U10206.

C. Dependent Spouse in Foreign Service. A member is authorized a housing allowance for a spouse in military service of a GOV'T other than the U.S. This applies even though the spouse is furnished QTRS or paid a monetary allowance in lieu of QTRS by that government.

U10104 MEMBER'S MARRIAGE STATUS DETERMINATION

A. Determination. Any case in which the validity of a member's marriage is questioned is a case of doubtful relationship.

B. Remarriage within Prohibited Period Following Divorce. Under the laws of some states, a marriage is not dissolved until a specified period has elapsed after a divorce decree is granted. Remarriage is prohibited within the specified period. In all states that grant an interlocutory decree before granting a final divorce decree, remarriage may not occur before the final decree is granted.

C. Marriage by Proxy. Proxy marriages are valid if performed in a jurisdiction which recognizes common-law marriages and has no statute or judicial determination prohibiting proxy marriages.

D. Marriage by Telephone. A marriage by telephone is recognized only if a statute or court decision authorizes or recognizes telephone marriages in the jurisdiction in which the marriage was performed.

E. Common-Law Marriages. Under laws of certain states, a common-law marriage may be entered into by persons who do not obtain a license to marry or go through certain other formalities. Common-law marriages entered into in those states are valid if they are contracted IAW state law.

F. Foreign Nation Divorce. A foreign nation divorce may or may not be recognized as valid in the U.S. depending on several factors. These factors include place(s) of residence of the parties involved, whether they appeared in person to obtain the divorce, and applicable state laws. Any claim involving remarriage of a member following a foreign nation divorce and any claim by or on behalf of the spouse from whom the member has obtained a foreign nation divorce are cases of doubtful relationship. A claim based on a member's marriage to a person who has obtained a foreign nation divorce is also a doubtful case.

G. Purported Marriage

1. Void Marriage. If a member's marriage is void (because of a pre-existing marriage of the spouse, for example) the member has no lawful spouse and is not authorized a housing allowance at the with-dependent rate as a result of the purported marriage. When marriage invalidity is discovered, no further housing allowance payments at the with-dependent rate may be made for any period. See Table U10A-2, rule 4. The member may retain payments already received if they are validated under DODFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 50, Section 5006 for DOD Services or Service Directives for non-DOD Services. When validity of a marriage is questionable, submit the case to the office shown in par. U10104-G3 for a determination on the marriage validity and, if necessary, validation of payments already made.

2. Annulled Marriage. If a member's marriage is annulled by court decree, no further housing allowance payments may be made for any period. See Table U10A-2, rule 3. The member may retain payments received before the effective date of the decree. Since validation under DODFMR, Volume 7a, Section 5005 for DOD Services or Service Directives for non-DOD Services is required for retention of such payments in some annulment cases (based on legal factors), submit all annulment cases to the office shown in par. U10014-G3 for review and, if necessary, validation of payments made.

3. Determination and Validations. Submit requests for determination on validity of a marriage (doubtful cases) or for validation of payments to the appropriate address shown below:

a. Army:
DFAS-PMTEC-C/IN
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-0855

b. Navy:
DFAS-CL/PMMACB
1240 East 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44199-2055

c. Air Force:
DFAS-PMJPD/DE
6760 East Irvington Place
Denver, CO 80279-3000

d. Marine Corps:
Commandant of the Marine Corps (MRP-1)
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5143

e. Coast Guard:
Commanding Officer (LGL)
Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
Federal Bldg.
444 S.E. Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

f. NOAA Corps
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333

g. U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps
Office of Commissioned Corps Support Services
Attention: Compensation Branch
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-50
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

H. Child of Legally Invalid Marriage. An unmarried minor child of an invalid marriage, or a marriage annulled as void or voidable, is a dependent for housing allowance purposes.

U10106 DEPENDENT SUPPORT

A. Proof of Support. The statutory purpose of a housing allowance on behalf of a dependent is to at least partially reimburse a member for the expense of providing private QTRS for the dependents when GOV'T QTRS are not furnished, and not to pay a housing allowance for a dependent as a bonus merely for the technical status of being married or a parent. Proof of support of a lawful spouse or unmarried, minor, legitimate child of a member is generally not required. However, when evidence (e.g., special investigation reports; record reviews; fraud, waste and abuse complaints; sworn testimony of individuals; statement by member) or complaints from dependents of nonsupport or inadequate support are received, proof of adequate support as stated in par. U10106-E is required.

B. Nonsupport. A member who fails to support a dependent on whose behalf a housing allowance is received is not authorized a housing allowance on that dependent's behalf. Recoup for nonsupport or inadequate support periods. Unless a nonsupport or inadequate support period was caused by Service mission requirements (e.g., remote assignment, deployed, limited access to administrative support and/or financial networks, etc.), or outside agencies' actions (such as financial institutions, postal service, etc.) over which the member has no control, as determined by Service regulations, the subsequent arrears support payment does not authorize a member a housing allowance for the dependent for the nonsupport or inadequate support period. If a member is not authorized a housing allowance for dependents under par. U10106-C through U10106-I, consider authorization for without-dependents or BAH-Partial par. U10400, U10428 or U10010. ***NOTE: A member does not avoid the legal responsibility to comply with a court order for support by forfeiting a housing allowance.***

C. Legal Separation Agreement or Court Decree, Judgment or Order Silent on Support, Not Stating Support Amount, or Absolving Member of Support Responsibility. A legal separation agreement, court decree, judgment, or order that is silent on dependent support, does not state the dependent support amount, or absolves the member of dependent support responsibility does not of itself affect a member's housing allowance authorization. This is true regardless of the jurisdiction in which the decree, agreement or order was issued or of the dependent's domicile. The member is authorized a housing allowance on behalf of a dependent if the member contributes to the dependent's support in an amount that is not less than the applicable BAH-DIFF rate.

D. Legal Separation Agreement or Court Order Stating Support Amount. If there is a court order or legal separation agreement stating the support amount, a member must contribute to the dependent's support the amount specified therein, but in no case may the support payments be less than the applicable BAH-DIFF rate.

1. When a member is divorced from a nonmember, and they share joint legal custody of a child, and the ex-spouse is awarded primary physical custody, then the member is a non-custodial parent for housing allowance purposes. If the member's court-ordered child support is less than the applicable BAH-DIFF rate, and the member is not residing in, or assigned to, GOV'T QTRS, the member is only authorized a housing allowance at the without-dependents rate. However, a member who pays additional support to the ex-spouse having primary custody of the child(ren) so that the total child support provided is equal to or more than the BAH-DIFF rate, and who is not assigned to GOV'T QTRS, is authorized a housing allowance at the with-dependents rate.

2. When a member has temporary custody of a child and they reside in private QTRS, then the cost of maintaining a residence is not a factor in determining authorization for the with-dependents housing allowance rate and may not be used instead of, or in addition to, child support to qualify for increased allowances. The dependent child must reside with the member on a non-temporary basis (e.g., for a period of more than 90 consecutive days) for the member to qualify for the with-dependents housing allowance rate for the temporary period. The cost of maintaining a home may not be added to the child support amount to qualify for the increased allowances.

E. Adequate Support. If the support requirements are not established by court order or legal separation agreement, a member must provide a support amount that is not less than the BAH-DIFF rate applicable to the member's grade. The support amount required to retain or receive a housing allowance for a dependent does not necessarily mean that such amount is adequate to meet the Service Concerned policy as to what constitutes adequate support in the absence of a legal separation agreement or court order.

F. Increase in Support Required by Increase in BAH-DIFF Rates. Whenever there is an increase in BAH-DIFF rates, the minimum required support for housing allowance purposes increases to the new rate. A member receiving a housing allowance on behalf of a dependent must increase the amount of support, when applicable, within 60 days of the increase to continue receiving the housing allowance on the dependent's behalf.

G. Settlement Agreement

1. Property settlements made under a court order or written agreement are not support for housing allowance purposes.

2. Payments made under a settlement in place of support are support for the period expressly provided in the written agreement or court order.

3. A lump-sum settlement in place of support made under written agreement or court order is support for the period the lump sum would reasonably cover the dependent's support.

H. Interlocutory Decree of Divorce. If an interlocutory decree of divorce does not provide for support to the spouse, the member is not authorized a housing allowance for the spouse after the date of the decree unless proof of support is furnished.

I. Doubtful Cases. Submit any doubtful cases involving support for determination to the offices listed in par. U10104-G3.

U10108 SECONDARY DEPENDENTS

An incapacitated child over age 21, a ward of the court, or an unmarried child over age 21 and under age 23 (fulltime in college), requires an in fact dependency IAW Service regulations. The child must be dependent upon the member for over one-half of the child's support. This means:

1. The child's income, not counting the member's contributions, must be less than one-half of the child's living expenses, and

2. The member's contribution must be more than one-half of the child's monthly living expenses.

U10110 DEPENDENT CHILD ADOPTED BY A THIRD PARTY

A member is not authorized a housing allowance for a child after the child is adopted by a third party and final adoption order or decree has been entered. Authorization for a housing allowance continues after an interlocutory decree has been entered if the decree does not change the legal relationship between the child and the member, and the member supports the child.

U10112 DEPENDENT CONFINED IN PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

A. Housing Allowance Payable. Confinement of a member's spouse or unmarried minor child in a penal or correctional institution does not affect member's authorization for a housing allowance on the dependent's behalf, unless:

1. The member refuses to support the dependent.

2. The member has been absolved from supporting the dependent.

3. The period of confinement may extend beyond 5 years.

4. The case is otherwise doubtful.

B. Doubtful Cases. Submit cases involving a sentence extending beyond 5 years, and doubtful cases to the addresses shown in par. U10104-G3. Do not pay a housing allowance on behalf of the dependent pending decision.

U10114 DEPENDENT PARENT

A. Determination Basis. A parent's dependency is determined based on an affidavit submitted by the parent, and any other evidence required under applicable regulations. The applicable authority in par. U10104-G3 makes the dependency determination. A legal guardian may complete the form for a mentally incompetent parent.

B. Dependency Requirement. A member is authorized a housing allowance on behalf of a parent if the parent is dependent upon the member for over one-half of their support. This means:

1. The parents' income, not counting the member's contribution, must be less than one-half of their monthly living expenses, and

2. The member's contribution must be more than one-half of the parent's monthly living expenses.

C. Change in Dependent Status. A member is authorized a housing allowance for any active duty period during which the parent dependency is shown to exist, whether the dependency arose before or after the member entered service. If dependency arises due to changed circumstances, and the facts show the member has started to contribute over one-half of the parents' support, a housing allowance is authorized from the date the contribution began.

D. Stepparent. A stepparent/stepchild relationship ends upon divorce from the blood parent, but not necessarily upon the blood parent's death. A housing allowance for a stepparent may be established after the blood parent's death.

U10116 DEPENDENCY DETERMINATION FACTORS FOR PARENTS

A. Family Unit Rule. In determining a parent's dependency, the total income and expenses of the family unit of which the parent is a member must be considered. Ordinarily, the member's contribution to the expenses of the unit must exceed one-half of the unit's total expenses before any one person in the unit can be considered dependent on the member. For example, a mother cannot be considered dependent if she is a member of a family unit in which her husband is supporting himself but is not providing sufficiently for the mother's individual needs.

B. Equity and Good Conscience. When application of the family unit rule results in manifest injustice, any other available evidence of dependency is considered, and determination made according to principles of equity and good conscience.

C. Charity. Contributions made to parents by charitable organizations are counted as part of the parent's income.

D. Charitable Institution. A parent's residence in a charitable institution, public or private, is not a bar to authorization if the member claims a housing allowance for the parent and other authorization conditions are met.

E. Social Security, Unemployment Compensation, and Pensions. Payments made to the parent from the Social Security Administration, unemployment compensation, and financial assistance from governmental agencies, are counted as part of the parent's income. Pensions received by the parent are also considered income.

F. Capital Assets. Unliquidated capital assets are not income, and parents are not required to deplete their capital assets to establish dependency on a member for housing allowance purposes. However, proceeds derived from the liquidation of capital assets are income. Amounts placed in reserve for depreciation of property held for income ordinarily are available for a parent's current living expenses, and are therefore, income.

G. Rate of Return Rule. In determining dependency of parents who possess uninvested capital, compute the income return on the basis of 5.25 percent per annum.

U10118 ADOPTED, ILLEGITIMATE AND STEPCHILD(REN)

A. General. Adopted children, illegitimate children, and stepchild(ren) are primary dependents. As a result, dependency is no longer required for these dependents.

B. Proof of Parentage. A member who claims a housing allowance for an adopted child, stepchild, or a child born out of wedlock (parents are not married to each other at the time of the child's birth) must provide proof of parentage as follows:

1. For an adopted child, document showing the member is the child's legal parent.

2. For a stepchild, a marriage license showing the member is married to the child's legal parent and documentation showing that the member's spouse is the child's parent.

3. For a child born out of wedlock, a birth certificate with the member's name cited is required. If the member's name is not stated on the birth certificate, or a court-order, obtain a signed statement of parentage from the member. If the illegitimate child(ren) is (are) not in the custody of the member parent, the case is treated IAW the rules for BAH-DIFF. The same rules apply when applicable to a member-mother not having custody, see par. U10008.

C. Support Requirements. The member-parent may claim a dependent child(ren), adopted child(ren), illegitimate child(ren), and stepchild(ren) for housing allowance purposes. Proof of dependent support is ordinarily not required. The provisions of U10106-A are applied. The member is authorized a housing allowance if the member contributes to the dependent(s)' support and that support is not less than the applicable BAH-DIFF. This includes a member authorized BAH-DIFF and a member assigned to single type QTRS when the child(ren) is/are in the physical custody of another person.

U10120 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER SPOUSE REMARRIED TO ANOTHER SERVICE MEMBER

A. Child in GOV'T QTRS. When a member's child resides in GOV'T QTRS not assigned to the divorced member parent, that member is not authorized a housing allowance for the child.

B. Child Not in GOV'T QTRS. A housing allowance may not be paid for a child to both the stepparent and the natural parent at the same time. The natural parent has priority to a housing allowance for that child if providing adequate support.

NOTE: See pars. U10206, U10120, U10122 and U10124 when former or estranged spouse is also a member.

U10122 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER SPOUSE – MEMBER REMARRIES

Par. U10402-A2 does not apply in the case of a member who is required to support a child in the custody of a former spouse when the member remarries and is assigned to or occupies GOV'T family QTRS. The member is not authorized a housing allowance for the child living with the former spouse. See par. U10208 when upon remarriage, the member marries a member.

U10124 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER SPOUSE OR ESTRANGED SPOUSE WHO IS A MEMBER ASSIGNED FAMILY QTRS

When the member parent having custody of the child(ren) is assigned to, or occupies, adequate family-type QTRS with the child(ren) while receiving child support, the member parent paying child support is not authorized a housing allowance for the child(ren).

U10126 CHILD(REN) LIVING WITH FORMER OR ESTRANGED SPOUSE IN FAMILY QTRS VISITS MEMBER

When a child(ren) who normally reside(s) in GOV'T family QTRS with a member's former or estranged spouse (custodial parent) visits the member in private QTRS for more than 90 days, the visit is considered non-temporary and the member is authorized a housing allowance for the child(ren) from the first day of the visit. If the visit is 90 days or less, a housing allowance for the child(ren) is not payable for any part of the visit.

WHO DETERMINES HOUSING ALLOWANCE DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE MEMBERS

Table U10B-1

RULE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
								then		
								determination is made by		a claim must be submitted through channels for determination, or submission to DOHA for decision
	If the dep claimed is	**and marriage is**	**and is under age 21**	**and is**	**and certified court adoption papers are**	**and the child has income from source other than member**	**and is incapable of self support**	**Army disbursing officer or de-signee**	**USAF FSO or de-signee**	
1	spouse	lawful						X /**7**	X	
2		legally questionable /**1**							X /**8**	X
3	child unmarried		yes	legitimate, or legitimated by marriage of blood parents				X /**3, 7**	X /**3**	
4				Adopted/**2**	available /**3**	no				
5						yes			X /**3, 8**	X /**6**
6					not available /**4**				X /**3, 8**	
7				Stepchild/**3,7**		no		X /**3, 8**	X /**3**	
8						yes			X /**3, 8**	X /**5**
9			yes	illegitimate child of member or legitimated by affidavit or court order					X /**8**	X
10			no				yes/**2**			
11	child, married	terminated by divorce, annulment, or death of spouse	yes						X /**8**	X
12	parent, including in loco parentis /**2**									

NOTES:

1. Includes common law spouse; those married by proxy or telephone or within a prohibited period following divorce, or a divorce granted by a foreign country; and purported marriages.
2. Must be in fact dependent on Service member for substantial portion of support.
3. Applies also if the child is in custody of someone other than Service member (divorced spouse, parent, etc.).
4. If this is interlocutory decree of adoption, case must be submitted to DFAS-IN or DFAS-DE for determination.
5. In case of an Army member, the claim must be sent to DFAS-IN only when determination cannot be made by disbursing officer under AR 37-104-3, Chapter 2, Part 3 or is not covered by note 8.
6. This includes an illegitimate child of the spouse, when the member is not the blood parent. See par. U10118.
7. In the case of an Army RC member, the initial determination for dependents listed in rules 1, 3, 4, and 7 can be made by the RC unit commander or servicing Military Personnel Officer.
8. Claim is sent to DFAS-PMJPD/DE as prescribed in DFAS-DEM 7073-1, Chapter 26.

WHO DETERMINES DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIP FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEMBERS

Table U10B-2

RULE	A	B	C				D	E	F				
			and member is a						then determination is made by				
	If the dependent claimed is	and	USN officer	USMC Officer	USN enlisted member	USMC enlisted mbrs	and	and	DFAS Cleveland	USMC Commandant	Commanding Officer of a battalion squadron/separate detached command	Disbursing Officer	Claim must be submitted through channels for determination or submission to DOHA for decision/2.
1	any person who can qualify as a dependent				X				X				
2	a spouse	marriage is unquestionably legal	X									X	
3				X		X	neither member has been previously married	marriage contracted with various states/ territories by legal/civil/ religious ceremony			X /1		
4		marriage is of doubtful legality (see par. U10104)				X				X			
5			X	X									X
6	unmarried legitimate child	child is under age 21	X									X /2	
7				X							X /2		
8							dep child is of present or former spouse/3				X /4		
9	a combination of any of the deps in rules 2 - 8	child is under age 21				X					X /4		
10	an unmarried child	child is age 21 or older	X	X									X
11						X				X			
12	an unmarried stepchild or adopted child	child's dependency relationship is not doubtful	X		X							X	
13				X							X		
14						X					X		
15			X		X				X				
16				X		X				X			
17	an unmarried illegitimate child		X		X				X				
18						X				X		X	
19				X							X		
20	a parent (incl in loco parentis)		X		X				X				
21				X		X				X			

***NOTES*:**

1. This same rule applies when either member or spouse has been previously married, if the previous marriage was dissolved by death, final decree or divorce, or by annulment (not prohibiting remarriage).
2. Submit doubtful cases through channels to the DOHA.
3. The child's birth date must be after the date of the marriage concerned.
4. Submit questionable cases to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

APPENDIX A

PART I: DEFINITIONS

As used in these regulations, and unless otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, the following definitions apply.

ACADEMY, SERVICE. 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. Seat space, berths, roomettes, bedrooms, and staterooms on transportation facilities. Types include:

1. Air Economy or Coach or Air Tourist. A type available on commercial aircraft at rates lower than first class or other premium class.

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS, APPROVED. Any place of public lodging that is listed on the national master list of approved accommodations. The national master 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 at ***http://www.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/indes.htm***.

ACCOMMODATIONS, COMMON CARRIER.

1. First-Class. Generally, the highest accommodations class offered by commercial airlines in terms of both cost and amenities and termed "first class" by the airlines and in reservations systems. Includes suites offered by commercial ships, and the highest service class, including bedrooms, roomettes, club service, parlor car, or other premium accommodations offered by passenger rail carriers.

2. Business-Class. A premium accommodations class offered by commercial airlines that is higher than economy/coach and lower than first-class in both cost and amenities (e.g., business-class). This class of accommodation is generally referred to as "business, business elite, business first, world business, connoisseur, or envoy" depending on the airline. For business-class definition for trains see par. U3135-B3.

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

4. Slumber Coach. The least expensive sleeping accommodations available on a train.

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

ACCOMMODATIONS, PUBLIC. Any inn, hotel, or other establishment within a State (and the District of Columbia) that provides lodging to transient guests, excluding:

1. A GOV'T-owned establishment;

2. An establishment treated as an apartment building by State or local law or regulation; or

3. An establishment containing not more than 5 rooms for rent or hire that also is occupied as a residence by the proprietor.

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

ACTUAL EXPENSE. Payment of authorized actual expenses incurred, up to the limit prescribed by the Administrator of GSA or agency, as appropriate. Authorization for reimbursement is contingent on authorization for per diem, and is subject to the same definitions and rules governing per diem.

ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES. The same items as those included under Per Diem Allowance, ***NOTE 2***.

ADVANCED TRAVEL OF DEPENDENTS. The movement of dependents based on a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) authorization/order, but before member travel.

AGENCY.

A. Includes a/an:

1. Executive agency, as defined in 5 USC §101;

2. Military department;

3. Office, agency or other establishment in the legislative branch;

4. An office, agency or other establishment in the judicial branch; and

5. The Government of the District of Columbia.

B. Does NOT include a/an:

1. GOV'T-controlled corporation;

2. Member of Congress; or

3. Office or committee of either House of Congress or of the two Houses.

ANNUAL TRAINING DUTY. Active duty required of the Ready Reserve to satisfy the training requirements of the member's annual reserve assignment (See DOD and Service regulations). ***NOTE: 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.***

APPROVED. The ratification or confirmation of an act already done.

ARMED FORCES. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. See 37 USC §101(4).

ATTENDANT. An attendant:

1. Is a member, employee, or other person who, IAW a travel authorization/order/ITA, accompanies a member authorized to travel to/from a medical facility for required medical attention that is not available locally;

2. Takes care of and waits upon the member patient in response to the patient's needs;

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.

AUTHORIZED.

a. Permission given before an act.

b. 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.

AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE RATES. ***See MILEAGE (ALLOWANCE).***

BAGGAGE. Personal effects of a traveler needed ICW official travel and immediately upon arrival at the assignment point. GOV'T material may be included. ***NOTE: Baggage may accompany a traveler (accompanied baggage) or be transported separately from the traveler (UB).***

BAGGAGE, ACCOMPANIED. Baggage that is not part of the HHG weight allowance and consists of coats, brief cases, suitcases, and similar luggage that accompanies a traveler on a transportation ticket.

BAGGAGE, UNACCOMPANIED (UB). That part of a member's prescribed weight allowance of HHG that:

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

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

3. 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.

NOTE 1: UB ICW permanent duty and 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 or furniture must not be included in unaccompanied baggage.

NOTE 2: ICW an extended TDY assignment, UB is limited to the necessary personal clothing and effects for the individual and equipment directly related to the assignment.

BLANKET TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER. (Also called Unlimited Open, Limited Open, or Repeat Travel Authorization/Order.) An authorization/order issued to a member 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. ***Also see TRAVEL ORDER***.

NOTE 1: The blanket/repeat travel authorization/order is not used in DTS.

NOTE 2: A blanket/repeat TDY travel authorization/order must never authorize premium-class travel. If travel in premium-class accommodations becomes necessary for one or more specific trips, an authorization/order amendment, containing the necessary separate required statements for each trip, must be issued.

NOTE 3: AEA is prescribed only on an individual trip basis, and only after consideration of the facts existing in each case. AEA must not be authorized as part of a blanket/repeat travel authorization/order or used as blanket authority to authorize/approve automatic AEA for all travel to an area (par. U4215). NOTE 3 does not apply to the Coast Guard.

BUSINESS-CLASS. Travel and accommodations/service that fall between first-class and economy-/coach-class accommodations. Business-class accommodations usually, but do not have to, have their own cabin/facilities between first-class and economy-/coach-class accommodations. ***See par. U3125-B2b for business-class transportation authority (restricted to the two-star flag level and civilian equivalents.***

CALENDAR DAY. The 24-hour period from one midnight to the next midnight. ***NOTE: The calendar day technically begins one second after midnight (reflects as 0001) and ends at midnight (2400.)***

CAPACITY-CONTROLLED CITY-PAIR AIRFARE. See the CITY-PAIR AIRFARE CONTRACT at ***www.gsa.gov/citypair***. ***These airfares are not used in cost-construction.***

CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER. ***See U.S. FLAG AIR 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. See the CITY-PAIR AIRFARE CONTRACT at ***www.gsa.gov/citypair*** **.**

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.

COMMANDANT'S PAROLE. 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. ***NOTE: The prisoner must remain under the supervision of the Commandant of a U.S. disciplinary barracks.***

COMMAND SPONSORED DEPENDENT. ***See DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED.***

COMMERCIAL POV STORAGE FACILITY. Any commercial fee-for-service facility open to the public for daily or long-term storage of motor vehicles.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTER. A transporter operating under the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 (Public Law 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.

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. ***NOTE: This does not include regularly scheduled courses of instruction conducted at a GOV'T or commercial training facility.***

CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR (COT). ***(Also see IN PLACE CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR.)*** The PCS reassignment of a member from one OCONUS PDS to another OCONUS PDS.

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS). The 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia.

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 United States or against an opposing military force; or

2. Results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of a Uniformed Services member under 10 USC §688, §12301(a), §12302, §12304, §12305, or §12406; Chapter 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 airfares.

(CONTRACTED) COMMERCIAL TRAVEL OFFICE/TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (CTO/TMC). 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.

DEFENSE TABLE OF OFFICIAL DISTANCES (DTOD). The DOD standard source for worldwide distance information based on city-to-city distance (***not*** zip code to zip code) replacing all other sources used for computing distance (except airplanes). For more information refer to the DTOD website at ***dtod.sddc.army.mil***.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) COMPONENTS. Also ref the Defense Almanac ***http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/almanac/*** and/or the Department of Defense at the mil.com website ***http://www.gov.com/agency/dod/agency.html***

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (including the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff)
Department of the Army
Department of the Air Force
Department of the Navy (including the Marine Corps)
DOD Inspector General
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES: American Forces Information Service Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office Defense Technology Security Administration DOD Counterintelligence Field Activity DOD Education Activity DOD Human Resources Activity Office of Economic Adjustments TRICARE Management Activity Washington Headquarters Services
DEFENSE AGENCIES: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Defense Commissary Agency

DEFENSE AGENCIES (cont.): Defense Contract Audit Agency Defense Contract Management Agency Defense Finance and Accounting Service Defense Information Systems Agency Defense Intelligence Agency Defense Legal Services Agency Defense Logistics Agency Defense Security Cooperation Agency Defense Security Service Defense Threat Reduction Agency Missile Defense Agency National Geospatial Intelligence Agency National Geospatial Intelligence College National Security Agency/Central Security Service Pentagon Force Protection Agency
JOINT SERVICE SCHOOLS: Joint Military Intelligence College Defense Acquisition University National Defense University Joint Professional Military Education Colleges Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

DEPENDENT. 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 par. U7115-A, or for transportation for survivors of a deceased member authorized in 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: ***(See exception NOTES above.)***

1. A member's spouse;

2. A member's unmarried child under age 21 (including an infant born after a PCS authorization/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 an illegitimate child of the member's spouse, B-177061/B-177129, 13 December 1974) ***NOTE: A stepchild is excluded as a dependent after divorce of the member 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 par. U5900-E.;

11. For a dependency determination made on or after 1 July 1994, an unmarried person who:

a. Is placed in the member's legal custody as a result of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in a CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area for a period of at least 12 months; and

(1) Has not attained age 21, or

(2) Has not attained the age 23 and is enrolled in a full time course of study at an institution of higher learning approved by the Secretary Concerned, or

(3) Is incapable of self support because of a mental or physical incapacity that occurred while the person was a dependent of the member or former member under (1) or (2), and

b. Is dependent on the member for over one-half of his/her support, as prescribed in regulations of the Secretary Concerned; and

c. Resides with the member unless separated by the necessity of military service or to receive institutional care as a result of disability, incapacitation, or such other circumstances as the Secretary Concerned may by regulation prescribe; and

d. Is not a dependent of a member under any other paragraph.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following pertinent information is quoted from the DODFMR, Volume 7A, Interim Change 24-03:

(Par. 260402-D) Common-Law Marriages. Under laws of certain states, a common-law marriage may be entered into by persons who do not obtain a license to marry or go through certain other formalities. Common-law marriages entered into in those states are considered valid if they are contracted IAW state law.

(Par. 260403) Validity of Member's marriage. Any case in which the validity of a member's marriage is questioned is considered a case of doubtful relationship.

(Par. U10104-G3) Determination and Validation. Submit request for determination on validity of a marriage (doubtful cases) or for validation of payments to the appropriate address shown below:

a. Army
DFAS-PMTEC-C/IN
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-0855

b. Navy
DFAS-CL/PMMACB
1240 East 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44199-2055

c. Air Force
DFAS-PMJPD/DE
6760 East Irvington Place
Denver, CO 80279-3000

d. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps (MRP-1)
3280 Russell Avenue
Quantico, VA 22134-5143

e. NOAA Corps
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333

f. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer (LGL)
Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
Federal Bldg.
444 S.E. Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

g. U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps
Office of Commissioned Corps Support Services
5600 Fisher Lane, Room 4-50
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

Pertinent GSBCA decisions
GSBCA 15947-RELO, 31 March 2003 available at: ***http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1594703.txt***
GSBCA 15382-RELO, 20 December 2000 available at: ***http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1538220.txt***
GSBCA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000 available at: ***http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1520719.txt***
GSBCA 14673-RELO, 9 December 1998 available at: ***http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1467309.txt***
GSBCA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998 available at: ***http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r141220.txt***

DEPENDENT, ACQUIRED. A dependent acquired through marriage, adoption, or other action during the course of the current tour of assigned duty. ***NOTE: The term does not include persons dependent, or children born of a marriage that existed, before the beginning of a current tour.***

DEPENDENT, COMMAND-SPONSORED. (Also see **DEPENDENT**) 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. 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. Command sponsorship is not required to receive OHA at the with-dependent rate.

DEPENDENT-RESTRICTED TOUR. A tour at any overseas duty station with an established tour that does not permit command-sponsored dependents. Also, referred to as an unaccompanied hardship overseas tour or remote tour. Also describes a tour at a station 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. Except as used in Ch 6 (Evacuation Allowances):

1. A place in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area;

2. The foreign OCONUS place to which dependents are specifically authorized to travel under par. U5222-D1, when a member is ordered to an unaccompanied or dependent restricted tour, as applicable. ***NOTE: Limited to the native country of a foreign born spouse for DOD Services and Coast Guard.***;

3. 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 par. U5222-C4, U5222-D1 or U5222-F3;

4. The OCONUS place in the old PDS vicinity at which dependents remain under the provisions of par. U5222-F3, while a member serves a dependent-restricted or unaccompanied tour;

5. The foreign OCONUS place to which dependents are specifically authorized to travel under par. U5900, when early return of dependents is authorized. ***NOTE: Limited to the native country of a foreign born spouse for DOD Services and Coast Guard.***

NOTE 1: 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 dependents' transportation is authorized at GOV'T expense.

NOTE 2: For the definition of "designated place" as used in Ch 6 (Evacuation Allowances), see pars. U6002-A and U6051-A.

DETACHMENT. 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.

DISCOUNT GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE. The daily rate prescribed for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/ mess after operating cost removal. See definition of "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 distances.

DUTY STATION. 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.

EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENT. 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 authorization/order.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PCS ORDER. ***See PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE.***

EMPLOYEE. A civilian individual:

1. Employed by an agency (as defined in APP A), regardless of status or grade;

2. Employed intermittently as an expert or consultant and paid on a daily WAE basis; or

3. Serving without pay or at $1 a year (5 USC §5701(2)) (also referred to as "invitational traveler" for TDY travel purposes only).

ESCORT. An escort:

1. Is a member, employee, or other person who, IAW a travel authorization/order/ITA, accompanies a member between authorized locations, when:

a. Member travel is authorized by competent authority, and

b. The member is incapable of traveling alone, and

2. May be appointed by the member'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 travel by Federal civilian employees 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 subsisted 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. ***NOTE: 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. ***NOTE: Individuals furnished QTRS and subsistence obtained by contract are performing field duty when so declared by a competent official.***

FIRST-CLASS. The best class of transportation and accommodations available -- See par. U3125-B2a for first-class transportation authority.

FOREIGN AIR CARRIER. An air carrier that does not hold a certificate issued by the United States 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. 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.

FORMER CANAL ZONE AREA. Areas and facilities 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.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCALITY. The contiguous political area of a single country or a related island group in the same region.

NOTE 1: 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 Hawai'i and Alaska, and each U.S. territory or possession are separate geographical localities.

NOTE 2: 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 miscellaneous 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-SPONSORED CONTRACTOR-ISSUED TRAVEL CHARGE CARD. ***See GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD.***

GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED QUARTERS. Quarters, other than GOV'T or privatized QTRS. under the jurisdiction of a uniformed service (e.g., Ministry of Defense (MOD) leased QTRS) for which the GOV'T controls occupancy.

GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE. Equipment owned, leased, or chartered, for transportation on land, water, or in the air, expressly for GOV'T use. This includes aircraft on loan to or owned by an Aero Club and AMC categories B and M air travel. ***NOTE: A GOV'T-owned ship totally leased for commercial operation or a rental vehicle as referred to in par. U5320-D (Personally procured moves) is not a GOV'T conveyance (52 Comp. Gen. 936 (1973)).***

GOVERNMENT DINING FACILITY/MESS. A generic term used in lieu of GOV'T dining facility/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 by or made available to the member includes:

1. A general or Service organizational mess, including messing facilities of a state-owned National Guard Camp ***NOTE: A dining facility/mess established and operated primarily for enlisted member subsistence is not included for officers unless the mess is used by, or made available to, them.;***

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 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 days or longer from a commercial firm.

GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED VEHICLE. A GOV'T-furnished automobile or a GOV'T aircraft.

GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE

The daily rate (discount or standard) provided for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess.

Effective 1 January 2009.

1. Discount GOV'T Meal Rate: $9.25 per day

2. Standard GOV'T Meal Rate: $10.80 per day

NOTE: Also see DISCOUNT GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE.

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.

NOTE: Privatized housing, of any style or type and in any location, is not GOV'T QTRS.

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. Lodgings 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 on a U.S. INSTALLATION owned and operated by a private corporation, if the use of these facilities is directed by Service regulations;

7. Family-type housing owned/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 (see http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/416563m.pdf), and implemented by appropriate Service regulations.

2. Non-DOD Services. See Service regulations.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION. Transportation facilities owned, leased, or chartered, and operated by the. GOV'T for transportation on land, water, or in the air. ***(Also see GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE.)***

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST (GTR) ***(Standard Form 1169).*** An accountable GOV'T document used to procure common carrier transportation services. The document obligates the GOV'T to pay for transportation services provided. See **TRANSPORTATION REQUEST**.

NOTE: 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.

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 individual.

GROUP MOVEMENT. A movement of 2 or more official travelers traveling as a group, under the same authorization/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 authorization/order. ***NOTE: Members, traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement, may travel between any points en route, provided that the authorization/order specifically indicates the points between which the status applies.***

HIGHEST CONUS M&IE RATE

$64 Effective for travel by car ferry ***on or after 1 October 2005***

HOME OF RECORD (HOR). The place recorded as the individual's home when commissioned, appointed, enlisted, inducted, or ordered into a tour of active duty.

***NOTE 1*: 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.**

***NOTE 2*: 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 actual home of the member upon entering the Service, and not a different place selected for the member's convenience.**

***NOTE 3*: An officer, who received a commission or 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). 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 par. U5130-A1.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG). Items ***(except those listed in 2 and 3)*** associated with the home and all personal effects (see ***NOTE 1***) belonging to a member and dependents on the effective date (see ***NOTE 2***) of the member's PCS or TDY authorization/order that legally may be accepted and transported by an authorized commercial transporter.

***NOTE 1*: See par. U5310-E for an article involving a weight additive.**

***NOTE 2*: HHG acquired after the authorization/order effective date but before entering an IPCOT may be shipped when par. U5370-I1b or U5370-I2 applies.**

A. HHG also include:

1. 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.;

2. Spare POV parts (see the definition in APP A) and a pickup tailgate when removed;

3. 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);

4. Consumable goods for a member ordered to locations listed in APP F;

5. A vehicle other than a POV (such as a motorcycle, moped, hang glider, golf cart or snowmobile (and/or the associated trailer));

6. A boat or personal watercraft (e.g., a jet ski) 14 or more feet (and/or the associated trailer); and

7. 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).

8. 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).

9. 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.

B. HHG ***do not*** include:

1. Personal baggage when carried free on commercial transportation;

2. Automobiles, trucks, vans and similar motor vehicles; airplanes; mobile homes; camper trailers; horse trailers; and farming vehicles (see Ch 5, Part E for POV shipment);

3. Live animals including birds, fish and reptiles;

4. Articles that otherwise would qualify as HHG but are acquired after the PCS authorization/order effective date, except:

a. Bona fide replacements for articles that have become inadequate, worn out, broken, or unserviceable on/after the PCS authorization/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

b. 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));

5. Cordwood and building materials (B-133751, 1 November 1957 and B-180439, 13 September 1974);

6. HHG for resale, disposal or commercial use;

7. Privately owned live ammunition (B-130583, 8 May 1957);

8. Hazardous articles including explosives, flammable and corrosive materials, poisons; propane gas tanks. See DOD 4500.9-R, DTR, Part IV, for examples of hazardous materials.

C. Law or carrier regulations may prohibit commercial transportation of certain articles not included in 2. These articles frequently include articles:

1. 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);

2. That cannot be taken from the premises without damage to the article or the premises (e.g., bookcases built into walls); and

3. That are perishable (including frozen foods), or that require refrigeration, or that are perishable plants unless,

   a. Transportation is not more than 150 miles and/or delivery is accomplished within 24 hours from the time of loading,

   b. No storage is required, and

   c. No preliminary or en route services (e.g., watering or other preservative method) is required of the carrier.

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

HOUSEHOLD GOODS-WEIGHT ADDITIVE. A weight added to the HHG shipment net weight to compensate for the excessive van space used by the item. ***NOTE: The item must be stated in the HHG tariff as qualifying for a weight additive before a charge can be assessed. 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.***

INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.

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 authorization/order, cover a specific assignment, and have a prescribed time limit.

INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING. 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). A prescribed tour following the completion of an initial OCONUS tour (including voluntary extensions) that a member agrees to serve at the same PDS. ***NOTE: An IPCOT authorization/order effective date is the first day of duty on the new tour.*** No PCS movement is involved for a service member. However, 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. ***Curtailment of the initial overseas tour is not authorized. (Ref: DODI 1315.18***). For USCG, see Service directives.

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's nature and requirements.

KEY BILLET. An OCONUS position (officers or warrant officers only) of extremely unusual responsibility for which it has been determined the incumbent's continued presence is absolutely essential to the activity's or unit's mission or to the United States' presence in that area. ***NOTE: Approval authority for key billet designation is Joint Chiefs of Staff, USD(P&R), or the Secretary Concerned.***

LAST DUTY STATION. 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.

LOCALITY RATES. Maximum per diem rates prescribed for specific localities.

LODGINGS IN KIND. Lodgings provided by the GOV'T without cost to the member.

LODGINGS-PLUS COMPUTATION METHOD. The per diem computation method for official travel. The per diem amount 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), the total of which does not exceed the applicable maximum locality per diem rate.

MEMBER (UNIFORMED SERVICES). A commissioned officer, commissioned warrant officer, warrant officer, and enlisted person, including a retired person, of the Uniformed Services. ***NOTE: "Retired person" includes a Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve member who is in receipt of retainer pay.***

MILEAGE (ALLOWANCE) FOR LOCAL AND TDY TRAVEL. A rate per mile in lieu of reimbursement of actual POC operating expenses. See par. U2600 for current rates.

MISSING STATUS. The absence status of a member who is officially 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 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,
2. GOV'T-procured commercial transportation,
3. GOV'T transportation.

MOBILE HOME. A mobile dwelling constructed or converted and intended for use as a permanent residence and designed to be moved, either self-propelled or towed. It includes a house trailer, a privately owned railcar converted for use as a residence (51 Comp. Gen. 806 (1972)), and a boat a member uses as the place of principal residence (62 Comp. Gen. 292 (1983)), as well as all HHG and PBP&E contained in the mobile home and owned or intended for use by the member or the member's dependents.

MONETARY ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (MALT). A rate per mile for the authorized POC use during official PCS travel. The total amount depends on the official distance for which the rate per mile may be paid under the circumstances (as determined IAW the applicable provisions of this regulation). See JFTR, par. U2605 and JTR, par. C2505 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. Dependents not authorized/approved to reside with a member at an OCONUS location.

NON-FOREIGN OCONUS AREA. The states of Alaska and Hawai'i, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and U.S. territories and possessions**.**

NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE (NTS). Long-term HHG storage in lieu of transportation. NTS includes necessary packing, crating, and unpacking, uncrating, transportation to and from the storage location(s), storage, and other directly related necessary services. ***Also referred to as Extended Storage.***

OCONUS. Outside CONUS.

OFFICER. 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.

OFFICIAL STATION. ***See PERMANENT DUTY STATION.***

OPEN MESS. A non-appropriated fund activity providing essential messing, billeting, and recreation for military personnel and their dependents.

ORDER-ISSUING 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.

PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. For a member being separated or 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, 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 authorization/order effective date is the first day of duty on the new tour. See IPCOT definition.

***NOTE*: The following are examples of computing an authorization's/order's effective date:**

EXAMPLE 1	
A member ordered to make a PCS is required to report to the new PDS on 10 June. The member travels by POC and is authorized 7 days travel time.	
10 June	Authorized and actual reporting date
3 June	Less 7 days travel time actually used
4 June	Add 1 day
4 June	PCS authorization/order effective date
EXAMPLE 2	
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 authorization/order effective date

PER DIEM ALLOWANCE. The per diem allowance **(*also referred to as subsistence allowance*)** is a daily payment instead of actual expense reimbursement for lodging, meals and related incidental expenses. The per diem allowance is separate from transportation expenses and other Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. The per diem allowance covers all charges, including tax ***(except lodging tax in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and non-foreign OCONUS locations - see NOTE 1 below)*** and applicable service charges, for:

1. Lodging. Expenses for overnight sleeping facilities; (including GOV'T QTRS); baths; personal use of the room during daytime; telephone access fees; and service charges for fans, air conditioners, heaters, and fireplaces furnished in rooms when such charges are not included in the room rate, ***and in foreign OCONUS areas only lodging tax (see NOTE 2 below)***. ***NOTE: The term "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.***

NOTE 1:

a. The maximum amount allowed for lodging (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Tax on lodging in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expenses except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.

b. The maximum amount allowed for lodging (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in foreign OCONUS areas includes a lodging tax amount. Tax on lodging in foreign OCONUS areas is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

2. Meals. Includes the cost of breakfast, lunch and dinner and related tips and taxes (specifically excluded are alcoholic beverage and entertainment expenses, and any expenses incurred for other persons).

3. Incidental Expenses. Incidental expenses include:

a. Fees and tips to porters, baggage carriers, bellhops, hotel maids, stewards or stewardesses and others on ships, and hotel servants in foreign countries. (See APP G for reimbursement of fees and tips incurred at transportation terminals.);

b. 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 ***NOTE: If, in the AO's opinion, suitable meals cannot be obtained at the TDY site and reimbursement in the IE for travel to obtain suitable meals is inadequate, reimbursement may be authorized/approved under Ch 3, Part F and Ch 1, Part C.***;

c. Personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing ***(except when travel is within CONUS and requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging in CONUS – see NOTE 2, below***);

d. Telegrams and telephone calls necessary to reserve lodging accommodations;

e. Mailing costs associated with filing travel vouchers and payment of GOV'T-sponsored contractor-issued travel charge card billings;

f. In addition to the expenses in items 1 through 3e, any other necessary expenses related to rooms, lodging, or valet service (other than barbers, hairdressers, manicurists or masseurs) that are listed in the account;

g. Potable water and ice (28 Comp. Gen. 627 (1949)); and

h. Tax and service charges on any of the expenses in items 2 through 3g.

NOTE 2:

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 per day, is a separate miscellaneous 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 separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense for OCONUS travel and is part of the incidental expense allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for OCONUS travel.

PER DIEM, REDUCED. ***See REDUCED PER DIEM.***

PER DIEM, TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE. The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) publishes these regulations. The Committee is chartered by the Uniformed Services and operates under the policy guidance of the Department of Defense (DOD). 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 Under Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy (MPP)).

The Committee's purpose is to ensure that uniform travel and transportation regulations are issued pursuant to Title 37, United States Code, other applicable laws, Executive Orders and decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States, and Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) for members of the seven Uniformed Services. ICW Defense Department 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 United States and of the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) or Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA). (PDC Charter 20 April 1988; LAW 37 USC §§ 411 and 1001; DOD Directive 5154.29, 9 March 1993).

PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS). In general, the assignment, detail, or transfer of a member or unit to a different PDS under a competent authorization/order that does not specify the duty as temporary, provide for further assignment to a new PDS, or direct return to the old PDS; included are:

1. (for DLA), Relocation of a household due to military necessity or GOV'T convenience within the corporate limits of the same city or town ICW a transfer between activities;

2. A change in the home port of a ship or mobile unit;

3. Change from home or from the PLEAD to the first PDS upon:

a. Appointment or reappointment (including reinstatement) to the regular Service from civilian life or from an RC;

b. Call to active duty for 20 or more weeks or call to active duty for training (see par. U2146 for exceptions) for 20 or more weeks;

c. Being recalled to active duty from the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or from retirement (including TDRL);

d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency); and

e. Change from the last PDS to home upon:

(1) Discharge, resignation, or separation from the Service under honorable conditions;

(2) Release from active duty that called for 20 or more weeks or from active duty for training that called for 20 or more weeks;

(3) Transfer to the Fleet Reserve or to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;

(4) Retirement; and

(5) Temporary disability retirement.

PERMANENT DUTY STATION (PDS). ***Also called OFFICIAL STATION.*** The post of duty or 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.

NOTE 1: 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, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one for PDS purposes. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.

b. For an invitational traveler

1. The corporate limits of the city or town in which the home or principal place of business is located; or

2. If not in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft Dix) having definite boundaries in which the home or principal place of business is located. When a reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.

NOTE 2: Arlington County, VA, is a PDS. The Pentagon and other GOV'T activities are located in Arlington, VA – even though they have Washington, D.C. mailing addresses (52 Comp. Gen. 751 (1973)). There are seven Districts on the Island of Oahu, Hawai'i. Each of those seven Districts is a separate and unique PDS (19 Comp. Gen. 602 (1939) and 42 Comp. Gen. 460 (1963)).

NOTE 3: 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 authorization's/order's terms, except when the course is authorized as TDY under par. U2146. See par. U2146 for examples of scheduled duration and extensions.

The following are PDSs for 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 from an RC;

   b. Being called to active duty (including 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); or

   d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency); or

   e. Temporary disability retirement.

2. 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);

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 the ship is the new station;

4. The member's home 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.

PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL. PCS and COT/IPCOT travel.

PLACE FROM WHICH CALLED (OR ORDERED) TO ACTIVE DUTY (PLEAD).

1. The place of acceptance in current enlistment, commission, or appointment of a member of the regular Services, 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 authorization/order to active duty is addressed.

3. 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 other instructions relevant to the transportation arrangements.

PORT OF DEBARKATION (POD).

1. Travel by air: the destination airport at which the traveler leaves an international/transoceanic flight.

2. Travel by ship: the place at which the traveler leaves a ship after the journey of 24 or more hours.

PORT OF EMBARKATION (POE).

1. Travel by air: the airport at which the traveler boards an international/transoceanic flight.

2. Travel by ship: 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. ***See PDS***.

POV, SPARE PARTS. Extra tires, wheels, tire chains, tools, battery chargers, accessories, and those small and usually-possessed parts or replacements used for repair and replacement of identical parts subject to normal use and wear (such as extra spark plugs, radiator hoses, fan belts, filters, gaskets, tune-up and repair kits). Also included are items that serve a seasonal, an emergency, or a convenience purpose, such as special seats and beds for children, bottle warmers and similar conveniences, snow and ice removal equipment, auxiliary heaters, and storage boxes.

PREMIUM-CLASS. Travel and accommodations that are:

1. First-class. Highest class available. See definition of **FIRST-CLASS**; or

2. Business-class. See definition of **BUSINESS-CLASS.**

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). Unless otherwise qualified, any transportation mode actually used for the movement of persons from place to place. ***NOTE: A common carrier, or a conveyance owned by the GOV'T, is never a POC.*** A conveyance loaned for a charge to, or rented at personal expense by, a member for transportation on PCS or TDY, when such rental conveyance has not been authorized/approved as a Special Conveyance as provided for in par. U3415 is a POC.

PRIVATELY OWNED (MOTOR) VEHICLE (POV).

1. Any motor vehicle owned by, or on a long-term lease (12 or more months) to, a member or a member's dependent for the primary purpose of providing personal transportation that:

   a. Is self-propelled;

   b. Is licensed to travel on the public highways;

   c. Is designed to carry passengers or HHG; and

   d. Has four or more wheels; or at a member's option, is a motorcycle or moped, if the member does not ship a vehicle with four or more wheels on the same authorization/order.

2. As used in Ch 6, a POV is a motor vehicle that is owned by the member (or a member's dependent) and is for the personal use of the member or the member's dependents.

NOTE: 1: In the case of a leased vehicle, the member 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 are the member's responsibility.

NOTE 2: A trailer, airplane, or any vehicle intended for commercial use is not a POV.

PRIVATIZED HOUSING. Housing units on or near a military facility in the U.S. and/or its territories and possessions that are acquired or constructed by private persons, under the authority of 10 USC §§2871-2885. ***Privatized housing is not GOV'T QTRS, nor is it GOV'T-controlled QTRS, nor is it private sector housing.*** See also par. U10000.

PROCEED TIME. A period of time that a member is authorized, by Service regulations, to delay in the execution of a travel authorization/order.

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) FOR MEMBER/EMPLOYEE. ***(Also called PRO or PRO-Gear.)*** HHG in a member's or 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). The following items are PBP&E:

1. Reference material;

2. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;

3. 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;

4. Communication equipment used by a member in association with the MARS (see DODD 4650.2);

5. Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment;

6. 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; and

7. 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).

8. 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.

***NOTE*: Excluded from PBP&E is commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business, sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E.**

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) FOR A MEMBER'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE. ***(Also called PRO or PRO-Gear). (NOT APPLICABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE)***. HHG in a spouse's possession needed for the member's spouse employment or community support activities at the next or a later destination. The following items are PBP&E:

1. Reference material,

2 Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;

3. 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

4. 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).

***NOTE*: Excluded from PBP&E is commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business, sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E.**

***PROPORTIONAL MEAL RATE.** The average of the standard GOV'T meal rate (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/faqgovmeals.html) and the meals portion of the applicable M&IE rate (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html), rounded up to the nearest dollar.

REDUCED PER DIEM. Per diem rate that is reduced when authorized by an agency when there are known reductions in lodging and meal costs or when the subsistence costs can be determined in advance and are lower than the prescribed per diem rate.

REPEAT TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER. ***See BLANKET TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER***.

RESERVE COMPONENT. The

1. Army National Guard of the United States,

2. Army Reserve,

3. Naval Reserve,

4. Marine Corps Reserve,

5. Air National Guard of the United States,

6. Air Force Reserve,

7. Coast Guard Reserve, and

8. Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

RESIDENCE-TYPE QUARTERS. Quarters that are not hotel or hotel-like accommodations.

SECRETARIAL PROCESS. Action by the Per Diem Committee Principal member or a subordinate level specified by the Principal. The Secretarial Process is (or the Processes are) in administrative and/or procedural directives issued under par. U1010-B.

SECRETARY CONCERNED. 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.

When this term is used in the JFTR, the Secretary Concerned may authorize action by the PDTATAC Principal, without further delegation.

SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE. 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.

SERVICE CHARGE FOR USE OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS. Cost of maid service and fee for electricity.

SERVICES. ***See UNIFORMED SERVICES.***

SHORT DISTANCE MOVE. A move:

1. Involving HHG drayage or shipment for a short distance between residences;

2. To or from a NTS facility in the member's PDS area;

3. In the member's last PDS area when the member is authorized a final move during a separation or retirement;

4. Incident to reassignment or PCS to a new PDS near the old PDS;

5. Between residences within a metropolitan area; or

6. Not during a PCS, a move between residences within the daily commuting distance of the PDS.

NOTE: A short distance HHG move includes necessary packing, crating, hauling, unpacking and uncrating.

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 any CONUS location not included in a defined locality (county/area) in the CONUS per diem rates (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/perdiemrates.html).

STANDARD GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE. See definition of "GOV'T Meal Rate" for current rates. The daily rate established for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess including the operating cost.

STORAGE IN TRANSIT (SIT). Short-term storage that is part of HHG transportation. May be at any combination of the origin, in transit, or destination. Usually for 90 or fewer days, but may be extended. See par. U5375. Also referred to as temporary storage.

SUBSISTING OUT. The non-leave status of an inpatient who is 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).

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY).

1. Duty at one or more locations, away from the PDS, under an authorization/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. Types: There are four types of TDY travel with different allowances:

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 Authorization/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 authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement.

d. Special Circumstances Travel. Those categories of travel found in JFTR, Ch 7.

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) LOCATION. ***See TEMPORARY DUTY STATION.***

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. Specifically identified Service-operated interim housing facilities that provide short-term housing accommodations for which a cash charge is levied, without direct charge against the occupants' QTRS allowances. They include guesthouses, except transient visiting officer QTRS occupied by official visitors to the facility. ***NOTE: They do not include facilities used primarily for rest and recuperation purposes, or 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.)***

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 web site ***http://www.saipan.com***)

2. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

3. American Samoa

4. Baker Island

5. Guam

6. Howland Island

7. Jarvis Island

8. Johnston Atoll

9. Kingman Reef

10. Midway Islands

11. Navassa Island

12. Palmyra Atoll

13. Virgin Islands

14. Wake Island

TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES. ***Also see TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.*** An incorporated or unincorporated territory over which the U.S. exercises sovereignty, an area at times referred to as a dependent area or possession, and other areas subject to U.S. jurisdiction. ***NOTE: "Incorporated" territories refer to any areas that Congress has "incorporated" into the United States by making the Constitution applicable thereto. "Unincorporated" territories refer to any territories to which the Constitution has not been expressly and fully extended.***

TRANSOCEANIC TRAVEL. Travel that, if performed by surface means of commercial transportation over a usually traveled route, requires oceangoing ships.

TRANSPORTATION. The means of moving people or things (particularly HHG) from one place to another.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES. The costs related to transportation.

TRANSPORTATION, HHG. The shipping, packing, crating, drayage, storage in transit, uncrating, and unpacking of HHG at GOV'T expense. See Ch 5, Part D for specific regulations governing PCS HHG transportation and Ch 4, Part H 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. Transportation by ship, including port-handling charges, to, from, and between OCONUS ports.

> ***NOTE 1: The term does not include land transportation to or from such ports, except when transportation of POV is authorized by 37 USC §554 and is IAW Service regulations.***
>
> ***NOTE 2: Customs and other fees and charges required to effect entry of a POV into a country are not part of transportation. They are the member's responsibility.***

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST. A written GOV'T request (including a GTR – see definition) 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.

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 miscellaneous reimbursable expenses incidental to travel, subject to conditions and limitations in this Volume. 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 AUTHORIZATION/ORDER. A written instrument issued or approved by person(s) to whom authority has been delegated directing a member or group of members to travel. There are four basic types of authorization/ order:

1. Unlimited Open. This is a form of blanket travel authorization/order allowing a member to travel anywhere on official business without further authorization for a specified period of time within a fiscal year. See ***NOTE*** below for restrictions.

2. Limited Open. This is a form of blanket travel authorization/order allowing a member to travel on official business without further authorization 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. See ***NOTE*** below for restrictions.

3. Repeat. This is a form of blanket travel authorization/order allowing a member to travel on official business without further authorization to a specific destination for a specified period of time within a fiscal year. See ***NOTE*** below for restrictions.

4. Trip-by-trip. This is a travel authorization/order allowing an individual or group of individuals to take one or more specific official business trips, which must include specific purpose, itinerary, and estimated costs.

***NOTE*: Unlimited Open, Limited Open, and Repeat Travel Authorizations/Orders (also called Blanket Travel Authorizations/Orders) are not used in DTS. The blanket travel authorization/order type is restricted to economy-class travel authorization. If premium-class transportation becomes necessary for a specific trip, an amendment to the travel authorization/order for each such trip must be issued.**

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, INVITATIONAL. 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. It is also 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. Travel and transportation allowances authorized for such a person are the same as those ordinarily authorized for a civilian employee ICW TDY, except as provided by item A2m in APP E, Part I for spouse invitational travel. See APP E.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC). ***See (CONTRACTED) COMMERCIAL TRAVEL OFFICE/TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (CTO/TMC)*** and ***TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS)***.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS). A system to arrange travel services for Federal travelers on official travel, including reservation of accommodations and ticketing. A TMS includes a CTO/TMC, and an electronic system or other commercial method of arranging travel.

TRAVEL, OFFICIAL. Authorized travel and assignment solely ICW business of the DOD or the GOV'T.

***NOTE 1*: Official travel may be performed within or in the vicinity of a PDS; to or from the actual residence; to, from, or between PDSs; and to, from, at, and between TDY assignment locations.**

***NOTE 2*: Travel and delays for personal reasons or convenience, by circuitous route, by transportation modes other than authorized/approved, for additional distances, or to places ICW personal business is not official travel. Nonofficial travel status affects allowances, reimbursements, and pay status.**

TRAVEL ORDER. ***See TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER.***

TRAVEL STATUS. The member's status for the elapsed period of time from the beginning to the end of official travel in compliance with the authority in a travel order, including time en route waiting for transportation connections and delays en route beyond the traveler's control. ***NOTE*: See par. U2200 for more detail.**

TRIP RECORD. Under DTS, this document, in either electronic or paper form, provides the vehicle on which is recorded each official travel authorization/order, initial options, modifications, and payment decisions. Prepared by the traveler, it is the single trip document that includes the travel authorization/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. ***See BAGGAGE, UNACCOMPANIED***.

UNACCOMPANIED MEMBER. A member whose dependents have not accompanied the member or have accompanied the member at personal expense and are not command sponsored.

UNACCOMPANIED TOUR. The authorized tour length at a specific overseas duty station for a Service member who is not accompanied by command-sponsored dependents. A tour at a location with only an unaccompanied tour authorized is a dependent-restricted tour (see definition). For JFTR allowances, an unaccompanied tour also includes a dependent-restricted tour. See 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.

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. A base, post, yard, camp or station:

1. Under the local command of a uniformed service,
2. With permanent or semi-permanent-type troop shelters and a GOV'T dining facility/mess, and
3. At which there are GOV'T operations.

NOTE: 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 U.S. INSTALLATION.

UNUSUALLY ARDUOUS SEA DUTY. Duty aboard or with designated units. These units must be designated in writing and meet the criteria in 57 Comp. Gen. 266 (1978).

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. Any service authorized to be credited in computation of basic pay under 37 USC §205.

APPENDIX A

PART II: ACRONYMS

***(C)* means applicable only to JTR** ***(U)* means applicable only to JFTR**

Acronym	Meaning
AEA	Actual Expense Allowance
AMC	Air Mobility Command
AO	Authorizing/Order-Issuing Official or Approving Official
AOR	Area of Responsibility
AT	Annual Training ***(U)***
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
AWOL	Absent Without Leave ***(U)***
BAH	Basic Allowance for Housing ***(U)***
BAH-DIFF	Basic Allowance for Housing – Differential ***(U)***
BAH-RC	Basic Allowance for Housing - Reserve Component ***(U)***
BAH-T	Basic Allowance for Housing – Transit ***(U)***
BAS	Basic Allowance for Subsistence ***(U)***
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
_CA	Unrestricted capacity-controlled airfare (fare basis code). The unrestricted capacity controlled airfare, or "-CA", differs from the unrestricted airfare (YCA) only in that the airline can limit the number of seats offered at the unrestricted capacity controlled airfare. See APP P, Part 1, par. A2.
CAP	Civilian Advisory Panel
CBA	Centrally Billed Government Travel Charge Card Account
CBCA	Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COLA	Cost-of-Living Allowance
CONUS	Continental United States
CONUS COLA	Continental United States Cost of Living Allowance ***(U)***
COSTEP	Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program
COT	Consecutive Overseas Tour ***(U)***
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System ***(C)***
CTD	Civilian Travel Determination ***(C)***
CTO	(Contracted) Commercial Travel Office
CWT	Hundred weight
*DAS	*Defense Attaché System
DDESS	Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary School
*DIA	*Defense Intelligence Agency
DLA	Dislocation Allowance ***(U)***
DOD	Department of Defense
DODD	Department of Defense Directive
DODDS	Department of Defense Dependents Schools ***(C)***
DODEA	Department of Defense Education Activity
DODI	Department of Defense Instruction
DOHA	Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals ***(U)***
DOJ	Department of Justice ***(U)***
DON	Department of the Navy (includes USN and USMC)
*DPM	*Direct Procurement Method
DSSR	Department of State Standardized Regulations
DTOD	Defense Table of Official Distances
DTR	Defense Transportation Regulation
DTS	Defense Travel System

Acronym	**Meaning**
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
EUM	Essential Unit Messing
EVT	Emergency Visitation Travel ***(C)***
FAM	Foreign Affairs Manual ***(C)***
FAST	Federal Automated System for Travel
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEML	Funded Environmental and Morale Leave
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System ***(C)***
FHA	Federal Housing Administration ***(C)***
FSH	Family Separation Housing ***(U)***
FSH-B	Family Separation Housing – BAH Based Location ***(U)***
FSH-O	Family Separation Housing – OHA Based Location ***(U)***
FTA	Foreign Transfer Allowance ***(C)***
FTR	Federal Travel Regulation
FUTA	Federal Unemployment Tax Allowance ***(C)***
FVT	Family Visitation Travel ***(C)***
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ***(C)***
GAO	Government Accountability Office (formerly General Accounting Office)
GARS	Government Administrative Rate Supplement
GMR	Government Meal Rate
GOV	Government-owned vehicle
GOV'T	(U.S.) Government
GSA	General Services Administration
GSBCA	General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals
GTCC	Government Travel Charge Card
GTR	Government Transportation Request (SF 1169)
HHG	Household Goods
HHS	Health and Human Services ***(U)***
HHT	House Hunting Trip ***(C)***
HOR	Home of Record
HOS	Home of Selection ***(U)***
HP	Home Port ***(U)***
HSTA	Home Service Transfer Allowance ***(C)***
IADT	Initial Active Duty for Training ***(U)***
IAW	In Accordance With
ICW	In Connection With
IE	Incidental Expenses
IBA	**I**ndividually **B**illed Government Travel Charge Card **A**ccount. ***NOTE: Does not apply to any other form of personal credit card.***
IPCOT	In-Place Consecutive Overseas Tour ***(U)***
IRC	Internal Revenue Code ***(C)***
IRS	Internal Revenue Service ***(C)***
ITA	Invitational Travel Authorization
ITDY	Indeterminate TDY ***(U)***
ITO	Installation Transportation Officer
ITRA	Income Tax Reimbursement Allowance ***(C)***
JFTR	Joint Federal Travel Regulations
JTF	Joint Task Force
JTR	Joint Travel Regulations
LPDCI	Living Pattern Data Collection Instrument ***(U)***
LPQ	Living Pattern Questionnaire ***(U)***
LPS	Living Pattern Survey ***(U)***
LWOP	Leave Without Pay ***(C)***
M&IE	Meals and Incidental Expenses

Acronym	Meaning
MALT	Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation
MALT PLUS	Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation Plus Flat Per Diem
MAP	Military Advisory Panel
MARS	Military Affiliate Radio System
MEA	Miscellaneous Expense Allowance ***(C)***
MHA	Military Housing Area ***(U)***
MIA	Missing in Action
MIHA	Move-in Housing Allowance ***(U)***
MILAIR	Military Aircraft
MSC	Military Sealift Command ***(C)***
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology ***(C)***
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ***(Same as USNOAA)***
NTE	Not to exceed
NTS	Non-temporary Storage ***(also referred to as Extended Storage)***
OC&IE	Organizational Clothing & Individual Equipment
OCONUS	Outside the Continental United States
OHA	Overseas Housing Allowance ***(U)***
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OSD	Office of the Secretary of Defense
PBP&E	Professional Books, Papers and Equipment ***(also referred to as PRO-Gear)***
PCS	Permanent Change of Station
PDS	Permanent Duty Station ***(U)***
PDT	Permanent Duty Travel ***(C)***
PDTATAC	Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee
PDUSD (P&R)	Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness)
PEB	Physical Evaluation Board ***(U)***
PHS	Public Health Service ***(Same as USPHS)***
PLEAD	Place from Which Entered (or Called) to Active Duty ***(U)***
PMR	Proportional Meal Rate
POA	Privately Owned Automobile
POC	Privately Owned Conveyance
PoC	Point of Contact
POD	Port of Debarkation
POE	Port of Embarkation
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
POW	Prisoner of War
PRO-Gear	Professional Gear ***(also referred to as PBP&E)***
QTRS	Quarters
RAT	Renewal Agreement Travel ***(C)***
RC	Reserve Component
RDD	Required Delivery Date ***(U)***
RIT	Relocation Income Tax ***(C)***
RPDCI	Retail Price Data Collection Instrument ***(U)***
SDDC	(Military) Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
SEA	Subsistence Expense Allowance ***(C)***
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
SES	Senior Executive Service ***(C)***
SIT	Storage in Transit
SMA	Separate Maintenance Allowance ***(C)***
SR&R	Special Rest and Recuperative Absence ***(U)***
SROTC	Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
SSN	Social Security Number
STB	Surface Transportation Board ***(C)***

Acronym	**Meaning**
TCS	Temporary Change of Station ***(C)***
TDRL	Temporary Disability Retired List ***(U)***
TDY	Temporary Duty
TLA	Temporary Lodging Allowance ***(U)***
TLE	Temporary Lodging Expense ***(U)***
TMC	Travel Management Center
TMS	Travel Management System
TQSA	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowance ***(C)***
TQSE	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses ***(C)***
TQSE(AE)	Actual Expense Reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses ***(C)***
TQSE(F)	Fixed Amount Reimbursement for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expenses ***(C)***
UB	Unaccompanied Baggage
UN	United Nations
U.S.	United States
USC	United States Code
USNOAA	United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ***(same as NOAA)***
USPHS	United States Public Health Service ***(same as PHS)***
USSM	Under Secretary of State for Management ***(C)***
UTD	Uniformed Travel Determination ***(U)***
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs ***(C)***
VAMC	Veterans Affairs Medical Center ***(U)***
VPC	Vehicle Processing Center
WAE	When Actually Employed ***(C)***
YCA	Unrestricted airfare (fare basis code). The unrestricted airfare, or "YCA", has a last economy/coach seat on the aircraft availability to the traveler. See APP P, Part 1, par. A2.

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****This APP contains a summary of travel and transportation allowances for business, training and deployment TDY. This APP does not contain all of the information required. Please consult JFTR/JTR, Chs 1-4 for further details.***

T4000 INTRODUCTION

*This APP 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 other non-DOD GOV'T employee who is working for DOD and is paid travel allowances funded by DOD. This APP covers individual travel for business, travel for schoolhouse training, and deployment or personnel traveling together with or without no/limited reimbursement. This APP is to be used ICW the JFTR and JTR where more detailed allowances are prescribed This APP does not contain 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. A Midshipman and cadet,
6. Patients/for health care, and escorts and attendants,
7. Pre-employment travel;
8. When accompanying a member of Congress and/or Congressional Staff;
9. An employee with a disability when additional travel and transportation expenses are incurred;
10. UN Peacekeeping;
11. Prisoners and their guards or for disciplinary action; and
12. For rules that apply when emergency situations occur while TDY is being performed

that are in JFTR/JTR, Ch 7. Rules on per diem for a uniformed member who are inpatients in a hospital are in JFTR, par. U7125-D. For travel of a civilian consultant or expert, see JTR, par. C4975. TDY performed as part of a PCS move continues to be paid as prescribed for TDY travel in JFTR and JTR Chs 4. Except where differences are identified, the allowances and responsibilities in this APP apply equally to a uniformed member and a DOD civilian employee and any other non-DOD GOV'T employee who is working for DOD and paid travel allowances funded by DOD. In this APP, "authorizing official" or "AO" means the individual who controls the mission, authorizes the trip, and controls funds for TDY travel. Definitions are in APP A**.**

***NOTE 1*: See JFTR/JTR, APP E for Invitational Travel Authorizations.**

***NOTE 2*: This APP is not used for evacuations. See JFTR/JTR, Ch 6.**

T4005 APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW JFTR/JTR REGULATIONS

Commands/units are expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow the regulations contained in this Volume. 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. See par. T4025-A4 for exceptions when reimbursement is ***not*** allowed.

T4010 REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Rates for private vehicle mileage reimbursement rates are found in JFTR, par. U2600, and JTR, par. C2500. GOV'T dining facility/mess food and operating expense rates are found in JFTR, pars. U4149 and U4151 and JTR, par. C2510. Per diem rates (***http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html***) by location showing the lodging, meals and incidental expense components are provided under separate issuance by the PDTATAC. These rates also are available from the CTO.

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 is to follow the policies and procedures in this regulation, and use good judgment in incurring official travel-related expenses, as if traveling using personal funds. See JFTR, par. U2010 and JTR, par. C1058.

*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 cars (if authorized/approved), through an available CTO or in-house travel arranger IAW TRANSCOM policy. The CTO estimates the total cost for the trip (a "should-cost" estimate) forming the 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 forward the ticket coupon, and/or the receipt for the excess accompanied baggage costs, with the Trip Record for reimbursement,

*b. Must use coach-class for all official travel, unless premium-class accommodations are authorized/approved prior to travel by the appropriate level listed in JFTR, par. U3125-B2a or U3125-B2b.

(1) See JTR, par. C2000-A2c/JFTR, par. U2000-A2c for medical reasons**,** or

*(2) TDY mission timing requires premium-class. When premium-class TDY transportation is authorized/approved because the mission timing is "so urgent it cannot be postponed," premium-class travel should only by authorized to the TDY site. Coach-class accommodations use should be annotated on the trip record and used for the return flight if the return flight is not critical and traveler can rest before reporting back to work. ***See JFTR, pars. U3125-B2a and U3125-B2b and JTR, pars. C2204-B2a and C2204-B2b***.

*c. Must ***not*** use foreign flag transportation even if U.S.-certificated air flag carrier fares are higher,

d. Who use premium-class or a foreign flag transportation presumably at GOV'T expense must provide to the AO adequate acceptable justification that meets the JFTR/JTR requirements for reimbursement, and

*e. Should as soon as possible after personally making arrangements get the Trip Record updated, and arrangements confirmed, and/or get alternate arrangements.

5. Each traveler is advised, in advance, of the allowances, the arrangements made, probable expenses, and a good estimate of what should be reimbursed.

6. A traveler should have use of a GTCC. The policies and procedures for the GTCC program (including central billing and unit cards) are found in the DOD Financial Management Regulation (DOD 7000.14-R), Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures." ***The DOD Comptroller Finance Management Regulation website is found at http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/.***

7. A traveler should turn in the Trip Record expense report portion and be paid every 30 days when the TDY is over 45 days. This ensures the traveler is paid for expenses in about the same time as GTCC bills are received.

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, see Joint Ethics Regulation, DOD 5500.7-R, Ch 4. For Coast Guard, see COMDTINST M5370.8 (series). For NOAA Corps, see Department of Commerce Administrative Order 202-735. For Public Health Service, see 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 are not to vacate the seat if the GOV'T would incur additional costs or if it would affect the mission.

9. Retaining Promotional Items

a. A traveler on official business traveling at GOV'T expense on the funds of an agency (See definition in APP A) may keep promotional material (including frequent traveler benefits such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities) for personal use. This applies to promotional items received before, on, or after 31 December 2001.

b. 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.

c. 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.

10. Each traveler must be treated as honest, responsible customers, but the traveler must follow the rules in this regulation. The DOD Financial Management Regulation (DODFMR), Volume 9, JFTR, par. U2505, and JTR, par. C1305, apply when a fraudulent claim submission is suspected.

T4025 ARRANGING OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A. CTO Use

1. Mandatory Policy. It is DOD ***mandatory policy*** that each traveler uses an available CTO to arrange official travel, including transportation and rental cars.

2. Service Regulations. See DOD Component/Service regulations for CTO use information.

3. Failure to Follow Regulations

a. Commands/units are expected to take appropriate disciplinary action when a traveler and/or an AO fails to follow the regulations concerning CTO use. See par. T4005.

b. 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. See par. T4025-A4 below for exceptions when reimbursement is ***not*** allowed.

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

B. Requirements

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

a. Services available under a TMS (see APP A), or

b. In-house travel offices.

2. All travel arrangements must be made IAW:

a. DODD 4500.9 (Transportation and Traffic Management) at ***http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/45009.htm***;

b. DODI 4500.42 (DOD Passenger Transportation Reservation and Ticketing Services) at ***http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/450042.htm***; and

c. Service regulations.

C. Foreign Ship or Aircraft Transportation. Transportation on foreign ships or aircraft of foreign registry must ***not*** be authorized/approved unless the conditions in par. T4060-B3 are met (see also JFTR, par. U3125-C and JTR, par. C2204-C).

D. Transportation Reimbursement

1. CTO/TMC Available. When a CTO/TMC 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/TMC.

2. CTO/TMC ***Not*** Available. When the AO certifies that a CTO/TMC was/is not available to arrange the required official transportation, reimbursement is for the authorized/approved transportation actual cost NTE the policy-constructed airfare (see APP A) that meets mission requirements. ***NOTE: CTO/TMC service not being available should be an extremely rare occurrence. Each event of non-availability should lead to correction(s) that make CTO/TMC 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/TMC 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/TMC 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/TMC may be reimbursed as long as the total reimbursable amount for the transaction fee and transportation cost does not exceed 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, the traveler may only receive transportation reimbursement up to the directed transportation mode cost.***

*B. Commercial Transportation. The Services must require that the CTO/TMC arrange commercial transportation IAW law, GOV'T policies, agreements and contracted rates using U.S.-certificated carriers and coach/economy-class accommodations whenever possible. The AO may, under certain conditions, authorize the CTO/TMC to arrange other than contract city-pair flights, or to arrange non-U.S.-certificated carriers, or business- (but not first) class accommodations (see JTR, par. C1060, ***NOTE 1*** and JFTR, par. U4326, ***NOTE 1)*** when needed to fulfill a documented mission requirement as specified in par. T4060-B1. Only the officials listed in JTR, pars. C2204-B2, and C2208-C (trains only), and JFTR, pars. U3125-B2, and U3135-C (trains only), may authorize/approve business- or first-class accommodations use.

C. Special Conveyances (Includes Aircraft) Reimbursement. When the AO authorizes special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following reimbursements are authorized per APP G. The AO may authorize an appropriately sized 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/ TMC per TRANSCOM policy, when the CTO/TMC is available.***

1. Rental costs, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users, necessary gas and oil, landing and tie-down fees, and transportation to and from the rental facility.

2. Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls; traveler access fee (when charged); any per-day administrative fee called for in the DTMO rental car agreements; 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 by the GOV'T renter, may incur additional charges which are reimbursable when authorized/approved in the travel authorization/order. Reimbursement is limited to the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for the required non-standard equipment. A traveler who disregards a special conveyance arrangement made by a CTO/TMC must be prepared to provide justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost using the CTO/TMC) is allowed. ***Reimbursement for purchase of snow tire and other non-standard items is not authorized.***

4. A traveler is reimbursed for mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.

5. A claim for damage to a rental vehicle, while the vehicle is being used for official business, is reimbursable to the traveler or the rental car company when appropriate as a miscellaneous transportation expense. The claim must be adjudicated as payable per the DOD Financial Management Regulation (Volume 9, Ch 4) (found at ***http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/***) (or appropriate Service directives for the non-DOD Services).

*When the AO has not authorized/approved special conveyance use, reimbursement is limited to the POC mileage rate in JTR, par. C2500 and JFTR, par. U2600 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost. See JTR, par. C2150, item 8 or JFTR, par. U3310-A1.

NOTE:

1. Travelers are 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.

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

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 at http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil and click on 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 company 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 company listed that has a vehicle necessary for official GOV'T travel and this company 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, GOV'T vehicles are obtained directly from the providers, ordinarily Public Works.) Only use GOV'T transportation for official business to go to and from: the TDY location, where the traveler is staying, places to eat, and other places for comfort and health reasons. If it is used for any other purpose and the traveler has an accident, the traveler may have to cover the expenses and liabilities. 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 the appropriate transportation mode, 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 and one is used anyway, reimbursement is authorized at the standard rate per mile plus reimbursable expenses (parking fees, etc.) but the amount is limited to the should-cost estimate of AO-authorized transportation (e.g., commercial plane). In either case, 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), see JFTR, par. U2020, or JTR, par. C1065.

*F. Rest Stops. Normally, a traveler is not required to travel during unreasonable hours at night. 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 additional insurance coverage in foreign areas for a rental, GOV'T, or private vehicle 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'T vehicle (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 Business or Training TDY. The AO may permit round-trip transportation and per diem en route for a traveler, who routinely travels on business or training TDY for periods of more than three weeks, to return periodically to the PDS or home for 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 round-trip 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, not the capacity-controlled city-pair airfare, 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 A) (except as limited by JFTR, par. U3125-B1f/JTR, par. C2204-B1f). City-pair airfare transportation is presumed available if there is a 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.

L. Travel to/from Transportation Terminals. For transportation to and from transportation terminals see JFTR, pars. U3320, U3410, U3415-D, U3420, and U3430 and JTR, pars. C2101, C2102-F, C2103, C2104, C2105, and C2192.

T4040 LIVING EXPENSES (PER DIEM)

The "Lodgings-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 miscellaneous reimbursable expenses (see APP G) if the AO authorizes/approves them as appropriate to the mission.

A. Lodging Overnight Required - Business Travel Standards

1. Sleeping

a. The CTO makes lodging reservations and reflects the estimate of their cost (including tax) on the Trip Record.

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., through the CTOs/TMCs) at the U.S. INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY. The AO may direct adequate (based on DOD and Service standards) available GOV'T QTRS use for a uniformed member on a U.S. INSTALLATION only if the uniformed member is TDY to that U.S. INSTALLATION. Availability/non-availability must be documented as indicated in par. U1045-C. A member should use adequate available GOV'T QTRS on the U.S. INSTALLATION at which assigned TDY; ***however, when adequate GOV'T QTRS are available on the U.S. INSTALLATION to which a member is assigned TDY and the member uses other lodgings as a personal choice, lodging reimbursement is limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost on the U.S INSTALLATION to which assigned TDY (44 Comp. Gen. 626 (1965)). 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). The documentation of non-availability indicated in par. U1045-C is required only for GOV'T lodging 'AT' 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 one-time requirement at a TDY U.S. INSTALLATION. (Ex: A member who is required to check QTRS availability on arrival at a U.S. INSTALLATION, does so, and is issued non-availability documentation cannot be required to re-check later for QTRS availability at that U.S. INSTALLATION during that TDY period there). See par. U1045-C.

c. Civilian Employee

(1) ***A civilian 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.*** In compliance with the requirement to exercise prudence when incurring expenses, an employee should check for GOV'T QTRS availability (e.g., through their CTOs), and is encouraged to use those QTRS when TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION. ***However, if GOV'T QTRS are available on that Installation for an employee TDY to a U.S. INSTALLATION, the proper authority under par. C4550-C may prescribe a reduced per diem rate based on the GOV'T QTRS cost. Reduced per diem rates can only be established before travel begins.***

(2) The head of a DOD Component (see APP A) concerned may authorize zero per diem or a per diem rate (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) 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 Components headquarters, and may not be re-delegated. In the absence of a reduced or no per diem authorization on the travel authorization/order before travel begins (or as part of an authorization/order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the authorization/order was issued), a travel authorization/order, modified after the fact, prescribing a different per diem rate is without effect and the locality per diem rates are used. 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. See ***NOTE 1*** (applicable to a civilian employee) following par. T4040-A3 for an explanation concerning separate reimbursement for laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing of clothing.

*d. Commercial lodging reimbursement is based on the single occupant rate, up to the TDY site or stopover location maximum. If the CTO can find only lodgings that cost more than the published maximum rate, the AO may authorize/approve the higher amount such that the actual lodging cost and the per diem M&IE does not exceed 300 percent of the published rate (lodging plus M&IE). For example, a member is TDY to a location with a maximum per diem of $110 ($76 for lodging and $34 M&IE). The AO could authorize up to $296 for lodging (300% x $110 = $330 - $34 = $296) if AEA for meals is not authorized. These rates must be placed on the Trip Record. 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*** by PDTATAC or the Secretary Concerned and for ***only a uniformed member*** (see JFTR, par. U4250). The traveler is financially responsible for anything charged beyond the basic room fee and tax. The traveler is to keep all lodging receipts.

NOTE 1: The maximum amount allowed for lodging (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in the U.S. and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense (See APP G) except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid to a uniformed member.

NOTE 2: The maximum amount allowed for lodging (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in foreign countries includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in foreign countries is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

****NOTE 3:* The TDY locality per diem rate is used for computation. However, if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodgings are 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 location.***

e. Lodging with a Friend or Relative

(1) 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.

(2) 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.*** See 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. See 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. GSBCA ruled that the employee was not authorized reimbursement for lodging at the former residence. See 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 was to run until Friday, 25 February. The traveler began TDY travel to the Orlando area on the evening of Tuesday, 22 February. GSBCA 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. GSBCA 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. Adopted from GSBCA 16652-TRAV, 26 August 2005.

f. 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. The CTO should be used to make these arrangements unless the CTO does not provide this service.

(1) 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.

(2) A traveler may purchase and occupy a residence at a TDY location. Allowable expenses are the monthly:

(a) Mortgage interest;

(b) Property tax; and

(c) Utility costs actually incurred (does not include any installation and hook-up charges), e.g., electricity, natural gas, water, fuel oil, sewer charges.

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 per diem payable exceed the applicable maximum locality rate for the area unless an AEA (see JFTR, Ch 4, Part C or JTR, Ch 4, Part M) is authorized/approved. The provisions of JFTR, par. U4141 and JTR, par. C4555-G do 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. See GSBCA 16699-TRAV, 17 August 2005.

g. 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).

2. 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.

Example	
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. (Incidental expenses 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 incidental expenses to locality M&IE rate). ***The meal rate established cannot be reduced after-the-fact except for a free meal as described in par. T4040-A2c 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 QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the GMR/PMR and $3 (in CONUS) or the locality incidental expense rate OCONUS (unless the $3.50 incidental expense rate is authorized for incidental expenses under par. T4040-A3). 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, but not all three, meals on a calendar day through some means such as a registration fee, the PMR plus incidental expenses 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 then again through per diem). A meal that is provided to the traveler for which the GOV'T pays nothing does not affect per diem payment. 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 free (purchased by the GOV'T) and for which dates. ***NOTE: If all three meals are provided, only the incidental expenses for that day are payable.***

d. A meal provided by a friend/relative or a common carrier do 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 or without meals. See JFTR, par. U4165, items 2e and 2f (uniformed member) and JTR, pars. C4554-B5 and C4554-B6 (civilian employee) when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost. Also see JFTR, pars. U4165 and U4167 and 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 up to 300% of the locality M&IE rate. The reimbursement limit is the lesser of the actual expenses incurred or the AEA maximum amount. The maximum reimbursement for IE is $3.00 in CONUS and either the locality IE rate or $3.50 OCONUS for all full 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 involved.

3. Incidental Expenses (IE). The traveler is paid an incidental expenses allowance, such as tips and laundry (in some instances), incurred while traveling. This is the IE part of the M&IE. The daily IE in CONUS is $3.00. The OCONUS daily IE is the rate for the applicable locality per diem, or $3.50 when the AO determines $3.50 to be adequate for anticipated incidental expenses.

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 per 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 incidental expense 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 and/or GOV'T dining facility/mess may not be directed for a civilian employee. See par. T4040-A1c***.

*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 incidental expenses amount, a civilian employee receives the incidental expenses 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 up to 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 incidental expense 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 incidental expenses) 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-A1c 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' authorization/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 authorization/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 Combatant 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 incidental expense. 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 Combatant 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 Combatant or JTF Commander should consider, in the following priority: business travel, EUM, field duty.

Under normal circumstances, the Combatant Commander should choose business travel unless operational circumstances dictate otherwise. In general, business travel is appropriate for peacekeeping, humanitarian, and relief missions. The Combatant 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-A2b (e.g., If a TDY traveler travels from one location in the 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 Combatant or JTF Commander must communicate the TDY option decision (including the appropriate meal rate) to the appropriate Services for inclusion in travel authorizations/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 per diem rates at http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html for the TDY locality concerned.*** When an employee is authorized to procure meals ashore at personal expense, reimbursement is authorized as prescribed in pars. T4040-A2. In any event, the total per diem allowance may not exceed the applicable maximum rate prescribed in the per diem rates at ***http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html*** for the TDY locality concerned.

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

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JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
TABLE 1 DEPLOYMENT - JOINT OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
Subsist Ashore			
TDY OPTION	**SUBSISTENCE**	**PER DIEM**	**REMARKS**
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 Meals – 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
Subsist Aboard U.S. GOV'T Ship 3/			
TDY	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals	None	Civilian Employee Pays for Meals

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 – see "Subsist Ashore" (above table) for authorization/order type and payment guidelines.

***NOTE*: For BAS see 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 (see JFTR, par. U3500 and JTR, par. C2400-B) around the PDS, a GOV'T vehicle, public transportation paid for by the command, or a POC may be used.

c. See. JFTR, par. U3320 and JTR, par. C2192 for travel to/from a transportation terminal.

d. If a POC is used to and 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 see JFTR, par. U2020 or JTR, par. C1065 (DTOD requirements).

*2. Meals. With two limited exceptions (see 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). ***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, up to the PMR (not including incidental expenses) for the TDY location, when a uniformed member spends more than the cost of normal meal arrangements during travel outside the PDS limits. ***See 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. Miscellaneous 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 see par. T4030.

2. GOV'T vehicle/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'T vehicle/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 authorization/ order that provides for return home. See 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 par. U2146), 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) a year. 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" (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 par. U3500) 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 authorization for travel and transportation allowances. In some cases of a Select Reserve member of the Ready Reserve, 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. T4040 and T4030, 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 authorization 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 round-trip 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 meals are available; however, the member is authorized reimbursement for the GOV'T QTRS cost. If GOV'T QTRS and/or 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 Commissioned Officer Student Extern Program (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 par. U3500) 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 authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement, on unit travel, field duty, or at sea training, par. T4040-C applies for per diem for periods under 20 weeks. Par. T4030 applies for transportation;

3. Active-duty-for-training (other than schoolhouse) for fewer than 140 days or active-duty-for-other-than-training for 180 or fewer days, per diem is determined under business travel rules in par. T4040-A, and transportation under par. T4030;

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, per diem is determined under the business travel rules in par. T4040-A (or deployment rules in par. T4040-C), and transportation under par. T4030.

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 & T4040-D.

Effective for travel that occurs 20 March 2008 through and including 31 December 2010
G. Inactive Duty Training Outside Normal Commuting Distance. The Secretary Concerned may authorize reimbursement to an eligible Selected Reserve member of the Ready Reserve 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 par. U3500, but not less than 150 miles one-way by DTOD.

1. Eligible Member. A Selected Reserve member of the Ready Reserve (***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***.

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, reimbursement is authorized for the actual expense incurred (gas; oil; highway, bridge, and tunnel tolls; parking fees; and other necessary expenses incurred incident to such travel). ***NOTE: Payment may not be on a commuted basis, such as a mileage allowance for transportation costs.***

b. Lodging and Meals. The actual cost of the member's lodging (including tax (see ***NOTE***), tips, and service charges) and actual cost of meals (including tax and tips, but not including alcoholic beverages) may be reimbursed NTE the per diem rate (***http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html***) for the area concerned.

NOTE:

1. The maximum allowed for CONUS or non-foreign OCONUS area lodging (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) does not include a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid.

2. The maximum allowed for foreign OCONUS area lodging (http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in a foreign OCONUS area is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

H. Summary of Allowances for An RC Member

1. Table 1 - Active Duty with Pay

ACTIVE DUTY WITH PAY 1/		
TABLE 1		
Situation 2/	**Transportation 3/4/**	**Per Diem**
Annual training duty 5/	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS 6/ & dining facility/mess available 7/; else par. T4040 applies.
PHS officers called to active duty for Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program (COSTEP).	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized.
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.	Par. T4030-E applies for one-round trip 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.
Active duty for training 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		
TABLE 2		
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 (see par. T4040-C) for travel days only 8/.

FOOTNOTES FOR TABLES 1 AND 2

1/ Applies to An RC member called/ordered to active duty with pay under an authorization/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, see JFTR, par. U7250).

2/ Except as noted in JFTR, par. U2146.

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 round-trip 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 active duty for training 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 active duty for training 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 with or without Pay

INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING WITH OR WITHOUT PAY 1/2/3/		
TABLE 3		
This Table is for informational purposes only. Allowances are prescribed in par. T4045.		
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	1. May be authorized reimbursement under par. T4040-F. 2. 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.

FOOTNOTES FOR 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 (see par. U3500) 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 Selected Reserve member of the Ready Reserve 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. Getting a Cost Estimate. Each traveler should get a CTO should-cost estimate for the trip. It is the key to several travel and trip funding decisions. It lets the traveler and the AO know up-front the standard and actual arrangements, their associated costs, and the allowance maximums. It includes transportation costs to and from the TDY location, lodging costs (including tax), and rental car (if authorized) fees. The estimate also must reflect the per diem rate broken out by M&IE and lodging. A traveler may ask the CTO to estimate the amount for using a private vehicle or 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 should-cost estimate (as the AO approves for mission reasons) is the reimbursement baseline.

3. Getting Authorization for Travel. The AO authorizes the TDY, the arrangements, and obligates funds to pay for the trip. The CTO updates the Trip Record with the fund cite provided by the AO. The resulting document is the travel authorization.

4. The Travel Packet. The CTO gives the traveler 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 Getting Cash to Pay for Expenses while Traveling. The CTO must charge airline tickets, lodging, and rental car reservations on the traveler's individual or unit GTCC; airline tickets in some cases may be charged to a CBA. While on the trip, the traveler should charge other expenses incident to official travel on their individual or unit GTCC whenever possible. For official travel-related expenses that cannot be charged, the traveler can avoid using personal funds by using the individual IBA to obtain cash advances or travelers checks. Advances are not an option on unit travel cards.

B. During the Trip

1. Changing Plans. If travel plans change from the itinerary, the traveler should call the CTO's 24-hour 1-800 number, if possible, to have the needed changes made. The CTO must update the traveler's Trip Record. The AO may approve the changes after the trip is complete. However, it is best if the traveler gets the AO's authorization up-front, and has the Trip Record updated. In any case, the traveler is reimbursed only for changes the AO approves on the Trip Record.

2. Receipts. The traveler must keep all receipts for lodging and receipts for any individual official travel expense of $75 or more.

C. After the Traveler Returns

1. Filling out the Expense Report. A traveler should fill out and turn in the expense report portion of the Trip Record within 5 working days after returning from the trip. The receipts are to be attached to the expense report. EFT is the preferred method of reimbursement. Within EFT, the traveler has two options. The traveler may request:

(a) Direct electronic transfer to the GTCC company of the authorized expenses charged to the IBA with the remainder going to the traveler's personal bank account, or

(b) An electronic transfer of the full amount to the traveler's personal bank account. Under option (a), the traveler must not have to write a check to the GTCC company for official expenses charged.

2. Getting It Approved. The AO must approve the expenses on the Trip Record for the traveler to get paid. This includes reviewing the required receipts.

3. Turning in the Expense Report. A finance office or an office contractually arranged by the traveler's Service or Agency may provide this service. The amount paid is the amount the AO approves.

4. Random Audits. Random audits of travel expense reports are conducted.

5. Lost/Stolen/Unused Tickets. See JFTR, par. U2515-A and JTR, par. C1320-A. The traveler:

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

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

c. Is financially responsible to purchase a replacement ticket;

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

e. Is authorized reimbursement initially only for the first ticket purchased (if the traveler paid for both tickets). If the first ticket is recovered, turned in for 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 tickets to the CTO. ***NOTE: SF-1170, Redemption of Unused Tickets, found at http://www.gsa.gov, is usable, if authorized in Service regulations, ICW turning in unused tickets.***

T4060 AO'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. General. AOs have 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. For a civilian traveler, the AO must determine the purpose of the travel (see JTR/JFTR, APP H) for notation on the Trip Record. The CTO is central in helping to execute those responsibilities.

1. The CTO generates a Trip Record. On it, the CTO prepares a should-cost estimate that reflects standard arrangements made in compliance with travel policies using GOV'T negotiated airline, lodging, and rental car rates. If the standard arrangements do not meet the needs of the mission, the CTO provides other travel options to satisfy mission requirements, and conform to law, regulation, policy, and contractual obligations. Use the should-cost estimate to determine if the travel budget can support the travel. Authorize CTO identified should-cost standard arrangements, unless additional or unusual cost options are required to complete the mission and they make good overall business sense.

2. The CTO and TO must have available information on policies relating to transportation and travel arrangements. Get other needed travel-related information from command channels or Service headquarters. Use management information from the CTO and the travel card company to assist in future travel decisions.

3. Make sure the traveler has access to the unit's travel card if the traveler does not have individually issued cards. Refer inquiries about card usage to the local card program coordinator.

4. Adhere to policies and procedures discussed in this regulation, use good judgment in obligating unit funds, and ensure the traveler receives adequate reimbursement under policies established in this regulation.

B. What's Allowable and Not Allowable

1. Transportation

a. What an AO may direct. An AO may direct the traveler to use a particular transportation mode, except for private or rental vehicle. Only direct a specific mode when it is essential to mission success.

b. Options on city-pair flight use. See APP P. ***NOTE: Regulations applicable to the Contract city-pair Program are found in DOD 4500.9-R, Part I, Ch 103, pars. A2 and B2 available at: http://www.transcom.mil/j5/pt/dtr.html***.

2. Authorizing Business-class Transportation Accommodations. Only the officials listed in JTR, pars. C2204-B2b and C2208-C (trains only), and JFTR, pars. U3125-B2b and U3135-C (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 JTR, par. C2004-B4 and JFTR, par. U3125-B4 (the reason 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.

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.

3. The 14-hour rule only (in JFTR par. U3125-B4i and JTR, par. C2204-B4i) applies en route to the TDY site. On a return flight to the PDS, a business-class transportation authorization should not be provided.

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

5. When scheduling flights of 14 or more hours, the first choice is always to fly the traveler in economy/coach class and have the traveler arrive the day before the TDY is to begin to allow for appropriate rest. Second choice always is to fly the traveler in economy/coach class 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 clearly the most expensive option that should be avoided whenever possible, is to permit the traveler to travel in GOV'T-funded business accommodations with arrival on the day the TDY starts. There is always the option of taking no action at all to provide a rest stop or upgrade.

> ****NOTE: Title 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, 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). See JFTR, par. U3125-C and JTR, par. C2204-B. ***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: See the Security Assistance Management Manual, Ch 4, par. C4.5.12 of the 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 (adopted from 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 flight number of the U.S.-certificated air carrier must be used on the ticket. If the flight number of the non-U.S.-certificated air carrier is used on the ticket, the ticket is 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. ***However, contract fare travel must not be used for personal travel. See JFTR/JTR, APP P, Part II, par. E.*** The official portion is to be arranged through the CTO. Transportation reimbursement is authorized for the cost of official round trip travel between duty stations only. The traveler may make 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. CTO Lodging Arrangements. The AO should approve lodging arrangements made by the CTO to minimize the use of rental cars and maximize the use of mass transportation when it is consistent with mission requirements and cost effectiveness.

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 Cars. The AO may authorize the CTO to arrange rental cars when their use is the most cost-effective or efficient way to complete the overall mission. The compact car size should be authorized unless the number of passengers or the mission requires a larger vehicle.

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 are to 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 (GSBCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998).

9. Travel Expense Report. The Trip Record contains the expense report. The AO must review the amounts claimed on their 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 best interest, and approves the payment 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 they do, 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 unaccompanied baggage for an employee (JTR, par. C2309), or a small amount of HHG for a member (JFTR, par. U4705) to the TDY point. Also, the AO may authorize/approve storage of HHG for a member when appropriate. For example, storage may be authorized during a deployment. See the rules for shipping and storage HHG while on TDY 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 and JTR Introductions under the heading Feedback Reporting. ***Lower per diem rates can only be established before travel begins.*** See par. T4040-A1c(2) for more on reduced per diem for a civilian employee.

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 incidental expense) 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. See 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 Combatant Command, authorizes an extension. See JFTR/JTR, Introductions for the Service points of contact. ***A civilian employee should see 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, pars. U1036 or U2146).

b. For an RC member, if active duty for training 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 active-duty-for-training 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. See 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, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), the per diem rate is the locality rate specifically listed for the reservation, station or other established area. 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 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.

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***Authorize**. The giving of permission before an act.

***Approve**. The ratification or confirmation of an act already done.

Group movement. A movement of 2 or more official travelers traveling as a group, under the same authorization/ 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 authorization/order. ***NOTE: Personnel traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement may travel between any points en route, provided that the authorization/order specifically indicates the points between which the status applies.***

Must, Shall, Should, May, Can, Will. The following definitions from DOD 5025.1-M 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

Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel. Official travel of a temporary duration away from the traveler's PDS. There are three types of TDY travel with different allowances:

Business Travel. Conducting business at a location other than the PDS. It incorporates any type of travel not included in schoolhouse training or deployment or unit travel. It also includes certain local travel, but not leave or evacuation.

Schoolhouse Training Travel. Travel ICW TDY attendance at formal course(s) of instruction by a civilian employee or a uniformed member (other than a uniformed member who has not yet reached the first PDS).

Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together Under An Authorization/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 authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement.

Trip Record. This document, in either electronic or paper form, provides the vehicle on which are recorded all official travel authorizations, initial options, modifications, and payment decisions. Prepared by the CTO, it is the single trip document that includes the travel authorization/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. This is also called an authorization/order.

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