

JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOLUME 1 (JFTR)**Change 272 — 1 August 2009**

- 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 August 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: 34-09(E); 38-09(E); 39-09(E); 41-09(E); 44-09(I) through 46-09(I); 47-09(E); 48-09(I); 52-09(I); and 53-09(I).
- E. Brief of Revision. The following are this month's major revisions:

U4165. Clarifies deductible meals for conference lodging when a meal(s) is included in the lodging rate.

U4177. Moves delegation authority for the Navy from the commander of an appropriate naval systems command headquarters to the Secretary Concerned. This change aligns authorization of a lesser per diem rate with the same level of authority exercised by the other Services.

U1000-D; U4159; U4165; U4183; APP O, T4040-A2c; APP O, T4040-D2; APP R, Part I, O2; and APP R, Part II, E1. Implements FTR Amendments 2009-03, Furnished Meals at Conferences and Other Events, and 2009-04, M&IE Allowance.

U3415-C and APP G. Authorizes/approves reimbursement of a Global Positioning System (GPS) and in flight communication/computer connection fees, as necessary for official TDY travel per AO determination.

APP Q3. Adds Bulgaria and Romania and converts the standard 36-month unaccompanied tour length to a non-standard 18 month tour for both locations.

APP S. Updates FEML locations and adds JUSMAGTHAI, Thailand.

APP U. Adds Muniz Air National Guard Base (ANGB), Puerto Rico as an authorized OCONUS destination for GITMO, and removes recertification due dates.

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PART A: APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Active and RC member, 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. See par. U4165-D for an exception. ***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 maximum locality per diem rate percentage. ***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. Written material in Word should be forwarded, via the Service MAP representative found in the Introduction Feedback Reporting section, for review to:

1. Email address: pdttac@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 published change date in which it first appears. This date appears in the lower left corner of each page. When an effective date is different from the published change date, that effective date is indicated.

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, Chapter 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 reimbursement 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 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 Trip Record expense report portion 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 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 home port 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 integral to 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).

U1055 APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW JFTR

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](#).

C. Enrollment Fee. Enrollment fees in this program are *not* reimbursable. See APP G.

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.

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) Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.
 - * (4) 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.
- *d. When the AO authorizes/approves special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the AO may also authorize or approve:
- * (1) 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.**
 - * (2) Global Positioning System (GPS) rental when necessary for the official use.

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.

U3430 COURTESY TRANSPORTATION USE

Available courtesy transportation services furnished by a hotel, motel, or similar facility should be used to the maximum extent possible.

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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 front gate location for the reservation, station or other established area. Refer to the [U.S. Census Bureau website \(http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup\)](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 PDS limits. 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 per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1035 for a member hospitalized at the PDS.

E. TDY within the PDS Local Area (Outside the PDS Limits). A member is not authorized per diem for TDY performed within the PDS local area (outside the limits) 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 per diem 'IE' payment IAW par. U1035 for a member hospitalized within the PDS local area.

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 field duty periods;
2. Member is participating in the operation advance planning or critique phase; 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 percentage) 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 percentage) 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 \times 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 \times .5 = \99) plus the appropriate lodging tax.**

Pay the first TDY day - \$140.75 (Lodging - \$95 + M&IE - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 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.

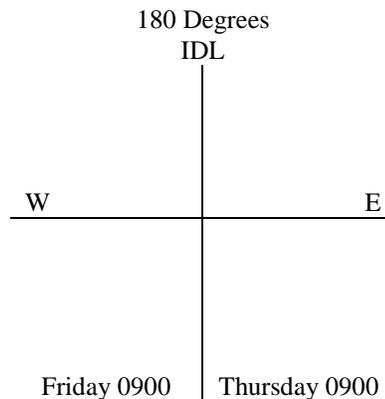
Pay the departure TDY day to the PDS - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 75\% = \45.75).

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.

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% 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			
<i>NOTE: Lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.</i>			
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			
<i>NOTE: Lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign area.</i>			
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 <i>NOTE</i>)	
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 <i>NOTE</i>)	
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, the 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

M&IE of 75% of the [M&IE rate](#) for the TDY location is payable for each travel day. 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 on each day (e.g., 15-hour trip covering 2 days with three stops on day 1 and two stops on day 2 – the highest of the three rates on day 1 for day 1 and the highest for the 2 on day 2 for day 2). If lodging must be obtained, the rules for travel of more than 24 hours apply. ***Per diem is not authorized under par. U4159 when travel is performed in the local area unless overnight lodging is required. If overnight lodging is required in the local area these rules or rules for over 24 hours apply.*** See par. U4510 for occasional meals authority.

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 is/are provided. See APP R, Part II, par. J. The GOV'T should not pay for the same meal twice (e.g., originally by registration fee, etc., and then again through per diem). ***A meal 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) is/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). ***NOTE: A negotiated rate should fall either within the locality lodging rate, or if a conference lodging rate has been declared (see APP R) within the conference lodging rate. If the negotiated rate exceeds the locality (or conference) lodging rate, an AEA lodging rate should be provided to cover the higher lodging rate that includes the meal(s).***

****NOTE: A continental breakfast is a deductible meal if it otherwise qualifies above.***

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

*D. The AO may authorize/approve the locality meal rate or PMR, as applicable, if the member:

- *1. is unable to eat an otherwise deductible meal because of medical requirements or religious beliefs (the AO may request substantiating documentation from the appropriate professional authority), and
- *2. attempted to make, but was unable to make, alternative meal arrangements for a substitute meal, and
- *3. must purchase a meal that satisfies the medical requirements or religious beliefs.

*The AO may authorize/approve the locality meal rate or PMR, as applicable, when the member is unable to eat the deductible meal due to mission.

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.					
<i>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.</i>					
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 2 nd 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			
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>			
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 establishment's capability 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 supports 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).			
<i>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).</i>			
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	$\$65 + (\$39 \times 75\%) =$		\$94.25
24 to 26 June	$\$65 + \$39 = \$104/\text{day} \times 3 \text{ days} =$		\$312.00
27 June	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$29.25
28 June	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$0.00
29 June	$\$65 + (\$39 \times 75\%) =$		\$94.25
30 June-2 July	$\$65 + \$39 = \$104/\text{day} \times 3 \text{ days} =$		\$312.00
3 July	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$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	$\$65 + (\$39 \times 75\%) =$		\$94.25
24 June-2 July	$\$65 + \$39 = \$104/\text{day} \times 9 \text{ days} =$		\$936.00
3 July	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$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			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p>The member is due \$386.80 (constructed cost since it is less than the actual cost for this example).</p>			
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
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	$\$6 + (\$39 \times 75\%) =$		\$35.25
10 July	$\$6 + \$10.80 + \$3 =$		\$19.80
11 July	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$29.25
12 July	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$0.00
13 July	$\$6 + (\$39 \times 75\%) =$		\$35.25
14-15 July	$\$6 + \$10.80 + \$3 = \$19.80/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days} =$		\$39.60
16 July	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$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	$\$6 + (\$39 \times 75\%) =$		\$35.25
10-15 July	$\$6 + \$10.80 + \$3 = \$19.80/\text{days} \text{ times } 6 \text{ days} =$		\$118.80
16 July	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$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, but may not be further redelegated. ***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

General Services Administration
Office of Governmentwide
ATTN: Travel Mgmt Division (MTT)
1800 F Street NW, #G-219
Washington, DC 20405-0001

Non-Foreign OCONUS Locations

**Per Diem, Travel and
Transportation Allowance
Committee (PDTATAC)**
ATTN: E&S Branch
4601 North Fairfax Drive
Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1546

Foreign OCONUS Locations

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 12 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. INSTALLATION - 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 cost of lodging	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 AO specifies the	M&IE applicable to the CONUS TDY locality plus the cost of lodging NTE the maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality 2/ (unless the AO	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 plus \$3, if the AO	M&IE plus the cost of lodging NTE the cost of GOV'T QTRS (Lodging tax is not reimbursable). (M&IE may be at (1) the rate	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.

Quick Reference - Per Diem Allowances						
TDY Travel of More Than 12 Hours						
Footnotes: See table # 4						
	NTE maximum rate prescribed for the TDY locality ^{2/} .	PMR based on 1 or 2 deductible. ^{1/}	specifies the PMR plus \$3 when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided ^{6/} - par. U4165-1)	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 M&IE rate determination))	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 M&IE rate determination))	

(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 January 1979](#).

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.			
<i>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%).</i>			
<u>TDY Location Per Diem w/o AEA</u>		<u>TDY Location Per Diem w/AEA</u>	
Maximum Per Diem - \$146.00 Lodging - \$99, M&IE - \$47.00		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	$\$47 \times 75\% = \$35.25 + \$330 =$		\$365.25
11-12 Aug	$\$47 + \$330 = \$377/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days} =$		\$754.00
13 Aug	$\$47 \times 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).			
<i>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%).</i>			
<u>TDY Location 'A' Per Diem w/o AEA</u>		<u>TDY Location 'A' Per Diem Rate w/AEA</u>	
Maximum Per Diem - \$197.00 Lodging - \$150.00, M&IE - \$47.00		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	$\$47 \times 75\% = \$35.25 + \$170.00$ (AEA lodging) TDY Location A =		\$205.25
8 Sep	$\$47 + \170 (AEA per diem rate) =		\$217.00
9-10 Sep	$\$31 + \$70 = \$101/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days}$, TDY Location B =		\$202.00
11 Sep	$\$39 + \75 , TDY Location C =		\$114.00
12 Sep	$\$39 \times 75\% =$		\$29.25
Total Reimbursement			\$767.50

***EXAMPLE 3**
AEA Single TDY location
AEA authorized for lodging and M&IE

When AEA for lodging and M&IE exceeds the maximum AEA locality per diem rate, decrease the AEA M&IE rate to the descending dollar and add the extra cents to the AEA lodging amount. The adjusted per diem AEA is \$219 (\$149/ \$70). This applies when the individual AEA amounts exceed the maximum daily AEA per diem rate IAW par. U1007-A2.

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 (150% or 300%).*

<u>CONUS TDY Location Per Diem w/o AEA</u>		<u>CONUS TDY Location Per Diem w/AEA</u>		
Maximum Per Diem - \$146 Lodging - \$99, M&IE - \$47		AEA authorized NTE \$219 (\$146/day x 150% = \$219/day) Lodging NTE \$149 (\$99/day x 150% = \$148.50 = \$149, add \$.50) M&IE - \$70 (\$47/day x 150% = \$70.50 = \$71, reduce to \$70)		
ITINERARY				
Date	Depart	Arrive	M&IE	Lodging
10 Aug	Residence	En route/TDY	Dinner - \$25	\$130.00
11 Aug		At TDY Station	Breakfast - \$6, Lunch - \$10, Dinner - \$24, IE - \$3	\$130.00
12 Aug		At TDY Station	Breakfast - \$15, Lunch - \$20, Dinner - \$40, IE - \$3	\$130.00
13 Aug	TDY	Residence	Breakfast - \$5, Lunch \$12	
Date	REIMBURSEMENT (using AEA computation)			Amount
10 Aug	$\$130 + \$25 =$			\$155.00
11 Aug	$\$130 + \$43 =$			\$173.00
12 Aug	$\$130 + \$78 \text{ (reduced to } \$70) = \text{ (Total M\&IE is limited by maximum daily } \70 AEA M\&IE)			\$200.00
13 Aug	$\$17$			\$17.00
Total Reimbursement				\$545.00

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**PART H1: LEAVE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION
EFFECTIVE FOR COT TRAVEL STARTED ON OR AFTER 19 APRIL 2002**

U7200 LEAVE BETWEEN CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOURS

A. Authorization. An eligible member, for personal travel, and on behalf of an eligible dependent, if any, is authorized the travel and transportation allowances in Ch 5, Parts B and C, respectively for COT leave travel between authorized locations. Transportation and expenses (i.e., ground transportation) between the member's PDS and the authorized air terminal may be reimbursed IAW *par. U3320, and Ch 3, Part E*. A member and dependent may travel together or independently. ***NOTE: No cruise or tour packages.***

1. Eligible Member. An eligible member is one stationed OCONUS who is ordered to:
 - a. Consecutive tours of duty at the same (old) PDS (see APP A for IPCOT definition), or
 - b. Make a PCS between OCONUS PDSs to serve the prescribed tour at the new PDS and either:
 - (1) One tour is unaccompanied, or
 - (2) Both tours are accompanied and the total time to be served at the PDSs at least equals the sum of the unaccompanied tour lengths for the PDSs ([DODI 1315.18](#), Procedures for Military Personnel Assignments at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/131518p.pdf>).

NOTE 1: Refer to [DODI 1315.18](#), par. E3.7.2.2 for the COT requirements for a DOD member assigned to Alaska or Hawai'i.

NOTE 2: When a member on a 12-month unaccompanied tour to a FEML area extends for a consecutive second 12-month tour, the member is only eligible for one funded leave transportation program, the COT or the FEML leave transportation program, but not both.

2. Eligible Dependent. An eligible dependent is one who:
 - a. Is a dependent as defined in APP A (except a child described in item 8 of the definition) on the:
 - (1) Last day of the member's first tour at the old OCONUS PDS; or
 - (2) Member's PCS authorization/order effective date to the new OCONUS PDS; and
 - b. Is command-sponsored for both tours;
 - c. Is/was (in the case of deferred leave travel and evacuated dependent) located at or in the member's old OCONUS PDS vicinity; and
 - d. Accompanies the member during both tours.

NOTE: COT leave travel and transportation allowances are authorized for a command-sponsored dependent born during a COT leave deferral period.

3. Authorized Locations. The authorized locations listed below are official travel locations, and therefore available contract city-pair airfares *are authorized*.

a. Travel between authorized locations is travel:

- (1) Between the old OCONUS PDS and an authorized destination, and return, if serving consecutive tours at the old PDS;
- (2) From the old to the new OCONUS PDSs via an authorized destination; or
- (3) Between the new OCONUS PDS and an authorized destination, and return, if deferred IAW par. U7200-B3.

b. An authorized destination is the member's HOR or an alternate authorized place to which transportation is no more expensive than to the HOR. *If transportation to the selected alternate place is more expensive than transportation to the HOR, the member is financially responsible for the additional cost unless transportation to the more expensive alternate place is authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process.* If the member travels to a more expensive alternate place (and the Secretarial Process has not authorized/approved travel to that destination), city-pair airfares are not authorized for transportation to/from that alternate place.

Example 1	
Member's PDS is in Germany and HOR is Ames, IA. There is no city-pair airfare between Germany and Ames, IA.	
The policy-constructed airfare (see APP A) between Germany and Ames (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections):	\$1,200
Member desires to utilize COT travel to Boston, MA.	
City-pair airfare to/from Boston:	\$1,400
Least expensive policy-constructed airfare to/from Boston:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from Boston, MA, is more expensive than transportation to/from Ames, IA, no city-pair airfares may be used to/from Boston.	
The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	
The member is <i>not responsible</i> for the additional \$200 cost if transportation to/from Boston, MA, is authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process making the city-pair airfare to/from Boston available.	

Example 2	
Member's PDS is in Germany and the HOR is Washington, DC.	
Round trip city-pair airfare trip cost:	\$980
Member desires to utilize COT travel to/from St. Louis, MO.	
Round trip city-pair airfare to/from St. Louis:	\$840
Since transportation to/from St. Louis, MO, is less expensive than transportation to/from the HOR in Washington, DC, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to/from St. Louis (\$840) NTE the \$980 cost to HOR.	

c. An eligible traveler (member and/or dependent) may return to the old PDS at GOV'T expense from an authorized destination to drive a POC to a new PDS.

d. The Secretarial Process may authorize/approve travel and transportation allowances for a member who travels via a designated place IAW par. U5120-G.

e. See pars. U5120-B, U5120-C (member), and U5218 (dependent) when an eligible traveler (member and/or dependent) is temporarily absent from the PDS and does not return before beginning COT leave travel. *COT leave must not be used as 'student dependent travel' (i.e., the student may not travel from the CONUS to the OCONUS PDS and return to the CONUS on COT leave allowance). Effective for any member in a deferred COT leave status on 2 December 2002 or any member who becomes authorized to a COT leave travel on or after 2 December 2002.*

B. Scheduling. COT leave travel should occur between the OCONUS tours, ICW PCS travel, if any.

1. Member's HOR in CONUS

a. PCS Travel through CONUS. A member whose HOR is in CONUS, and the member's dependent, who must travel through CONUS to get to the new PDS, may defer COT leave travel until after PCS travel is completed only if deferred COT leave travel is authorized/approved IAW Service regulations.

b. PCS Travel Not through CONUS. A member whose HOR is in CONUS, and the member's dependent, who does not travel through CONUS to get to the new PDS, may elect to defer COT leave travel until after PCS travel is completed. No Service authorization/approval is required.

2. Member's HOR OCONUS. The member may elect to defer COT leave travel.

*3. Deferred Travel. Unless deferred due to duty in a contingency operation, COT leave travel must be completed prior to the new tour completion, otherwise the COT leave travel expires. ***Under the provisions of DODI 1327.06, deferred COT leave travel may not be taken ICW any other funded leave transportation program or official travel unless authorized/approved by the PDUSD (P&R) or IAW Service regulations for the non-DOD Services.***

Exception to Time Limit for Contingency Operation: If unable to travel before completing the new tour because of duty ICW a contingency operation, the member (and eligible dependent) may defer travel until not more than one year after the contingency operation duty ends. In this case, the member is still authorized leave travel from the new PDS (i.e., the PDS after departure from the OCONUS location from which deferred travel could not be taken) to an authorized location. The cost limitation for travel from this 'new' PDS and return is the cost from the PDS from which deferred travel could not be taken to the HOR and return.

C. Reimbursement

1. Member Procured Transportation

a. An eligible member, when directed to use available GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation for the transoceanic portion of COT leave travel, who procures transoceanic transportation at personal expense for personal travel, must not be reimbursed for the transoceanic travel. ***NOTE: The policy in par. U3002-B allowing reimbursement up to the directed mode cost does not apply.***

Example 1	
<i>NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual costs and are used for illustration only.</i>	
Member's PDS is in a non-foreign OCONUS location, and the HOR is San Francisco, CA.	
City-pair airfare one-way transoceanic trip cost:	\$775
Member elects not to use the CTO/TMC (in violation of policy and par. U1055) for COT leave travel from the PDS to the HOR.	
Traveler purchased a one-way transoceanic ticket:	\$500
<i>Transoceanic airfare reimbursement (\$500) is not authorized.</i>	

b. Reimbursement to a member on behalf of an eligible dependent who procures common carrier transportation at personal expense cannot exceed the GOV'T or GOV'T-procured transportation cost, as appropriate, for the official distance (see par. U5105-C). ***NOTE: Since CTO/TMC use is mandatory for all official travel, this should almost never occur.***

Example 2	
<i>NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual costs and are used for illustration only.</i>	
Member's PDS is in a non-foreign OCONUS location and the HOR is Bakersfield, CA.	
GOV'T-procured transoceanic trip cost (one way):	\$1,900
An eligible dependent, not told to use the CTO/TMC for airfares elects not to use the CTO/TMC for COT leave travel from the PDS to the HOR.	
The dependent purchased a one-way transoceanic ticket:	\$2,300
The member, on the traveler's behalf, is reimbursed \$1,900, the GOV'T cost for the transoceanic trip cost plus necessary ground transportation to the HOR. <i>The traveler is financially responsible for the additional cost of \$400 (one way).</i>	

c. When the Service authorizes/approves POC use, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' on behalf of eligible travelers (member and/or dependent) IAW pars. U5105-B and/or U5201. If the Service does not authorize/approve POC use, reimbursement is limited to the policy-constructed airfare. See APP A for the definition of 'policy-constructed airfare'.

Example 3	
<i>NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual transportation costs and are used for illustration only.</i>	
A member performed COT travel from the old PDS to the HOR. The member elected to travel by POC accompanied by the spouse and their 11-year old child. They departed the OCONUS residence on day 1 and arrived at the HOR on day 9. Constructed travel and per diem is computed as follows:	
1. COT/HOR travel from OCONUS PDS to the HOR.	
2. 9/1: Depart OCONUS PDS. Arrive at CONUS residence.	
3. The destination per diem rate at the time of travel was \$139 (\$100/ \$39).	
4. The member's reimbursement for 9/1 is \$29.25 (75% x \$39) =	\$ 29.25
5. Per diem payable for spouse is ¾ of the \$29.25 due to the member =	\$ 21.94
6. Per diem for the accompanying child (under age 12) at ½ of the member's amount =	\$ 14.63
7. City-pair airfare cost (one way for member and 2 eligible travelers): \$599 x 3 =	\$ 1,797.00
8. Ground transportation from OCONUS residence to airport =	\$ 50.00
Total constructed GOV'T city-pair airfare cost =	\$ 1,912.82
Actual 'MALT-Plus' is computed as follows:	
Member elects (no Service authorization) POC transportation to the HOR a distance of 3,063 miles one way.	
POC MALT: 3,063 miles x \$.27/mile =	\$ 827.01
Per Diem for Actual Travel using 'MALT-Plus' Method	
Days 1-9 Per Diem for 9 travel days @ the (Standard CONUS per diem rate) 9 x \$109 =	
Member's per diem authorization = 9 days x \$109/day =	\$ 981.00
Per diem for the accompanying spouse at ¾ of the member's amount =	\$ 735.75
Per diem for the accompanying child (under age 12) at ½ of the member's amount =	\$ 490.50
Total actual amount =	\$ 3,034.26
In this example, the city-pair airfare cost to the HOR, is less expensive than POC 'MALT-Plus' travel to the HOR. The member's reimbursement is limited to the policy-constructed airfare of \$599/person if the Service did not authorize/approve POC use. <i>The member is financially responsible for the additional cost (\$3,034.26 - \$1,912.82) of \$1,121.44.</i>	
When the Service concerned authorizes/approves POC use through the Secretarial process, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' on behalf of eligible travelers. See par. U7200-C1c.	

Example 4		
NOTE: Costs in this example are not actual transportation costs and are used for illustration only.		
A member performed COT travel from the old PDS to the HOR. The member elected to travel by POC accompanied by the spouse and their 2 children under age 12. They departed the OCONUS residence on day 1 and arrived at the HOR on day 9. Constructed travel and per diem is computed as follows:		
1. COT/HOR travel from OCONUS PDS to the HOR.		
2. 9/1: Depart OCONUS PDS. Arrive at CONUS residence.		
3. The destination per diem rate at the time of travel was \$139 (\$100/ \$39).		
4. The member's reimbursement for 9/1 is \$29.25 (75% x \$39) =		\$ 29.25
5. Per diem payable for spouse is ¾ of the \$29.25 due to the member =		\$ 21.94
6. Per diem for the 2 accompanying children (under age 12) at ½ of the member's amount of \$14.63 x 2 =		\$ 29.26
7. City-pair airfare cost (one way for member and 3 eligible travelers: \$849 x 4 =		\$ 3,396.00
8. Ground transportation from OCONUS residence to airport =		\$ 50.00
Total constructed GOV'T city-pair airfare cost =		\$ 3,526.45
Actual 'MALT-Plus' is computed as follows:		
Member elects (no Service authorization) POC transportation to the HOR a distance of 3,063 miles one way.		
POC MALT: 3,063 miles x \$.27/mile =		\$827.01
Per Diem for Actual Travel using 'MALT-Plus' Method		
Days 1-9	Per Diem for 9 travel days @ the (Standard CONUS per diem rate) 9 x \$109 = \$981.00	
Member's per diem authorization =		\$ 981.00
Per diem for the accompanying spouse at ¾ of the member's amount =		\$ 735.75
Per diem for the 2 accompanying children (under age 12) at ½ the member's amount of \$490.50 x 2 =		\$ 981.00
Total actual amount =		\$ 3,524.76
In this example, the city-pair airfare cost to the HOR, is more expensive than POC 'MALT-Plus' travel to the HOR. Since the policy constructed airfare exceeds the actual POC cost, the member is reimbursed the actual amount. If the Secretarial Process authorizes/approves POC use, the member is authorized 'MALT-Plus' on behalf of eligible travelers. See par. U7200-C1c.		

2. Travel Status. A member is in a travel status (see par. U2200-B) during direct travel between authorized locations. For other travel undertaken for personal convenience, a member's travel status is limited to a constructed period equal to that required for direct travel between authorized locations by available transportation.

3. No Authority. Travel and transportation is not authorized under par. U7200 if a member elects:

- a. 15 days leave and transportation, addressed under par. U7305, or
- b. Either of two other options available in lieu of transportation under the authorization discussed under par. U7305, (i.e., cash, or 30 days leave without funded transportation (see DODI 1327.06 at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>)).

U7205 TRANSPORTATION IN PERSONAL EMERGENCIES

A. Transportation Authorization. An eligible member on emergency leave and/or one or more eligible dependents with a personal emergency (as determined under DODI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Procedures) <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>) for DOD Services and/or Service regulations for Non-DOD Services (see par. U1010-B10) are authorized transportation between authorized locations. ***Air is the only authorized transportation mode (see the airport to airport transportation NOTE below)***. Each emergency leave traveler is authorized commercial air transportation between authorized locations if space-required GOV'T air transportation is not reasonably available. ***NOTE: A Commander must determine "reasonable availability" after considering frequency and scheduling of flights, and other relevant circumstances (including those personal to the member). See par. U7205-C for definition of "authorized location." Par. U3002-B, allowing reimbursement NTE the directed mode cost, does not apply if GOV'T transportation is reasonably available and not used.***

1. Reimbursement for transportation costs is NTE the cost of GOV'T-procured commercial air transportation between authorized locations.

NOTE: Reimbursement is authorized only for air transportation and ground transportation between interim airports (e.g., between Narita and Haneda airports in Tokyo since they are interim airports and the cost is part of the overall transportation cost). Reimbursement for ground transportation from PDS/home/destination the airport is not authorized.

2. For an eligible dependent, personal emergencies are circumstances similar to those for which a member receives emergency leave, and includes travel not authorized under par. U5242-A incident to the burial of a deceased member.

3. Travel across CONUS is at GOV'T expense if a member or dependent must transit the CONUS to reach the OCONUS emergency (leave) point.

B. Eligibility

1. Eligible Member. An eligible member is one:

- a. On permanent duty OCONUS,
- b. Assigned to an OCONUS ship or unit operation, or
- c. With OCONUS domiciles who are on permanent duty or initial training (or are described in par. U7125-A or U7125-B) in CONUS.

NOTE: A cadet/midshipman is not an eligible member for this transportation.

2. Eligible Dependent. An eligible dependent is one who:

- a. Is command-sponsored and resides OCONUS with the member,
- b. Is authorized to reside at an OCONUS location and for whom the member receives a station allowance while the member is on permanent duty OCONUS, or
- c. Resides in CONUS, the emergency leave location is OCONUS, and the member:
 - (1) Is on permanent duty OCONUS, or
 - (2) Has an OCONUS domicile and is on permanent duty in CONUS.

3. Domicile. As used in par. U7205, domicile is a member's HOR or place:

A member's domicile is relevant to personal emergency transportation authorization only if the member is stationed in CONUS. A dependent's domicile is not relevant.

- a. From which first called (or ordered) to active duty,
- b. Of first enlistment, or
- c. Of permanent legal residence.

C. Authorized Locations. An eligible member and an eligible dependent are authorized transportation from an originating location to a destination. They are authorized return transportation from the destination to the originating location or PDS, if transportation is provided to the destination under par. U7205. The authorized locations listed below (including those in par. U7205-C1b(3)) are official travel locations, and available contract city-pair airfares *may* be used.

NOTE 1: *Reimbursement is authorized only for air transportation, and ground transportation between interim airports (e.g., between Narita and Haneda airports in Tokyo since they are interim airports and the cost is part of the overall transportation cost). Reimbursement for ground transportation between PDS/home/destination and the airport is not authorized.*

NOTE 2: *The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs.*

Example 1	
A member's OCONUS PDS is Location A and the emergency leave CONUS location is Location B. The closest CONUS international airport with a scheduled flight is Location C.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between Location A and Location C:	\$1,200
Round trip city-pair airfare between Location A and Location B:	\$1,400
Round trip policy-constructed airfare between Location A and Location B:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from Location B is more expensive than transportation to/from the closest CONUS international airport, Location C, no <i>city-pair airfare may be used</i> to/from Location B.	
The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	

Example 2	
A member's OCONUS PDS is Location A and the emergency leave CONUS location is Location B. The closest CONUS international airport with a scheduled flight is Location C.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between Location A and Location C:	\$1,200
Round trip city-pair airfare between Location A and Location B:	\$ 980
Since transportation to/from Location B is less expensive than transportation to/from the closest CONUS international airport, Location C, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to/from Location B (\$980) NTE the \$1,200 cost to Location C.	

1. Member and Dependent(s) OCONUS. For a member described in pars. U7205-B1a and U7205-B1b and dependent(s) described in pars. U7205-B2a and U7205-B2b:

- a. Authorized origins are:
 - (1) A member's PDS;
 - (2) The dependent's other OCONUS location; or

(3) The member's or dependent's location when notified of the personal emergency, if the location is OCONUS. *For a member described in par. U7205-B1c and dependent described in par. U7205-B2c, see par. U7205-B2a.*

b. Authorized destinations are:

(1) Either:

(a) The CONUS international airport nearest to the location from which the member/dependent departed to which a scheduled direct flight is available along a normally traveled international route; or

(b) Any other CONUS airport that is closer to the traveler's destination if the transportation cost to the other airport is less than the transportation cost to the international airport described in (a) above. For an example, see par. U7205-C; ***NOTE: This creates a cost limit to be used for transportation.***

(2) An airport in a non-foreign OCONUS area (see APP A); or

(3) Any other OCONUS location, as determined by the Secretarial Process.

NOTE: There is no authorization for one-way emergency leave transportation from CONUS back to an OCONUS PDS if a member or dependent(s) is on personal leave in CONUS when the emergency occurs.

2. Member and Dependent in CONUS. For a member described in par. U7205-B1c and dependent described in par. U7205-B2c:

a. Authorized origins are the international airports nearest the:

(1) Member's PDS, or

(2) Dependent's location when notified of the personal emergency.

b. Authorized destinations are:

(1) An international airport in a non-foreign OCONUS area, or

(2) Any other OCONUS location, as determined by the Secretarial Process.

NOTE: There is no authority for one-way emergency leave transportation from OCONUS back to the CONUS PDS if a member or dependent(s) is on personal leave OCONUS when the emergency occurs.

U7206 PERSONAL EMERGENCIES FOR A MEMBER ON TDY OR AWAY FROM HOME PORT

A. Member TDY or Away from the Home Port. A member on TDY away from the PDS, or assigned to a ship or unit operating away from its home port, is authorized round-trip (if applicable) personal emergency travel and transportation allowances (including per diem while in a travel status, but not while at the emergency leave location) between the TDY/unit location or ship and the:

1. PDS,

2. Home port, or

3. Other location if authorized emergency leave as determined under DODI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Procedures <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>) for DOD Services and/or Service regulations. See par. U1010-B9.

B. Transportation. Space-required GOV'T transportation must be used if reasonably available; otherwise travel and transportation allowances are the same as if traveling on TDY. ***NOTE: The policy in par. U3002-B allowing reimbursement up to the directed mode cost does not apply if GOV'T transportation is reasonably available and not used.***

C. Reimbursement. Travel and transportation cost reimbursement for travel between the TDY/unit location and another location is limited to the travel and transportation cost between the TDY/unit location and the PDS/home port.

D. Cost Construction. If emergency travel to another location is appropriate for the member from the TDY/unit location and the member's return to the TDY/unit location is no longer required at the personal emergency conclusion, the member's travel and transportation cost to the PDS directly from the other location is limited to the balance of the travel and transportation cost from the TDY/unit location to the PDS not used under par. U7206-A3 (i.e., cost from TDY site to another location to PDS cannot exceed cost from TDY site to PDS).

E. City-pair Airfare Use. The locations listed in par. U7206-A are official travel locations, and available contract city-pair airfares may be used. ***If the member travels to a more expensive 'other' location, city-pair airfares are not authorized.***

F. One-way Emergency Leave Travel. There is no authority for one-way emergency leave travel and transportation to the ship's location if the member departed on emergency leave while the ship was in its home port. If the member departed the ship on emergency leave while it was operating away from home port, return travel and transportation to the ship at its home port is authorized subject to the limitations in par. U7206-D. See par. U7215 for travel and transportation allowances when a ship relocates during the member's authorized absence.

NOTE: The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs. Even though payable, per diem and transportation costs to/from terminals are not included in the examples.

Example 1	
A member's PDS is Ft. Belvoir, VA. The member is TDY to Ft. Campbell, KY, and the member's emergency leave destination is Denver, CO.	
There is no city-pair airfare between Ft. Campbell and Ft. Belvoir and the policy-constructed airfare (see APP A) (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections) is \$400.	
City-pair airfare cost from Ft. Campbell to Denver	\$500
Policy-constructed airfare cost from Ft. Campbell to Denver	\$600
Since transportation to Denver is more expensive than transportation to the PDS (Ft. Belvoir), the member is not authorized city-pair airfare to Denver. The member's financial responsibility is \$600 of which \$400 is reimbursable.	

Example 2	
A member's PDS is Ft. Belvoir, VA. The member is TDY to Ft. Hood, TX, and the member's emergency leave destination is Atlanta, GA.	
City-pair airfare trip cost from Ft. Hood to Ft. Belvoir	\$320
City-pair airfare from Ft. Hood to Atlanta	\$280
Since transportation to Atlanta is less expensive than transportation to the PDS (Ft. Belvoir) the member is authorized city-pair airfare to Atlanta (\$280) NTE the cost to Ft. Belvoir (\$320).	

U7207 FUNDED ENVIRONMENTAL AND MORALE LEAVE (FEML) TRANSPORTATION

A. Policy. FEML policy is established in DODI 1327.06 (Leave and Liberty Procedures), subsection 1.j.(8), <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/132706p.pdf>.

B. Eligibility

NOTE: Once a member/dependent meets FEML eligibility, unless otherwise prohibited in par. U7207, the member/dependent is authorized FEML and it is not discretionary.

1. Member. A member is eligible for FEML if stationed at an authorized FEML PDS (see APP S) for 24 or more consecutive months (to include a 12-month tour extended for an additional consecutive 12 months).

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

2. Dependent. The dependent of a uniformed member serving an accompanied tour at the FEML PDS is eligible for FEML if:

- a. Command-sponsored, and
- b. Residing with the member at the FEML PDS (a dependent student (see par. U5260) attending school away from the PDS (e.g., in the CONUS) resides with the member for FEML eligibility).

NOTE 1: A dependent may travel independently of the member and may travel even if the member does not.

NOTE 2: Student dependent travel from the school to the designated FEML location or an alternate destination to join the family while on FEML may be authorized. The GOV'T-funded transportation cost from the school to the designated FEML destination or to an alternate location must not exceed the GOV'T's cost had the dependent traveled from the OCONUS PDS to the designated FEML destination.

C. Limitation

1. Number of FEML Trips

a. The number of FEML trips an eligible member/dependent may take depends on the member's tour length, as shown in the table below:

Tour Length	Number of FEML Trips Authorized
a. At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	1
Tour <i>extended</i> at least 12 months	1 additional
b. At least 36 months.	2
Tour <i>extended</i> for any length of time	0 additional

b. No more than 2 FEML trips are authorized for any overseas tour including extensions to that tour.

c. Personnel taking IPCOT assignments are authorized additional FEML trips based on the above table. For example, if the member's tour was 36 months, two FEML trips were authorized during that 36-month tour. If the member then serves a 36-month IPCOT, the member would be eligible for two FEML trips during that second 36-month tour.

2. Time Limitation. FEML travel by a member/dependent should not be performed within 6 months of the beginning or the end of the 24- or 36-month tour. FEML travel by a member/dependent should not be performed within 3 months of the beginning or the end of a 12-month extension to a 24-month/less than 36-month tour. A major command is authorized, on a case-by-case basis, to waive the six-month or three-month rule when appropriate. FEML travel by an eligible member/dependent must be performed prior to the FEML tour completion (adopted from [CBCA 1067-TRAV, 26 June 2008](#)). **NOTE: A major command is ordinarily commanded by a 4-star (3-star for Marine Corps) flag officer.**

3. FEML Can Be Combined with other Travel. *FEML may be taken ICW any other funded leave transportation program or official travel.*

D. FEML Locations/Destinations. See APP S for a list of authorized FEML locations/destinations.

1. FEML Location. To qualify, a location must meet the requirements of DODI 1327.06 and be designated by one of the authorities listed in par. U7207-D5.

2. FEML Destination. The authorized FEML destination, determined IAW DODI 1327.06, is listed in APP S.

3. Alternate Destination(s). A member may select destination(s) different from the authorized destination in APP S and be reimbursed NTE the cost of GOV'T-provided transportation to the authorized destination. Travel to/from the alternate destination(s) is official travel, and contract city-pair airfares *may* be available for use. **If a member travels to more expensive alternate destination(s), city-pair airfares are not authorized.**

4. Examples. The locations and transportation costs used in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect current costs.

a. Example 1

Example 1	
A member's PDS is in Bahrain and the authorized destination is Frankfurt, Germany.	
There is no city-pair airfare between Bahrain and Frankfurt, Germany.	
The policy-constructed airfare (see APP A) (incorporating some city-pair airfare connections) is \$1,200.	
The member desires to utilize FEML to Boston, MA.	
Round trip city-pair airfare to/from Boston:	\$1,400
Round trip policy-constructed airfare to/from Boston:	\$1,600
Since transportation to/from Boston, MA, is more expensive than transportation to/from Frankfurt, Germany, no city-pair airfare may be used to/from Boston. The member's financial responsibility is \$1,600 of which \$1,200 is reimbursable.	

b. Example 2

Example 2	
A member's PDS is in Brazil and the authorized destination is Miami, FL.	
Round trip city-pair airfare between Brazil and Miami is \$980.	
The member desires to utilize FEML to St. Louis, MO.	
Round trip city-pair airfare from Brazil to St. Louis is:	\$840
Since transportation to/from St. Louis, MO, is less expensive than transportation to/from Miami, FL, the member is authorized city-pair airfare to/from St. Louis (\$840) NTE the \$980 cost to/from Miami.	

5. Location Designation/Recertification

a. Designating Authorities. The following are designating authorities for FEML locations/destinations:

- (1) DOD Services: DUSD (MPP);

- (2) NOAA: Director, NOAA Corps;
- (3) PHS: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OSG, DCP); and
- (4) U.S. Coast Guard: Commandant (CG-12), U.S. Coast Guard.

b. Designation/Recertification Requests. Designation/recertification requests (for DOD Services) must be sent through Combatant Command channels to DUSD (MPP) IAW DODI 1327.06.

E. Transportation

1. Member/Dependent. The member and dependent may travel together or independently.
2. Restrictions. A member/dependent(s) taking a FEML trip:
 - a. Must use military air transportation on a space available basis if reasonably available to the authorized/alternate destination, or
 - b. May use commercial air transportation if military air transportation is not reasonably available, and
 - c. May not use cruise or tour packages to/from the authorized destination.

NOTE: A commander must determine "reasonable availability" after considering mission requirements, frequency and scheduling of flights, and other relevant circumstances (including those personal to the member) that affect scheduling FEML.

3. Procurement. Commercial air transportation must be IAW par. U3120.
4. Reimbursement
 - a. Transportation and expenses (i.e., ground transportation) between the member's PDS and the authorized air terminal may be reimbursed. *See par. U3320, and Ch 3, Part E.*
 - b. Reimbursement must not exceed the GOV'T-procured transportation cost between a member's duty station and the authorized destination (APP S), plus the ground transportation cost (see par. U7207-E4a).
5. Transportation Funded by a Host Government. *If a member/dependent(s) receives transportation funded by a host government that is comparable to FEML, they are not eligible for a FEML trip.*

F. Per Diem. *Per diem, meal tickets, and reimbursement for meals and lodging are not authorized for FEML.*

G. Dual Allowances. A member or eligible dependent may not receive dual allowances. Therefore, the member's spouse (or other dependent), serving at the PDS as an employee of the same or another U.S. GOV'T agency, is eligible for FEML travel as the member's dependent *provided* the other agency does not provide comparable allowances. Ex: Member-married-to-member (or employee) couple with two children. The member and employee (or both members) are each eligible for one FEML trip. The entire family unit may travel on its collective one FEML trip, or the member and other member/employee may take separate FEML trips and each child may accompany one parent, but not both.

U7210 CONVALESCENT LEAVE TRANSPORTATION (37 USC §411a)

A. Authority. A member is authorized transportation allowances (*no per diem*) for one trip when traveling for convalescent leave for illness/injury incurred while eligible for hostile fire pay under 37 USC §310 from the:

1. CONUS medical treatment place to a place selected by the member and authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process, and
2. Member-selected place to any medical treatment place.

NOTE: Additional trips, if deemed necessary by the attending physician, may be authorized through the Secretarial Process.

B. Transportation Allowances. A member performing travel under par. U7210-A may select:

1. Transportation-in-kind;
2. Commercial transportation cost reimbursement when the member travels at personal expense (see Ch 3, Part B), ***NOTE: IAW par. U3120-A1, it is mandatory policy that a member uses an available CTO/TMC to arrange official travel, including transportation and rental cars, except when authorized IAW par. U3110; or***
3. The TDY automobile mileage rate for the official distance.

NOTE: GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation must be furnished and used to the maximum extent practicable.

C. Restrictions. *Per diem, meal tickets, and meals and lodging reimbursement are not authorized for convalescent leave travel.*

U7215 SHIP RELOCATED DURING AUTHORIZED ABSENCE

A. Authorized Allowances. A member is authorized travel and transportation allowances for a portion of return travel to the assigned ship that relocates during an absence on authorized leave or liberty (pass), but only if the member is not notified of the relocation before departure on leave or liberty (pass). ***Exception: A member who departed the ship on emergency leave while the ship was in its home port is authorized allowances under par. U7215 even if the member knew of the ship's relocation before departing on emergency leave.***

B. Limitation. A member is authorized travel and transportation allowances for additional costs associated with returning to a relocated ship. Reimbursement is limited to the additional cost and is NTE the transportation cost between the ship's old and new locations.

C. Reimbursement. TDY travel and transportation allowances are payable. If return to a relocated ship requires transoceanic travel, transportation-in-kind is authorized. The GOV'T/GOV'T-procured transportation financial obligation is limited to the transportation cost between the ship's old and new locations. The member is financially responsible for any additional cost. ***If, when the member travels back to the ship, the transportation cost exceeds the transportation cost between the ship's old and new locations, city-pair airfares are not authorized.***

U7220 RECALL FROM LEAVE

A. Member's Responsibility. Except as prescribed in par. U7220-B a member en route to or at a leave location, who is ordered to return to a duty station (permanent or TDY) for duty, must bear the cost of returning. If leave is interrupted for TDY away from the PDS, see par. U4105-F.

B. Recall for Operational Reasons

1. Authorization. An eligible member is authorized TDY per diem, transportation, and reimbursable expenses (computed as if returning to a PDS from TDY) for travel:

a. Beginning the day they depart from the leave location or place they receive an authorization/order canceling leave, and ending on the arrival day at the duty station; and

b. If authorized to resume leave, beginning the day they depart from the duty station, and ending on the arrival day at a leave location no farther distant from the duty station than the place they received the authorization/order canceling leave.

No per diem accrues for duty at the PDS.

2. Eligible Member. An eligible member is one who departs from a PDS or TDY station on authorized leave and is recalled to the same duty station because of:

a. Actual contingency or emergency war operations, or

b. An urgent, unforeseen circumstance (and the authorized leave is for 5 or more days):

(1) Within 24 hours of departure, or

(2) More than 24 hours after departure, if the commanding officer authorizes/approves after determining that:

(a) A substantial portion of the scheduled leave period has been eliminated by the recall, or

(b) The leave purpose has been defeated ([60 Comp. Gen. 648 \(1981\)](#)).

APPENDIX G: MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A. General. This Appendix addresses the more commonly incurred miscellaneous reimbursable expenses. *Incidental Expenses (defined as part of per diem in APP A) are different than these expenses.* Finance regulations should be consulted regarding any required expense description/documentation on the travel voucher.

B. Transportation Expenses Incurred in or around a PDS or TDY Location. Reimbursement of these expenses is covered in JFTR, Ch 3, Part F, and JTR, Ch 2, Part H.

C. Voucher Submission. [DODFMR, Vol. 9, Travel Policy and Procedures](http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/) at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/> prescribes the voucher submission requirements, with supporting authority. Funds must be obligated IAW finance policy (ordinarily prior to/at the time the expense is incurred).

D. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses Table. Travelers are authorized certain necessary travel and transportation-related miscellaneous reimbursable expenses incurred on official business. Some miscellaneous reimbursable expenses are authorized for reimbursement by this APP; other miscellaneous reimbursable expenses require AO authorization/approval. Miscellaneous reimbursable expenses include the following (listed in alphabetical order):

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<p><u>ATM Use (Civilian Employee)</u>.</p> <p>1. <u>Reimbursable</u>. Administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with the GTCC up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance.</p> <p>2. <u>Not Reimbursable</u>. Administrative fees for an ATM use of a personal charge card.</p> <p>3. See OSD Comptroller memo dated 19 July 2002, and the DOD Financial Management Regulations (DODFMR), Volume 9, Chapter 3 available at: http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf, for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</p>			X	X		X
<p><u>ATM Use (Uniformed Member)</u></p> <p>1. Reimbursement is authorized for administrative fees for ATM use to obtain money with:</p> <p>a. The GTCC, or</p> <p>b. An ATM or personal charge card used by personnel exempt (and the traveler must provide the exemption authority) from GTCC use for official travel,</p> <p>up to the amount authorized/approved by the AO for an ATM travel advance.</p> <p>2. Reimbursement for ATM administrative fees related to use of an ATM or personal charge card is at the rate applicable to that card if an advance is not otherwise provided by cash or check.</p> <p>3. See OSD Comptroller memo of 19 July 2002 and the "DOD Financial Management Regulations", Volume 9, Chapter 3 available at: http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/09/09_03.pdf, for information on personnel exempt from the requirement to use the GTCC.</p>	X	X			X	
<p><u>Baggage, Excess Accompanied (Transportation Cost)</u>. Excess accompanied baggage transportation costs may:</p> <p>1. Be authorized in advance/approved after the fact by the Secretarial Process (ordinarily a major personnel command (e.g., Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) (Navy), Human Resources Command (HRC) (Army)) after any PCS or civilian employee TCS travel.</p> <p>2. Be authorized in advance of any PCS or civilian employee TCS travel for DOD travelers IAW the Service/Agency regulations.</p> <p>3. Be authorized/approved for the <i>non-DOD travelers</i>.</p> <p>4. <i>Not</i> be paid for with a Miscellaneous Charge Order (MCO), a coupon used as a general-purpose voucher for services (such as excess accompanied baggage) ICW PCS travel unless authorized by the Secretarial Process in advance of travel.</p>	X		X			

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See JFTR, par. U3015 and JTR, par. C2302						
<p>Baggage Expenses. Reimbursement is authorized for necessary travel and transportation-related miscellaneous reimbursable expenses incurred on official business. These expenses include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Excess Baggage.</u> See Baggage, Excess Accompanied. 2. <u>Baggage Transfer.</u> NTE the customary local rates, and necessity for the transfer must be explained. 3. <u>Baggage Storage (with explanation).</u> 4. <u>Baggage Checking.</u> NTE the customary local rates. 5. <u>Curbside Baggage Check-in Fee</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Uniformed Member. <i>Reimbursement of a fee charged for the use of optional curbside baggage check-in service is <u>not</u> authorized.</i> A tip, separate from the fee itself, is reimbursable. b. Civilian Employee. Reimbursable only when authorized under JTR, par. C7460-4, for a traveler with a disability/special need. 	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>Baggage Handling Tips</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uniformed Member <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Transportation Terminal.</u> Reimbursement is authorized for customary tips for handling <u>any</u> baggage (personal and/or GOV'T) at a transportation terminal. b. <u>Lodging Establishment.</u> Reimbursement is authorized <u>only</u> for transportation-related tips for handling <u>GOV'T property</u> at lodging establishments. 2. Civilian Employee. Baggage handling tips at transportation terminals or lodging establishments are covered by the IE portion of per diem and are <u>not</u> items for separate reimbursement <u>except</u> for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A traveler with a disability/special need (see JTR, par. C7460-4), b. Handling of GOV'T property, c. Handling of a dependent's personal baggage when the dependent is not authorized per diem while traveling at GOV'T expense when unaccompanied by the sponsor, and d. Handling of a dependent's personal baggage that the sponsor cannot handle when the dependent is traveling with the sponsor. 	X	X	X	X	X	X
Birth Certificates. The cost of birth certificates or other acceptable evidence of birth for OCONUS travel.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carrier Terminal Fees. Airport transit, service charge/tax, landing, port tax, embarkation/debarkation or similar mandatory charge assessed against a traveler on arrival/departure from a carrier terminal is authorized when not included in the ticket cost (52 Comp. Gen. 73 (1972)).	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cell Phone Use. When a cell phone is used for official communication, each call must be documented showing the additional cost incurred outside of the normal usage covered in the cell phone contract. <i>Prepaid communication services (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
<p>Check Cashing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Reimbursable.</u> Fees for cashing U.S. GOV'T checks/drafts issued for travel expense reimbursement in a foreign country. 2. <u>Not Reimbursable.</u> Fees for cashing salary checks/drafts are not authorized. 	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Check Costs. The cost of traveler's checks, money orders, or certified checks for up to the amount of estimated per diem, and/or AEA, and/or travel expenses for the authorized travel.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clerical Assistance. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
*Communication Services. GOV'T-owned/leased services should be used for official communications, but when GOV'T services are not available commercial communications services may be used. <i>Prepaid communication (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) or in-flight communication services are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
*Computer Connections. Connections (e.g., Internet connection) used for computers to perform official GOV'T business is reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. <i>In-flight computer connections are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
Conveyance Costs. Public or special conveyance costs to and from the transportation terminal. See JFTR, Ch 3, Part E and JTR, Ch 2, Part C.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Currency Conversion Fees 1. Reimbursable. The 1% "international transaction fee" for official qualifying transactions charged by the GTCC vendor. This charge is listed as a separate line item on the credit card billing statement. 2. Not Reimbursable. Losses resulting from currency conversions (63 Comp. Gen. 554 (1984)). NOTE: A traveler is not liable for gains resulting from currency conversion. 3. Travel Claim Submission. A traveler who pays with a credit card for OCONUS expenses should check with the credit card vendor to determine the final bill in U.S. currency prior to travel claim submission. The currency exchange rate at which the credit card bill was settled may be used to determine OCONUS expenses charged to the card. 4. Supplemental Vouchers. A traveler may have to submit a travel voucher prior to having access to the actual amount billed on the credit card. When the actual amount in U.S. currency is not known until after the required travel claim submission date, a traveler should be personally aware of any financial regulations that require submission of a supplemental voucher if the amount(s) submitted as expenses differ(s) from the actual amount billed on the initial travel claim.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Driver (Vehicle) Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Energy Surcharge Fees	X	X	X	X	X	X
*Global Positioning System (GPS) for a Rental Car. <i>The optional Global Positioning System (GPS) for a rental car is not reimbursable unless the AO can determine it was necessary for official business.</i>		X		X	X	X
Green Card. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
GTCC 1. Late Payment Delinquent Fees. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only for a traveler in a mission critical travel category or who, through no personal fault, is unable to file a travel voucher and pay the GTCC bill because of circumstances specific to the travel. See DODFMR, Volume 9 , Chapter 3, found in USD(C) memorandum dated 7 May 2002 for definition of mission critical personnel and processing requirements. 2. Expedited Delivery. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Guide Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Inoculations. Charges for inoculations that are not available through a Federal dispensary for OCONUS travel (this does not include travel expenses incurred for obtaining the required inoculations) when authorized/or approved.	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Insurance, Driving-Related. Driving-related insurance is reimbursable when a Service-designated official determines that legal requirements/procedures of the foreign country involved make it necessary to carry driving-related insurance (55 Comp. Gen. 1343 (1976)) to cover potential liability for damage, personal injury, or death to third parties when travel is authorized by GOV'T conveyance/POC/rental car.		X		X	X	X
Interpreter Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Expenses (Civilian Employee Only) 1. Reimbursable for CONUS Travel. Costs for personal laundry, dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during TDY or PCS travel (not after returning to/arriving at PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense when travel within CONUS requires at least 4 consecutive nights lodging. 2. Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel. <i>Laundry/dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel.</i> It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.			X	X		X
Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Expenses (Uniformed Member Only) 1. Reimbursable for CONUS Travel. Costs for personal laundry, dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to/arriving at PDS) are a separately reimbursable travel expense up to an average of \$2 per day, in addition to per diem/AEA, when travel within CONUS requires at least 7 consecutive nights of TDY lodging in CONUS (e.g., 6 nights, no laundry, 7 nights, NTE \$14, 8 nights, NTE \$16). 2. Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel. <i>Laundry/dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel.</i> It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.		X			X	
Legal Service Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
License/Permit, International Driver's 1. Reimbursable when traveling TDY to a country that requires an international driver's license/permit. 2. The cost of license/permit photos is reimbursable. 3. See http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html for information on driving abroad. 4. <i>This reimbursement applies only to members/employees but not their dependents.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lodging, Dual. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. Reimbursement must not exceed the amount of per diem/AEA plus appropriate lodging tax (when separately reimbursable) that would have been paid had the traveler remained overnight. See JFTR, par. U4135 and JTR, par. C4555-F.		X		X	X	X
Lodging Fees/Daytime Lodging Charges. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. These include room occupancy lodging charges for late departure, early arrival, or airport daytime lodging facilities due to travel arrangements that are not for the traveler's convenience.		X		X	X	X
Lodging Reimbursement while on Leave (Uniformed Member Only). Reimbursement is authorized for the actual cost of lodging retained at the TDY location during leave, NTE the per diem rate lodging portion for the TDY location, for each day during contingency operations (JFTR, par. U7225), or authorized/ordered evacuations (JFTR, par. U7226-C).		X			X	
Lodging Tax (except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid) in the CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (see APP A). 1. Reimbursable. Lodging tax reimbursement (CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS only) is limited to the tax on reimbursable lodging costs. Example: if the authorized maximum lodging rate is \$60/night, and lodging that costs \$110/night is chosen, tax on \$60 may be reimbursed, which is the maximum authorized lodging amount. 2. Not Reimbursable. Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is part of per diem/AEA and is <i>not separately</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X

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<i>reimbursable.</i>						
Medical Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
Mission-Related Expenses. Mission-related expenses <i>are not reimbursable as travel expenses</i> . These include (but are not limited to) equipment and materials (e.g., batteries, tools, film, paper, books, medical supplies), gifts for child care, pet care, hotel concierge, workout room/gym fees, and similar items.						
Nonrefundable Room Deposits, Forfeited Rental Deposits or Prepaid Rent, and Early Checkout Penalties when TDY is Curtailed/Canceled/Interrupted. 1. When advance lodging arrangements (including deposits for rental units) are made and TDY is curtailed/canceled/interrupted, lodging cost reimbursement may be authorized/ approved by the AO. 2. Reimbursement must not exceed the remaining amount of per diem/AEA plus appropriate lodging tax that would have been paid had the TDY not been curtailed/ canceled/interrupted. 3. See 59 Comp. Gen. 609 (1980) , 59 id. 612 (1980) , 60 id. 630 (1981) , and cases cited therein. 4. The AO should consider if the: a. Traveler acted reasonably and prudently in incurring lodging expenses; b. Traveler had a reasonable expectation of completing the TDY as authorized; c. Assignment was changed for official purposes or for an acceptable reason beyond the traveler’s control; and d. Traveler took reasonable steps to obtain a refund once the TDY was officially canceled/curtailed.		X		X	X	X
Packer Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Paper Tickets. Any additional paper tickets cost is authorized when authorized/approved by the AO as necessary to meet GOV’T requirements (e.g., potential work stoppage by the airline or special circumstances involving international travel to foreign countries). <i>Paper tickets bought for personal convenience are the traveler’s financial responsibility.</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parking Fees at a Terminal. Transportation terminal parking fees (while TDY), NTE the cost of taxi fares (including associated tips) for one round-trip to the terminal are authorized. See JFTR, par. U3320 and JTR, par. C2192.		X		X	X	X
*Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Exams, and Legal Services. 1. <u>Reimbursement Eligibility</u> *a. <u>General.</u> Reimbursement is authorized for a: (1) Member, (2) Employee, and (3) Dependent (member’s and/or employee’s). *b. <u>Uniformed Member.</u> Reimbursement authority is for a member who is: (1) Assigned to a foreign OCONUS area, (2) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of a continued assignment in a foreign OCONUS area, or (3) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below.	X	X	X	X	X	X

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<p>*c. Civilian Employee. Reimbursement authority is for <i>an employee</i> who is:</p> <p>(1) A U.S. citizen (NOTE: An eligible dependent(s) does not have to be a US citizen.)</p> <p>(2) Hired locally or transported to a foreign OCONUS area at GOV'T expense,</p> <p>(3) Serving under a service or renewal agreement, and</p> <p>(4) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of continued employment in a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(5) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below.</p> <p>*d. Dependent (Member's or Employee's). Reimbursement authority is for a dependent who is:</p> <p>(1) Authorized travel and transportation allowances to/from a foreign OCONUS area, or</p> <p>(2) Required to obtain/renew a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visas as a result of the sponsor's continued assignment/employment in a foreign OCONUS area.</p> <p>2. Acquired Dependent (Uniformed Member Only). A member serving an unaccompanied OCONUS tour who acquires a dependent OCONUS is not authorized reimbursement of passport and visa expenses for the acquired dependent except when JFTR, par. U9000-A2 or U9000-A3 applies, and/or the dependent qualifies for travel and transportation from the OCONUS PDS IAW JFTR, par. U5222-G.</p> <p>3. Biometric Fees. Biometric fees which are mandatory for passport and/or visa issuance to the traveler is reimbursable. Biometric data collects the traveler's measurable physical or behavioral characteristic, that can be used to verify the individual's identity or compare the identity against other entries when stored in a database. Examples of biometric data are face recognition, fingerprints, and iris scans.</p> <p>4. Dependent Fee. Dependent fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>5. Emergency Technical Support Personnel. A command/activity may be required to have emergency technical support personnel available for official travel on short notice. These personnel, if directed in writing by the AO to maintain current passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements and/or visas and/or green cards, may be reimbursed for the preparation expenses/fees paid for a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, photographs for OCONUS travel and physical examinations required to obtain a visa if examinations could not be obtained at a GOV'T medical facility (as of 11/1/01 obtainable only in Yokosuka, Japan)).</p> <p>6. Fee for Visa, Green card, and Photographs for OCONUS Travel. These fees are reimbursable ICW official travel.</p> <p>7. Legal Service Fees. Expenses for legal services that include lawyer fees/charges (except retainer fees) for obtaining and/or processing applications for a passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, or changes in status are reimbursable if local laws and/or customs require the use of lawyers in processing such applications.</p> <p>8. Medical Expenses. Medical expenses associated with obtaining passports, mandatory biometric visa requirements, and/or visa and/or green card, are not reimbursable, except for inoculations as permitted in this APP.</p> <p>9. Passport Fees. An official traveler ordinarily travels on a no-fee passport. The three types of U.S. passports are: book, card, and e-passport. A passport book is a regular passport; an e-passport is a regular passport book with electronic biometric data; both passports can be used for any international travel. A passport card is limited to departure/entry to/from the U.S. through land and seaport entry between the U.S. and Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, and is not authorized otherwise for international travel. Passport fees are reimbursable when travel on an official travel authorization/order is to and/or from a high threat area or high risk airport by commercial air and the traveler is authorized to obtain and use a regular fee passport. See http://www.state.gov/travelandbusiness/. Those traveling solely by MILAIR or AMC charter flight are not reimbursed for regular fee passports unless GOV'T transportation became available on short notice (that is, after commercial travel arrangements had been made and a passport purchased) or the travel priority is</p>						

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sufficiently high to require backup travel arrangements (which cannot include city-pair reservations).						
10. <u>Physical Examination Fees</u> . These fees are reimbursable when required to obtain a visa and the examination could not be obtained at a GOV'T medical facility (as of 11/1/01 obtainable only in Yokosuka, Japan) (adapted from GSBCA 15435-RELO, 9 April 2001). A dependent's fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.						
11. <u>Travel Authorization/Order for Visas and Physical Examinations</u> . A travel authorization/order should be issued to authorize/approve (see JFTR, par. U2115 and JTR, APP I2) travel and transportation at GOV'T expense to:						
a. A visa-issuing office located outside the traveler's PDS local area if the traveler's presence at that office is/was mandatory.						
b. Undergo a physical examination required to obtain a visa if travel is/was required to a location outside the traveler's PDS local area.						
12. <u>Travel Not Required</u> . Actual travel to obtain required documents is not required for reimbursement (e.g., the expenses may be related to mail).						
<u>Personal Expenses</u> . <i>Personal expenses are not reimbursable</i> . These include batteries, tools, film, gifts, pet care, hotel concierge, rental car GPS, workout room/gym fees, and similar items.						
<u>Pet Quarantine</u> . See JFTR and JTR, Ch 5, Part I for rules regarding pet quarantine ICW PDT.	X		X			
<u>Phone Calls (Official)</u>		X		X	X	X
1. The AO:						
a. May determine certain communications to a traveler's home/family are official (i.e., to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, inform/inquire about medical conditions, and advise regarding changes in itinerary),						
b. Should limit communications to a dollar amount in advance of the TDY, and						
c. May approve charges after the TDY completion, when appropriate (adopted from GSBCA 14554-TRAV, 18 August 1998).						
2. Prepaid communication services (i.e., prepaid phone cards, cell phones) are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.						
<u>Physical Examination Fees</u> . See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						
<u>Prepaid Phone Cards/Cell Phones</u> . See Communication Services.						
<u>Preparatory Travel Expense Reimbursement when the Travel Authorization/Order is Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked</u> . Preparatory travel expenses, such as fees for traveler's checks, passport, mandatory biometric visa requirements, visa, green card, and communications services, incurred prior to the authorization/order being changed are reimbursable provided the action taken is beyond the traveler's control, in the GOV'T's interest, and a refund is unobtainable.	X	X	X	X	X	X
<u>Registered Traveler Membership Fee</u> . Individual traveler membership in a registered and/or trusted traveler program is not a reimbursable expense per JFTR, par. U1060 and JTR, par. C1010. Use of GOV'T funds to obtain membership in such a program is statutorily prohibited by 5 USC §5946 per GSA Bulletin FTR 08-05 of 25 June 2008.						
<u>Registration Fee</u> . Registration fee reimbursement is authorized/approved when the fee is a condition for attendance. When the registration fee includes the cost of meals, per diem is computed under JFTR, par. U4165-2b or JTR, par. C4554-B2b.		X		X	X	X
<u>Rental Car Administrative Fees</u> . Any per-day administrative fee called for in the DTMO rental car agreements (including GARS) is authorized.		X		X	X	X

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Reports/Correspondence Preparation Services (incl. associated necessary equipment). Services of typists, typists, data processors, or stenographers and use of computers, printers, faxing machines and scanners are reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO (B-145883, 1 September 1970 and 15 Comp. Gen. 257 (1935)). This does not cover any materials. See mission-related expenses.		X		X	X	X
Resort Fees. Resort fees, <i>that are mandatory</i> , are authorized.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Room Rental. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO only when used for official business at a lodging/other place.		X		X	X	X
Service and Processing Fees. 1. Service and processing fees (transaction fees) for arranging official transportation, rental car and lodging accommodations are authorized: a. Through a CTO, and b. When a CTO/TMC is not available. 2. Reimbursement is authorized only when every reasonable attempt has been made by the traveler to engage CTO/TMC in the process and the CTO/TMC is not available, prior to official travel commencement.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Storage of Property Used on Official Business. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X	X	X
Technology Equipment. Use of computers, printers, faxing machines, scanners, telegrams, cablegrams, or radiograms is authorized.		X		X	X	X
Tips Aboard Commercial Ships (Uniformed Member Only). Tips to stewards and other attendants paid by or on behalf of the dependents aboard commercial ships are authorized.	X					
Tips for Handling GOV'T Property. Transportation-related tips for handling GOV'T property at terminals and lodgings are authorized.		X		X	X	X
Tips, Transportation-Related. Transportation-related tips for taxis, limousines, and courtesy transportation are authorized.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Transportation to/from Terminal. POC transportation costs (ICW TDY travel) to and from the transportation terminal are authorized. See JFTR, par. U3320 and JTR, par. C2192.		X		X	X	X
Travel and Transportation Related Expenses. Travel and transportation related expenses similar to any in this table may be authorized.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Value Added Tax (VAT) Certificate. The cost of a Value Added Tax (VAT) certificate used to avoid paying TDY lodging taxes is reimbursable.		X		X	X	X
VISA and Photograph Fees for OCONUS Travel. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.						

APPENDIX O

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

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

A. Application. 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 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.

B. Common TDY Travel Types. 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 any non-DOD GOV'T employee working for DOD and paid travel allowances funded by DOD. This APP covers individual travel for business, travel for schoolhouse training, and deployment or personnel traveling together via no/limited reimbursement. This APP is to be used ICW the JFTR and JTR where more detailed allowances are prescribed.

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

1. Senior ROTC;
2. RC member travel for medical and dental care;
3. Retirees called to active duty;
4. A Ready RC member authorized muster duty allowance;
5. 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;
12. For rules that apply when emergency situations occur while TDY is being performed;
13. Rules on per diem for a uniformed member who are inpatients in a hospital (JFTR, par. U7125-D);
14. Travel of a civilian consultant or expert (JTR, par. C4975).

D. PCS Move Travel. TDY performed as part of a PCS move continues to be paid as prescribed for TDY travel in JFTR/JTR Ch 4.

E. Invitational Travel Authorizations. See JFTR/JTR, APP E.

F. 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/TMC.

T4020 TDY TRAVEL POLICY

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

B. Traveler Rights and Responsibilities

1. A traveler must follow 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/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/TMC or in-house travel arranger IAW TRANSCOM policy. The CTO/TMC 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/TMC. Only in extremely unusual circumstances in which the traveler cannot communicate with the CTO/TMC should the CTO/TMC not be used. A traveler:
 - a. Who does not use a CTO/TMC or the GTCC to purchase transportation must submit the ticket receipt (if \$75 or more) 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 JFTR, par. U2000-A2c/JTR, par. C2000-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 be 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 the traveler can rest before reporting back to work. *See JFTR, pars. U3125-B2a and U3125-B2b/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 uses 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 promptly update the Trip Record, and confirm/modify arrangements when communication with the CTO/TMC was not possible.
5. Each traveler is advised, in advance, of the allowances, arrangements, probable expenses, and an estimate of what should be reimbursed.
6. A traveler should use a GTCC. The policies and procedures for the GTCC program (including central billing and unit cards) are found in the 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. 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 helps to ensure the traveler is paid for expenses prior to GTCC bill receipt.
8. A traveler must comply with Federal and Departmental ethics rules when accepting travel benefits (i.e., goods, services or payment) from non-Federal sources. For DOD, 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, and must follow the rules in this regulation. The DOD Financial Management Regulation (DODFMR), Volume 9, JFTR, par. U2505/JTR, par. C1305, apply when a fraudulent claim submission is suspected.

T4025 ARRANGING OFFICIAL TRAVEL**A. CTO/TMC Use**

1. Mandatory Policy. It is DOD *mandatory policy* that each traveler uses an available CTO/TMC to arrange official travel, including transportation and rental cars.
2. Service Regulations. See DOD Component/Service regulations for CTO/TMC 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/TMC 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://biotech.law.lsu.edu/blaw/dodd/corres/pdf2/d45009p.pdf>;
 - b. DODI 4500.42 (DOD Passenger Transportation Reservation and Ticketing Services) at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/450042p.pdf>; 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/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/TMC 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 NTE the GOV'T/GOV'T procured transportation cost.*

T4030 GETTING THERE AND BACK (TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES)

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

B. **Commercial Transportation.** The Services must require that the CTO/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 JFTR, par. U4326, **NOTE 1**/JTR, par. C1060, **NOTE 1**) when needed to fulfill a documented mission requirement as specified in par. T4060-B1. Only the officials listed in JFTR, pars. U3125-B2, and U3135-C (trains only)/JTR, pars. C2204-B2, and C2208-C (trains only), may authorize/approve business- or first-class accommodations use.

C. **Special Conveyances (Includes Aircraft) Reimbursement.** 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.*** When the AO authorizes special conveyance/rental vehicle use for official business, the following reimbursements are authorized per APP G.

1. Rental costs, tax and local assessments on rental vehicle users, necessary gas and oil, landing and tie-down fees, and transportation to/from the rental facility.
2. Parking; ferry fares; bridge, road and tunnel tolls; traveler access fee (when charged); GARS; garage (POC parking is a separate reimbursable expense), hangar or boathouse rental; operator's subsistence; and optional extra collision hull insurance for rental aircraft.
3. Snow tires and similar non-standard equipment necessary for travel when authorized/approved in the travel authorization/order. Reimbursement NTE the rental conveyance upgrade costs necessary for required non-standard equipment. Disregard of a special conveyance arranged by a CTO/TMC, requires justification for additional special conveyance costs before reimbursement (beyond the cost using the CTO/TMC). ***Reimbursement for purchase of snow tire and other non-standard items is not authorized.***
4. Mandatory rental car insurance coverage required in foreign countries.
5. 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 vendor 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 JFTR, par. U2600/JTR, par. C2500 plus constructed per diem for the official distance NTE the GOV'T's constructed cost. See JFTR, par. U3310-A1/JTR, par. C2150, item 8.

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 vendor that is under the DTMO rental car agreement but not listed on the DTMO list as a vehicle "in that category", does not have the full liability and vehicle loss and damage insurance coverage for the traveler and the GOV'T, and should not be rented for official GOV'T travel. Usually, there is at least one vendor listed that has a vehicle available for official GOV'T travel and this vendor should be used.*

D. GOV'T Transportation

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

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

E. POC. When the AO authorizes/approves a POC as 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.) NTE 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/JTR, par. C1065.

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

G. Insurance Coverage in Foreign Areas. The AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for mandatory insurance coverage required in foreign areas for a rental, GOV'T, or 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/TMC makes lodging reservations and reflects the cost estimate (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 NTE 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/TMCs), 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) (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 Component's 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/TMC 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% 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 charges beyond the basic room fee and tax. The traveler must retain all lodging receipts.

NOTE 1: *The maximum amount allowed for [lodging](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) (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) (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 lasted 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/TMC should be used to make these arrangements unless the CTO/TMC 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/ JTR, Ch 4, Part M) is authorized/approved. The provisions of JFTR, par. U4141/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 1: If all three meals are provided, only the incidental expenses for that day are payable.

****NOTE 2:*** A continental breakfast is a deductible meal if it otherwise qualifies above.

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/without meals. See JFTR, par. U4165, items 2e and 2f (uniformed member)/JTR, pars. C4554-B5 and C4554-B6 (civilian employee) when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost. Also see JFTR, pars. U4165 and U4167/JTR, par. C4554-B.

e. In very rare instances, the M&IE rate may not be sufficient and the AO may authorize AEA for M&IE 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 is involved.

3. **Incidental Expenses (IE).** The traveler is paid an IE 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 IE.

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 NTE the PMR for commercial meals the traveler is required to purchase.

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

C. Lodging Overnight Required - Standards for Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together with No/Limited Reimbursement, and TDY aboard Ships. Other reimbursable expenses (par. T4040-F and App. G) are authorized in the same manner as for business travel. The AO may authorize/approve the actual amount paid up to the PMR (but no IE) for meals and/or payment for lodging when the traveler is not authorized per diem but is required to purchase these items. See par. T4040-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			
<u>Subsist Ashore</u>			
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
<u>Subsist Aboard U.S. GOV'T Ship 3/</u>			
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/TMC, even though overnight lodging is not required.
- b. If travel is in the local area (see JFTR, par. U3500/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/JTR, par. C2192 for travel to/from a transportation terminal.
- d. If a POC is used to/from home, the traveler is authorized the standard mileage rate for the distance driven, minus the normal distance driven to and from work. This most often affects the PDS.

- e. If the traveler does not travel by POC to work every day, the traveler is reimbursed the standard mileage rate for the distance driven, less the traveler's normal transportation cost to get to work.
- f. The AO determines reimbursement based on the difference between the cost of using the POC and the traveler's normal cost to get to work.
- g. Commercial transportation expense reimbursement is authorized/approved *only* if the expenses incurred for travel to the alternate work site exceed the expenses ordinarily incurred by the traveler to commute to the PDS workplace.
- h. A traveler is authorized reimbursement for other expenses such as tolls and parking when using a POC.
- i. For distance determination see JFTR, par. U2020/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) for each travel day. *No per diem is authorized when TDY is for 12 or fewer hours.* However, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement of the actual amount paid, NTE the PMR (not including IE) for the TDY location, when a uniformed member spends more than the cost of normal meal arrangements during travel outside the PDS limits. *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) annually. Each Service has a different term for these training periods, such as unit training assemblies, or weekend drills. Inherent in this obligation is the travel between the member's home and the location at which the member normally performs "drill" (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 Ready Reserve Select Reserve member, travel expense reimbursement may be authorized/approved under par. T4045-G. The member may be authorized/approved reimbursement under par. T4040-F for transportation expenses in and around the unit/site. When the member travels between home and an alternate site, the member is paid mileage for the distance that exceeds the distance from home to the assigned unit.

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

3. Travel from a Location Other than Home/Assigned Unit to an Alternate Site within the Local Commuting Area. There is no 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. T4030 applies for transportation, and par. T4040-C applies for per diem for periods under 20 weeks. ;
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, transportation is determined under par. T4030, and per diem under business travel rules in par. T4040-A;
4. Active-duty-for-other-than-training for more than 180 days because of unusual or emergency circumstances or exigencies of the Service and the Secretarial Process authorizes per diem, transportation is determined under par. T4030, and per diem under the business travel rules in par. T4040-A (or deployment rules in par. T4040-C).

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

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G. Inactive Duty Training Outside Normal Commuting Distance. The Secretary Concerned may authorize reimbursement to an eligible Ready Reserve Select Reserve member for travel and transportation related expenses for travel to an inactive duty training location (assigned unit – designated post of duty) to perform inactive duty training when the member is required to commute outside the local commuting distance. For par. T4045-G, 'outside the local commuting distance' is defined as the local travel area as prescribed under par. U3500, but not less than 150 miles one-way by DTOD.

1. Eligible Member. A Ready Reserve Select Reserve member (***and not just any*** RC member) must be:
 - a. Qualified in a skill designated as critically short by the Service Secretary;
 - b. Assigned to a Selected Reserve unit with a critical staffing shortage or in a pay grade in the member's RC with a critical staffing shortage; or
 - c. Assigned to a unit or position that is disestablished or relocated as a result of Defense BRAC or another force structure reallocation.
2. Reimbursement. The following travel and transportation expenses for travel to and from an inactive duty training location to perform inactive duty training may be reimbursed, ***NTE a total of \$300 for each round trip.***

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 & dining facility/mess available; otherwise par. T4040 applies. 6/7/
PHS officers called to active duty for Commissioned Officer Student and Extern Program (COSTEP).	Par. T4030 applies.	Not authorized. 6/7/
Pipeline Student--newly enlisted member undergoing training.	Normally performed as personnel traveling together with no/limited reimbursement (par. T4040-C). If not, may be authorized reimbursement under par. T4030.	Not authorized if GOV'T QTRS & dining facility/mess available.
Member commutes or AO determines member can commute.	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		
<i>This Table is for informational purposes only. Allowances are prescribed in par. T4045.</i>		
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 Ready Reserve Select Reserve member to be reimbursed travel and transportation expenses when the assigned unit is outside the member's normal commuting distance.

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

1. Cost Estimate. A traveler should obtain an estimate from the CTO/TMC, or DTS Reservation Module, for the trip. It is the key to several travel and trip funding decisions. It informs the traveler and the AO in advance of the standard and actual arrangements, associated costs, and the allowance maximums. It includes costing for transportation to and from the TDY location, lodging (including tax), and rental car (if authorized). The estimate also reflects 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/TMC 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 estimate (as the AO approves for mission reasons) is the reimbursement baseline.

3. Authority for Travel. The AO authorizes the TDY, the arrangements, determines the fund cite, and obligates funds to pay for the trip, to include the payment of a travel advance or scheduled partial payment, if included. The resulting document is the Trip Record.

4. Travel Packet. The CTO/TMC updates the Trip Record with the confirmed reservations and commercial tickets. The TO provides the documents needed for GOV'T transportation if the CTO/TMC does not provide this service.

5. Paying for Arranged Services and Obtaining Cash to Pay for Expenses while Traveling. The CTO/TMC typically charges reservations to an IBA or unit GTCC. Airline or rail tickets may also be charged to a CBA. While on the trip, the traveler should charge expenses incident to official travel on the IBA or unit GTCC, whenever possible. For official travel-related expenses that cannot be charged, the traveler can avoid using personal funds by using the IBA to obtain cash advances or travelers checks. An advance is not an option on a unit travel card.

B. During the Trip

1. Changing Plans. If travel plans change from the itinerary, the traveler should call the CTO/TMC toll-free number, if possible, to modify the itinerary. The CTO/TMC must update the traveler's Trip Record. Although the AO may approve the changes after the trip is complete, it is best if the traveler obtains the AO's authority in advance, and updates the Trip Record. The traveler is reimbursed only for changes the AO approves on the Trip Record.

2. Receipts. The traveler must be able to produce receipts for lodging and individual official travel expenses of \$75 or more.

C. After the Traveler Returns

1. Completing the Expense Report. A traveler should complete and submit the Trip Report expense report within 5 working days after returning from the trip. The receipts (lodging and individual expenses of \$75 or more) must be attached to the expense report. EFT is the preferred reimbursement method, permitting the traveler to select:

(a) Direct electronic transfer to the GTCC vendor 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. Option (a), does not require the traveler to write a check to the GTCC vendor for official expenses charged.

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

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

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

5. Lost/Stolen/Unused Paper Tickets. See JFTR, par. U2515-A/JTR, par. C1320-A. The traveler:

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

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

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

- d. Must not be reimbursed for the purchase of a replacement ticket until the GOV'T has received a refund for the lost/stolen paper ticket;
- e. Is authorized reimbursement initially only for the first ticket purchased (if the traveler paid for both tickets). If the first lost/stolen ticket is recovered, turned in for a refund, and the GOV'T is repaid, reimbursement may then be made for the second ticket, NTE the cost of the first ticket; and
- f. Must return unused paper tickets to the CTO/TMC. Unused electronic tickets must immediately be reported to the CTO/TMC for a refund. ***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 RESPONSIBILITIES

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

1. Use the cost estimate on the Trip Record to determine if the travel budget can support the travel. If the standard arrangements made ICW travel policies using GOV'T negotiated airline, lodging and rental car rates do not meet mission needs, the AO may authorize other travel options requested by the traveler, provided they conform to law, regulation, policy and contractual obligations. The AO authorizes the cost estimate.
2. Obtain information on policies relating to transportation and travel arrangements from the CTO/TMC and TO, command channels or Service headquarters to assist in future travel decisions.
3. Assure the traveler has access to a GTCC (the unit's or a CBA) if the traveler does not have an IBA GTCC. Refer inquiries about card usage to the local GTCC program coordinator or the TO.
4. Adhere to policies and procedures IAW this regulation, use good judgment in obligating unit funds, and ensure the traveler receives adequate reimbursement IAW this regulation.

B. What's Allowable and Not Allowable

1. Transportation

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

b. Options on city-pair flight use. 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 JFTR, pars. U3125-B2b and U3135-C (trains only)/JTR, pars. C2204-B2b and C2208-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 JFTR, par. U3125-B4/JTR, par. C2004-B4, and must be recorded on the Trip Record.

NOTE:

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

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 (JFTR par. U3125-B4i/JTR, par. C2204-B4i) applies en route to the TDY site. On a return trip 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 use economy/coach class and arrive the day before the TDY begins to allow for appropriate rest. Second choice always is to use 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 the most expensive option that should be avoided whenever possible, is to use business accommodations arriving on the day the TDY starts. The AO is not required to authorize/approve a rest stop or an upgrade.*

NOTE: 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/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 DOD 5105.38-M, when travel is on Security Assistance Business.

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

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

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

5. Lodging Selection

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

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

6. Rental Car. The AO may authorize the CTO/TMC to arrange a rental car when it is the most cost-effective or efficient way to complete the overall mission. The compact car size should be authorized unless a larger vehicle is justified IAW JFTR, par. 3415-C1/JTR, par. C2102-C1.

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

8. Phone Calls to Home or Family during TDY. The AO may determine certain communications to a traveler's home/family are official. These communications must be only to advise of the traveler's safe arrival, to inform or inquire about medical conditions, and to advise regarding changes in itinerary. The AO should limit these communications to a dollar amount in advance of the TDY so the traveler is aware of the limit. The AO may approve charges after the TDY, when appropriate ([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 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 reimbursement of the authorized expenses. Expense reports are subject to random selection for examination based on financial management directives.

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

11. Shipment or Storage of HHG. An AO may authorize/approve shipment of 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/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/TMC 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.

T4070 TDY GLOSSARY

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/TMC, 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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PART III: CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE STANDARD TOURS OF DUTY

See JTR, Ch 5, Part A for applicable regulations.

A. Standard Tours of Duty. Standard tours of duty are:

1. 36 months under an initial service agreement, and
2. 24 months under a renewal agreement

and apply to an employee assigned OCONUS unless an exception is prescribed in this APP. See JTR, par. C5570-C.

B. Tour Length Exceptions. The 24, 18, and 12-month tours apply to the entire location listed for an accompanied or unaccompanied employee unless a statement appears limiting applicability to:

1. A specific area within that location,
2. Certain employees, and/or
3. An employee on a renewal agreement tour.

C. Accompanied vs. Unaccompanied Tours of Duty. For a location at which one tour length is prescribed for an employee authorized and accompanied by dependents and a shorter tour is prescribed for an employee not authorized to have dependents present, the shorter tour length applies if the employee is authorized, but is not accompanied by, dependents.

D. Special Circumstance Tours of Duty. For special circumstance tour of duty locations, see APP Q, Part IV, par. A.

E. Tour Lengths

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, the tour lengths listed below apply to initial and renewal tours.

<u>Location</u>	<u>24-Month Tour</u>	<u>18-Month Tour</u>	<u>15-Month Tour</u>	<u>12-Month Tour</u>
Afghanistan	X			
Alaska				
Adak				X
Aleutian Islands				X
Isolated Mainland Bases				X
Kodiak Island				X
Ascension Island				X
Australia				
Northwest Cape	X			
Azores (See Portugal)	X			
Bahamas				
Andros Island	X			
Bahrain	X ^{1 7}	X ²		
Bosnia-Herzegovina	X			
Banja Luka	X ⁸			
British Indian Ocean Territory				
Diego Garcia Island				X
*Bulgaria		X ²		

<u>Location</u>	<u>24-Month Tour</u>	<u>18-Month Tour</u>	<u>15-Month Tour</u>	<u>12-Month Tour</u>
Burma (See Myanmar)				
Canada				
Newfoundland & Labrador				
Gander				X
Argentia	X ¹	X ²		X
Northwest Territories				X
St. Anthony				X
Christmas Island				X
Croatia	X			
Cuba				
Guantanamo Bay	X ¹			X ²
Diego Garcia (See British Indian Ocean Terr.)				
Dominican Republic	X			
Egypt	X ¹			X ²
El Salvador		X ²		
Eniwetok (See Marshall Islands)				
Ethiopia				X
Finland (all locations outside Helsinki)	X			
Greece	X			
Greenland		X		
Guam	X			
Haiti	X ¹			X ²
Honduras		X ²		
Hong Kong	X			
Hungary (<i>eff 11-25-08</i>)				
Papa	X ¹		X ²	
Iceland	X ³			X ^{2 5}
Indonesia				X ²
Iran (except as indicated below)				X
Isfahan	X			
Tehran	X			
Israel	X ¹	X ²		
Italy				
Sardinia (La Maddalena)	X ³	X ^{4 5}		
Sicily (Comiso and Ragusa)	X ³	X ^{4 5}		
Japan				
Iwo Jima				X
Kure	X ¹			X ²
Ryukyu Islands	X ¹			
Wakkanai	X ¹			X ²
Johnston Atoll	X ³			X ^{2 5}
Jordan	X			
Korea	X ¹			X ²
Kuwait	X ¹			X ²
Kwajalein (See Marshall Islands)				
Laos	X			
Liberia	X ⁸			
Libya		X		
Mahe Island				X
Marshall Islands				
Eniwetok				X

<u>Location</u>	<u>24-Month Tour</u>	<u>18-Month Tour</u>	<u>15-Month Tour</u>	<u>12-Month Tour</u>
Kwajalein	X			
Mexico				
Coatzacoalcos	X ¹	X ^{2 5}		
Vera Cruz	X ¹	X ^{2 5}		
Midway Islands				X
Montenegro	X			
Morocco	X			
Myanmar	X			
Nigeria	X ¹			X ²
N. Mariana Islands				
Saipan	X			
Oman	X ¹			X ²
Pakistan (except as indicated below)		X		
Islamabad				X ²
Karachi				X ²
Lahore				X ²
Peshawar				X ²
Panama	X			
Philippines	X			
Portugal				
Azores	X			
Puerto Rico	X			
*Romania		X ²		
Qatar	X ¹			X ²
Russia				
Moscow	X			
Saudi Arabia	X ^{1 6}			X ²
Serbia	X			
Somali Republic		X		
Taiwan	X			
Thailand	X ¹			X ²
Turkey (except as indicated below)	X			
Cakmakli				X ²
Corlu				X ²
Diyarbakir				X ²
Izmir				X ²
Murs				X ²
Ortakoy				X ²
Sinop				X
Venezuela	X			
West Indies				
Eleuthera Island				X
Grand Bahama Island				X
Grand Turk Island				X
Mayaguana Island				X
San Salvador Island				X
St. Lucia Island				X
Yemen Arab Republic				
Sanaa	X ^{3 8}			X ^{2 5}
Zaire	X			

1/ For an employee authorized, and accompanied by, a dependent.

2/ For an employee not authorized to have a dependent present.

3/ For an employee on an initial service agreement authorized, and accompanied by, a dependent.

4/ For an employee on an initial service agreement not authorized to have a dependent present.

5/ For an employee serving on a renewal agreement.

6/ PDUSD (P&R) memo of 17 July 2008 approves the return of adult non-school age dependents only to Eskan Village, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. An employee executing an accompanied tour (24 months) to this area will be provided an opportunity, once in Saudi Arabia, to assess within a reasonable amount of time (90 or fewer days from the employer's arrival date), whether or not the employee believes that the security conditions under which the family will reside are consistent with the family's expectations and personal level of comfort and wellbeing. An employee may elect to return dependents to CONUS IAW JTR, par. C5450-A3, and serve the unaccompanied tour (12 months).

7/ PDUSD (P&R) memo of 28 October 2008 approves the return of adult dependents only to Bahrain. The decision to return school-age and below school-age children will be considered at a later time. An employee executing an accompanied tour (24 months) to this area will be provided an opportunity, once in Bahrain, to assess within a reasonable amount of time (90 or fewer days from the employee's arrival date), whether or not the employee believes that the security conditions under which the family will reside are consistent with the family's expectations and personal level of comfort and wellbeing. An employee may elect to return dependents to CONUS IAW JTR, par. C5450-A3, and serve the unaccompanied tour (18 months).

8/ May be accompanied by adult dependents age 18 years or older.

PART I: CONFERENCE PLANNING POLICY ([FTR §301-74](#))

A. Authority. OMB Bulletin No. 93-11, dated 19 April 1993, To The Heads of Executive Departments and Establishments, Subject: Fiscal Responsibility and Reducing Perquisites, Attachment 5.

B. Policy. ([FTR §301-74](#)) The public interest requires that the Uniformed Services and DOD agencies exercise strict fiscal responsibility when selecting conference sites. Accordingly, the Services and agencies must select conference sites that minimize conference costs. When Service/DOD Agency representatives attend conferences sponsored by others, the Service/DOD Agency must keep its representation to a minimum consistent with serving the public's interest.

C. Scope and Coverage. This guidance applies to all Executive Departments, agencies and the Uniformed Services that sponsor conferences or pay for travel to conferences. In addition to conference travel by Service members and DOD civilian employees, this guidance applies to conference travel paid for persons invited to travel in support of GOV'T programs.

D. Definitions

1. 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.***

2. Conference costs: All costs paid by the GOV'T for a conference, whether paid directly or reimbursed by a Uniformed Service or DOD Agency. See par. F. Examples include:

- a. Attendee's travel costs (i.e., travel to/from the conference, ground transportation, lodging, meals and incidental costs),
- b. Attendee's time costs (i.e., the cost of attendee's time spent at the conference and traveling to/from the conference),
- c. Meeting room and audiovisual costs,
- d. Registration fees (with or without furnished meals other than refreshment/snacks),
- e. Speaker fees,
- f. Conference-related administrative fees, and
- g. Similar costs.

3. Conference lodging allowance: The lodging allowance is NTE 25% above the established geographical per diem rate lodging portion (rounded up to the next higher dollar). The per diem M&IE remains unchanged.

4. Site: Refers to both the geographical location and the specific facility selected.

E. Actions Required. When planning a conference, the Uniformed Service or DOD Agency ([FTR §301-74.3](#)) must:

1. Determine which conference expenditures provide the greatest GOV'T advantage by
 - a. Ensuring appropriate management oversight of the conference planning process,
 - b. Performing cost comparisons of the size, scope, and location,
 - c. Determining if a GOV'T facility is available at a lesser rate,

- d. Considering conference alternatives, e.g., teleconferencing,
 - e. Maintaining written documentation of the alternatives considered and the selection rationale used, and
 - f. Minimizing cost by exercising strict fiscal responsibility in determining the best site.
2. Minimize the conference administrative costs,
 3. Minimize the attendees' travel costs,
 4. Minimize the attendees' time costs,
 5. Use GOV'T-owned/GOV'T provided facilities as much as possible,
 6. Identify ways to save costs in selecting a particular conference site (e.g., lower off-season rates), and
 7. Develop and establish internal policies that ensure these standards are met.

NOTE: Individuals must have the requisite contracting authority to obligate the GOV'T ICW conference arrangements.

F. **Cost Considerations.** When planning a conference, the Uniformed Service or DOD Agency should consider all GOV'T-paid direct and indirect conference costs. Conference costs to be considered include:

1. Travel and per diem expenses,
2. Rent of rooms for official business,
3. Usage of audiovisual and other equipment,
4. Computer and telephone access fees,
5. Light refreshments for morning, afternoon, or evening breaks exclude alcoholic beverages and include: coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, muffins, and similar items. For DOD policy regarding the use of appropriated funds to purchase food; see DOD, Office Of General Counsel (Fiscal) memorandum, 1 Sep 05, subject: Use of Appropriated Funds to Purchase Food at Conferences, Meetings, and Events. Questions about the DOD policy should be referred to OSD General Counsel (Fiscal).
6. Printing,
7. Registration fees,
8. Ground transportation, and
9. Attendees' travel and time cost.

G. **Cost Comparisons.** When planning a conference, Uniformed Services and DOD Agencies must do cost comparisons to ensure the GOV'T's greatest benefit. Cost comparisons include:

1. Determination of lodging adequacy at the established per diem rate,
2. Overall convenience,
3. Fees,
4. Meeting space availability,

5. Equipment availability, e.g., audiovisual, fax,
6. Commuting or travel distance of most attendees, and
7. Other conference expenses.

H. Conference Site Selection ([FTR §301-74.5](#))

1. **Documentation.** ([FTR §301-74.19](#)) The Uniformed Service or DOD Agency concerned must maintain a record of the cost of each alternative conference site considered for each conference sponsored or funded, in whole or in part, for 30 or more attendees. A minimum of three sites must be considered for the conference and the documentation must be available for inspection by the Inspector General's Office or other interested parties.
2. **Locality Per Diem Rate.** ([FTR §301-74.6](#); [74.7](#)) Initial selection of a location must be based on the established per diem rate; however, to provide flexibility in appropriate lodging facility selection at the most advantageous location, the established per diem rate lodging portion may be exceeded by up to 25%, if necessary. For example, if the established geographical per diem rate lodging portion is \$100, then facilities with lodging rates up to \$125 may be considered when selecting the conference location.
3. **Conferences Conducted in the District of Columbia.** ([FTR §301-74.17](#)) Prior to scheduling, contact should be made with the GSA Public Buildings Service (PBS) of the National Capital Region to inquire about the availability of short-term conference and meeting facilities in the District of Columbia.

I. Requirements for Attendance, Sponsoring or Funding a Conference at a Place of Public Accommodation ([FTR §301-74.14](#); [74.15](#))

1. Attendance at a conference must be authorized by an official designated through the Secretarial Process.
2. Sponsoring or funding a conference by a Uniformed Service or DOD Agency at a place of public accommodation must be authorized by an official designated through the Secretarial Process.
3. FEMA-approved accommodations must be used when sponsoring or funding a conference, in whole or in part, at a place of public accommodation in the U.S. where applicable. The official designated by the Secretarial Process for authorizing the sponsoring and/or funding of a conference can make a written determination on an individual case basis that waiver of the requirement to use FEMA-approved accommodations is necessary and in the public interest for a particular event.

J. Advertisement or Application Form for Conference Attendance. ([FTR §301-74.16](#)) Any advertisement or application for attendance at a conference sponsored or funded by a Uniformed Service or DOD Agency must include notice:

1. That attendees must use FEMA-approved place of public accommodation unless a waiver has been issued as indicated in Part I, item I3, and
2. Of the prohibition of use of non FEMA-approved places of public accommodation to all non-Federal entities, e.g., contractors, to which the Uniformed Service or DOD Agency provides Federal funds.

K. Selection of Attendees. Uniformed Services and DOD Agencies must establish policies that reduce the overall cost of attending a conference. The policies and procedures must:

1. Limit the Uniformed Service's or DOD Agency's representation to the minimum number of attendees necessary to accomplish the Agency's mission; and
2. Provide for travel expense consideration when selecting attendees.

L. Conference Administrative Costs. Conference administrative costs may not be included in an attendee's per diem allowance payment for attendance at a conference. Per diem is intended only to reimburse the attendee's subsistence expenses. Administrative costs must be paid separately.

M. Conference Lodging Allowance. The Conference Lodging Allowance is a pre-determined allowance of up to 125% of the applicable locality lodging per diem rate (rounded to the next highest dollar) and:

1. Is not an actual expense allowance,
2. May not be used if the lodging rate exceeds the established lodging allowance by more than 25% (e.g., locality lodging rate \$100; maximum conference lodging rate can be \$125), and
3. May not be used concurrently with the actual expense method of reimbursement.

N. Conference Lodging Allowance Approval Authority ([FTR, §301-74.24](#))

1. GOV'T Sponsored Conference. Only a sponsoring agency designated senior official may determine that a conference lodging allowance is necessary, and authorize the conference lodging allowance rate. All agencies must use that rate in reimbursing their attendees' lodging expenses ([FTR, §301-74.8](#)).
2. Non-GOV'T Sponsored Conference. The AO may authorize reimbursement for lodging expenses incurred NTE the conference lodging allowance rate ([FTR, §301-74.9](#)).

NOTE: If the Conference Lodging Allowance is inadequate, see JFTR, Ch 4, Part C, or JTR, Ch 4, Part M for actual expense authorization reimbursement procedures.

O. Conference M&IE Rate

1. Light Refreshments. When the GOV'T furnishes light refreshments at nominal or no cost to the attendee, no deduction of the attendee's M&IE allowance is permitted.

*2. Meals Included in Registration Fee. When the GOV'T furnishes one or two meals at nominal or no cost, or includes them in the registration fee, the proportional meal rate applies to Uniformed Service members and DOD civilian employees for each day meals are furnished. See APP R, Part II, item I for PMR computation examples. Since the AO may authorize the PMR or locality meal rate when the traveler is unable to eat the deductible meal due to medical requirements or religious beliefs (JFTR, par. U4165-D and JTR, par. C4554-B4) every effort should be made to accommodate the traveler's requirements.

P. Guidance for Conference Planning. Refer to [FTR, Chapter 301, Appendix E](#) for conference planning guidance procedures. This reference may be necessary to plan a successful conference. Website address is:

<http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/channelView.do?pageTypeId=17113&channelId=-24568&specialContentType=FTR&file=FTR/Chapter301pAppE.html#wp1185528>.

PART II: CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A. General. A DOD civilian employee and/or a Uniformed Service member may attend and participate in conferences/meetings of recognized professional organizations to maintain and improve professional competency at GOV'T expense (including TDY expenses), subject to the availability of funds and the employee's/member's work responsibilities.

B. Authority. Title 5 USC §4110 and 37 USC §412 authorizes conference attendance expenditures for meetings concerned with the functions and activities of the Uniformed Services/DOD Agency which contribute to improved conduct, supervision, or management of the component's functions and activities are authorized as a necessary expense. This authority applies to attendance at technical, scientific, professional, or similar private membership non-Federal societies and organizations ([38 Comp. Gen. 800 \(1959\)](#) and [55 Id. 1332 \(1976\)](#)). This authority is independent of the training authority included in JTR, par. C4500 and JFTR, par. U1050 unless it is administratively determined that training is the primary purpose of attendance at a meeting.

C. Government Sponsored Conference. Attendance at GOV'T expense may be authorized for the following:

1. Conferences sponsored or cosponsored by a Federal agency at which a member's/DOD civilian employee's attendance is required in the performance of official duties;
2. Conferences of state/municipals GOV'T organizations, or of international agencies in which the Federal Government is officially participating, and the member's/DOD civilian employee's attendance is related to official duties or for the purpose of transacting GOV'T business;
3. Conferences of a group of individuals representing private interests, but convened for the purpose of transacting business directly related to the Uniformed Service's or DOD Agency's functions or activities and attendance is in the member's/DOD civilian employee's official performance; and
4. Similar activities.

D. Non-Government Sponsored Conferences

1. General. Conference attendance at non-Federal technical, scientific, professional, and comparable private membership organizations is subject to the conditions in APP R, Part I.
2. Attendance and Approval Requirements. Attendee selection and approval is subject to Uniformed Service/DOD Agency regulations consistent with the regulations on acceptance of payment from a non-federal source for travel Expenses (see the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER), DOD 5500.7-R, at http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/index.html).
3. Purpose. A Uniformed member and/or a DOD civilian employee may attend conferences at GOV'T expense to:
 - a. Further Service or DOD Agency programs;
 - b. Present scientific and technical papers which further the development of the U.S. resources; and
 - c. Maintain an effective professional, scientific, technical, managerial, and supervisory workforce.
4. Security. An appropriate security officer at the activity concerned should examine the security implications for attendance at all meetings and conferences conducted or sponsored by private or international organizations. A member/DOD civilian employee who attends such meetings must be briefed about security implications, when necessary, prior to attendance.

E. Registration Fees and Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses

*1. When Travel Is Involved. Registration fees authorized in the travel authorization/order or approved on a travel claim voucher are reimbursable. The PMR applies on any day that the cost for one or two meals is included in the registration fee (JTR, par C4554-B and JFTR, par. U4165). Information should be included on the travel authorization/order as to whether or not the registration fee includes charges for meals, and if so, the number of meals and the dates on which furnished. When the registration fee includes lodgings without charge, only the appropriate applicable [PMR](#) or TDY locality [M&IE rate](#) is paid

2. When No Travel Is Involved. The registration fee may be reimbursed when attendance is authorized for a conference in the local area that:

- a. Does not involve travel,
- b. Does not involve per diem, and
- c. For which a travel authorization/order is not issued.

3. Limitation on Reimbursement for Meal Costs when Attending a Conference/Meeting Sponsored by a Uniformed Service or DOD Agency. The cost of each meal, whether included in a registration fee or contracted for separately, at a Uniformed Service or DOD Agency sponsored conference/meeting must be identified. The total amount paid by the GOV'T for meals cannot exceed the locality meal rate prescribed for the TDY assignment location (if travel is involved) or the meeting location (when travel is not involved), unless AEA reimbursement for the meal(s) involved has been authorized/approved in accordance with JFTR, Ch 4, Part C and/or JTR, Ch 4, Part M. When travel is involved, the maximum contracted amount for 1 or 2 meals cannot exceed the difference between the locality meal rate and the PMR.

4. Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. Independent charges/fees for light refreshments/snacks are not a reimbursable expense.

5. Conferences/Training at the PDS: Payment of registration fees, meals, lodging, travel, and/or other expenses required for conferences/training at the PDS cannot 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.

This regulation is not the authority for this payment nor is it a travel and transportation allowance.

Charges/fees for light refreshments/snacks are reimbursable ONLY when included as part of the conference registration fee.

F. Membership Fees and Dues. The Secretary Concerned or DOD Agency Head may pay membership fees or dues from appropriated funds when the membership is in the GOV'T's interest and the membership is in the Uniformed Service's or DOD Agency's name (e.g., Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee). ([31 Comp. Gen. 398 \(1952\)](#); [33 id. 126 \(1953\)](#)).

G. Entertainment Expenses. Entertainment expenses for social events and other personal expenses not directly required by official duties are not reimbursable.

H. Advance Payment of Discounted Conference or Training Registration Fee (adapted from [FTR §301-74.25](#))

1. **General.** It is a general practice for conference planners to offer discounted “early bird” registration fees, which are available in the months prior to the beginning of the conference. If a GTCC IBA is to be used to pay this fee, to take advantage of such specials, a traveler should be given oral or written authorization/order to register early, charge the registration fee to the GTCC IBA, and claim reimbursement for the discounted registration fee as soon as a written authorization/order to attend the conference has been generated. When the authorization to register early is oral, the written authorization/order must reference the oral authorization for the early registration. This does not prevent other payment methods for advance registration fees (e.g., GOV'T purchase card (not a GTCC)).

2. **Traveler is Unable to Attend an Event for which Reimbursement Was Made** (adopted from [FTR §301-74.26](#)). In all cases in which a traveler is unable to attend an event for which a discounted registration fee was paid and reimbursed in advance of the event, the traveler must seek a registration fee refund and repay the advance with any refund received. If no refund is made, the Service concerned must absorb the advanced payment as a preparatory travel expense if the traveler's failure to attend the event was caused either by a decision of the Service concerned or for reasons beyond the traveler's control that are acceptable to the Service concerned, e.g., unforeseen illness or emergency. ***If no refund is made, and the traveler's failure to attend the scheduled event is due to reasons deemed un-excusable by the Service concerned, the traveler must repay the amount advanced.***

I. Comptroller General of the United States Guidance Concerning Reasonable Conference Costs Including Meals and Light Refreshments at a Formal Conference. Following is the Digest portion of the Comptroller General Decision ([B-300826, 3 March 2005](#)) rendered to the National Institutes of Health concerning reasonable conference costs.

Decision

Matter of: National Institutes of Health - Food at GOV'T-Sponsored Conferences

File: B-300826

Date: March 3, 2005

DIGEST

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) may pay for legitimate, reasonable conference costs, including meals and light refreshments, of a formal conference pertaining to Parkinson's disease subject to the conditions outlined herein. A formal conference typically involves topical matters of interest to, and participation of, multiple agencies and/or nongovernmental participants. In addition, other indicators of a formal conference include registration, a published substantive agenda, and scheduled speakers or discussion panels. An agency hosting a formal conference may consider the cost of providing meals and refreshments to conference attendees an allowable conference cost as long as:

- (1) Meals and refreshments are incidental to the conference,
- (2) Attendance at the meals and when refreshments are provided is important for the host agency to ensure full participation in essential discussions, lectures, or speeches concerning the purpose of the conference, and
- (3) The meals and refreshments are part of a formal conference that includes not just the meals and refreshments and discussions, speeches, or other business that may take place when the meals and refreshments are served, but also includes substantial functions occurring separately from when the food is served.

The NIH conference here satisfies these three criteria. Without statutory authority to charge a fee and retain the proceeds, NIH may not charge a registration or other fee to defray the costs of providing meals or light refreshments. An appropriation establishes a maximum authorized program level, and an agency, without specific statutory authority, may not augment its appropriations from sources outside the GOV'T.

In applying this decision, NIH should develop an agency policy specifying the types of formal conferences at which NIH may consider providing food. NIH also should develop procedures to ensure that the provision of meals and refreshments meet the criteria listed above.

We (GAO) expect agency counsels, as well as certifying officers, agency auditors, and Inspectors General, to apply these criteria. To the extent that agency officials are uncertain as to the applicability of the criteria in particular circumstances, they may request a decision from this office, pursuant to 31 USC §3529, before proceeding.

J. PMR Computation Examples. The following example shows how to compute the PMR and a PMR voucher. PMR is an amount based on the locality meal rate and the GMR. Please check JFTR or JTR, APP A, for the current GMR.

1. The PMR example uses the Standard CONUS M&IE rate of \$39.00 and the Standard GMR of \$10.80 to compute the PMR amount. The \$39.00 consists of \$36.00 for meals and \$3.00 for incidental expenses.

Disclaimer: The numbers in this example are for illustrative purposes only.

Example computation rules: the PMR is an average of two rates – (1) the locality meal rate and the GMR which are added, (2) averaged and rounded up to the nearest dollar. To compute the Proportional M&IE rate, (3) add the appropriate incidental expense rate, and (4) the total becomes the proportional M&IE amount.

Step 1	Add the locality <u>Meal rate</u> and Standard <u>GMR</u>	\$36.00 + \$10.80 = \$46.80
Step 2	Divide step 1 total in half (rounded to the next highest dollar)	\$46.80 ÷ 2 = \$23.40 (Rounded to \$24.00)
Step 3	Add step 2 total to the CONUS incidental expense rate	\$24.00 + \$3.00 = \$27.00
Step 4	Proportional Meal and Incidental Expense Rate	\$27.00

2. PMR Voucher Computation Example: A traveler is TDY for 3 days to a conference at a CONUS location (Standard CONUS rate applies). Lodging is \$55/night and GMR is \$10.80. GOV'T furnished meals are not available for the first and last day; however, two GOV'T meals are available for the second day. The AO authorizes a PMR of \$27.00 for the second day. **NOTE: GOV'T dining facility/ mess deductions are not taken for the arrival and departure travel days (JFTR, par. U4147/JTR, par. C4553-C2).**

ITINERARY:		
Day 1	Depart Residence/Arrive TDY	
Day 2	TDY	
Day 3	Depart TDY/Arrive Residence	
REIMBURSEMENT:		
Day	Computation	Total
Day 1	\$55 + (\$39 (M&IE) x 75 %) = \$29.25 =	\$ 84.25
Day 2	\$55 + \$27 (PMR) =	82.00
Day 3	\$39 x 75% =	29.25
TOTAL		\$ 195.50

APPENDIX S

AUTHORIZED FEML LOCATIONS/DESTINATIONS

A. Authorized Personnel. The FEML locations in the table below are authorized for a:

1. Member and each command-sponsored dependent; and
2. DOD civilian employee and each dependent (*effective 2 Nov 2002*),

on permanent duty at the location.

B. Unauthorized Personnel. *JFTR/JTR contents do not apply to contractors or their employees at FEML locations.*

C. Authorization Period. A location shown is ‘authorized’ until removed from the list (regardless of the re-certification date shown next to the destination). See JFTR, par. U7207-D2 (uniformed member) and JTR, par. C7700-D2 (DOD civilian employee).

D. Immediate Changes. Changes made to the list, but not in print, may be found at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/regchgs.htm>.

E. Authorized FEML Locations/Destinations

Authorized FEML Location	Command Region	Authorized Destination	Re-certification Due Date
Albania, Tirana	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Algeria, Algiers	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2009
Angola, Luanda	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Argentina, Buenos Aires	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Armenia, Yerevan	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Australia			
*Alice Springs	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Learmouth (incl. Exmouth)	Pacific	Perth	*31 Dec 2010
Azerbaijan, Baku	European	Washington, DC	28 Feb 2010
Bahrain, Manama	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
*Bangladesh, Dhaka	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Barbados, Bridgetown	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Belarus, Minsk	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Belize, Belmopan	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Bolivia, La Paz	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Bosnia, Sarajevo	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Botswana, Gaborone	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Brazil			
Brasilia	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Rio de Janeiro	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Sao Paulo	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Bulgaria, Sofia	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010

Authorized FEML Location	Command Region	Authorized Destination	Re-certification Due Date
*Burma (See Myanmar)			
Burundi, Bujumbura	European	Frankfurt	<i>30 Nov 2008</i>
*Cambodia, Phnom Penh	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Cameroon, Yaounde	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Chad, N'djamena	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Chile, Santiago	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
*China, Beijing	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Colombia, Bogota	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Costa Rica, San Jose	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Cote D'Ivoire, (formerly Ivory Coast), Abidjan	European	Washington, DC	28 Feb 2010
Croatia, Zagreb	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Cuba			
Guantanamo Bay	Southern	Jacksonville	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Havana (for USCG uniformed members only)	USCG	Miami	31 Jan 2010
Cyprus, Nicosia	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Democratic Republic of Congo, Kinshasa	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Djibouti	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Egypt, Cairo	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
El Salvador, San Salvador	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Estonia, Tallinn	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
*Fiji, Suva	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Gabon, Libreville	European	Paris	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Georgia, Tbilisi	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Ghana, Accra	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Greece			
Athens	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Larissa	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Greenland, Thule 1/	European	Baltimore	<i>31 Oct 2008</i>
Guatemala, Guatemala City	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Guinea, Conakry	European	Paris/Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Guyana, Georgetown	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Haiti, Port au Prince	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
*Hong Kong	Pacific	Los Angeles	*31 Dec 2010
Iceland	European	Frankfurt	<i>30 Sep 2007</i>
*India, New Delhi	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
*Indonesia, Jakarta	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010

Authorized FEML Location	Command Region	Authorized Destination	Re-certification Due Date
Israel, Tel Aviv	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Ivory Coast (See Cote D'Ivoire)			
Jamaica, Kingston	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Jordan, Amman	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Kazakhstan, Astana	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Kenya, Nairobi	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Kuwait	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Laos, Vientiane	Joint POW/MIA	Honolulu	31 Oct 2006
Latvia, Riga	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Lebanon, Beirut	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Libya, Tripoli	European	Frankfurt	31 Mar 2009
Lithuania, Vilnius	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslavia Republic of, Skopje	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
*Madagascar, Antananarivo	Pacific	Frankfurt	*31 Dec 2010
*Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	Pacific	Sydney	*31 Dec 2010
Mali, Bamako	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Mauritania, Nouakchott (eff 28 Apr 2005)	European	Frankfurt	31 Mar 2009
Mexico, Mexico City	Northern	San Antonio	31 Aug 2008
Moldova, Chisnau	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
*Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar	Pacific	San Francisco	*31 Dec 2010
Montenegro, Podgorica	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Morocco, Rabat	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Mozambique, Maputo	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
*Myanmar, Rangoon	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Namibia, Windhoek	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
*Nepal, Katmandu	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Nicaragua, Managua	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Niger, Niamey	European	Frankfurt	31 Jul 2009
Nigeria			
Abuja	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Lagos	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
Oman, Muscat	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Pakistan, Islamabad	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Panama, Panama City	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Paraguay, Asuncion	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
Peru, Lima	Southern	Miami	30 Apr 2009
*Philippines, Manila	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Poland, Warsaw	European	Washington, DC	28 Feb 2010
Qatar, Doha	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010

Authorized FEML Location	Command Region	Authorized Destination	Re-certification Due Date
Romania, Bucharest	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Russia, Moscow	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Rwanda, Kigali	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Saudi Arabia			
Dhahran	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Jeddah	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Jubail	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Khamis	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
King Khalid Military City	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Riyadh	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Tabuk	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Taif	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Senegal, Dakar	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Serbia, Belgrade	European	Frankfurt	28 Feb 2010
*Singapore	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
South Africa, Pretoria	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
*Sri Lanka, Colombo	Pacific	Frankfurt	*31 Dec 2010
Suriname, Paramaribo	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Syria, Damascus	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
*Taiwan, Taipei	Pacific	Sydney	*31 Dec 2010
*Tajikistan, Dushanbe	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam	European	Baltimore	28 Feb 2010
*Thailand, JUSMAGTHAI (eff. 21 Jan 09)			
Bangkok	Pacific	Honolulu	*21 Jan 2011
Chiang Mai	Pacific	Honolulu	*21 Jan 2011
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Tunisia, Tunis	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Turkey, Ankara	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Turkmenistan, Ashgabat	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Uganda, Kampala	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Ukraine, Kiev	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Uruguay, Montevideo	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
Uzbekistan, Tashkent	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Venezuela, Caracas	Southern	Miami	<i>30 Apr 2009</i>
*Vietnam, Hanoi	Pacific	Honolulu	*31 Dec 2010
Yemen, Sanaa	Central	Baltimore	31 Jul 2010
Zambia, Lusaka	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>
Zimbabwe, Harare	European	Frankfurt	<i>31 Jul 2009</i>

1/ Exception to the 24-month tour requirement approved by ASD (FMP) memo dated 18 Mar 2002.

APPENDIX U

AUTHORIZED REST AND RECUPERATION (R&R) LOCATIONS/DESTINATIONS

A. R&R Leave Transportation. See JFTR, par. U7300 (uniformed member) and JTR, par. C7750 (DOD civilian employee) for regulations concerning Funded Rest and Recuperative (R&R) Leave Transportation.

B. Footnoted Locations. The footnoted locations are authorized R&R for specific missions only!

C. Policy Exception. The appointed DOD Executive Agent for the USCENTCOM Rest and Recuperation Leave Program may combine R&R leave transportation with other official travel as exception to policy IAW OSD (P&R) memo of 12 October 2007. Any DOD Executive Agent delegation authority is limited to the General or Flag Officer level.

D. R&R Locations/Destinations. The following are authorized Rest and Recuperation (R&R) locations/destinations *for a Uniformed Services member and for a DOD civilian employee*:

Authorized R&R Location	Command Region	Authorized OCONUS Destination	Authorized CONUS Destination
Afghanistan 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Albania	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Bahrain 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Bosnia-Herzegovina	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Croatia	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
*Cuba, Joint Task Force–GITMO <i>only</i>	Southern	Muniz ANGB, Puerto Rico	NAS Jacksonville NAS Norfolk
Djibouti 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Hungary	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Iraq 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Joint Task Force - South West Asia (JTF-SWA) 1/	Central	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Jordan 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Kuwait 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Kyrgyzstan 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslavia Republic of	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Montenegro	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Oman 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Pakistan 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Qatar 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Saudi Arabia 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point

Authorized R&R Location	Command Region	Authorized OCONUS Destination	Authorized CONUS Destination
*Serbia (includes Kosovo)	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Slovenia	European	Frankfurt, Germany	Baltimore, MD
Somalia	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Syria	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Tajikistan 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
United Arab Emirates 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Uzbekistan 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point
Yemen 2/	Central	Airport closest to the leave point	Airport closest to the leave point

1/ Only for the mission of Operation Southern Watch.

2/ Only for those providing support to Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Before 19 December 2003, the authorized destination was the APOD. Effective 19 December 2003 the authorized destination became the APOD with funded transportation authorized from the APOD to the airport closest to the leave point. Effective 5 February 2004 the Coalition Forces Land Component Commander was permitted to authorize R&R participants to travel via commercial air from the commercial airport nearest their AOR duty locations to the commercial airport nearest their leave locations.

Per PDUSD (P&R) memo dated 21 June 2004, as of that date, ***a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who took R&R leave between 25 September 2003 and 18 December 2003 and personally procured transportation from the U.S. APOD to the leave point and return to the APOD, is authorized reimbursement retroactively for the transportation expenses actually incurred. Since a CTO/TMC and city-pair airfares were not available at that time, the member is authorized reimbursement of transportation costs NTE the policy-constructed airfare (see APP A) (JFTR, par. U3120-D2). This authority for retroactive reimbursement does not extend to a civilian employee.***