

JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, VOLUME 1 (JFTR)**Change 276 — 1 December 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 December 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: 77-09(E); 83-09(I) through 86-09(I); 89-09(I); and 94-09(I).

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

U1060-A. Updates the specifics of the registered and/or trusted traveler program.

U3335; APP G. Moves miscellaneous expense information from JFTR, Chapter 3 to APP G.

U5012-A. Corrects a table reference.

U10424-D1. Removes the reference to DFAS INST 7330.22, because the instruction is not available on a website external to DFAS.

U4165-B NOTE; U4171; APP A, definition of Light Refreshments; APP O, par. T4040-A2c NOTE 2; APP R, Part I, par. F5; APP R, Part I, par. O1. Clarifies per GSA's FTR amendment and explanatory opinion that light refreshments served during a meal time constitute a deductible meal when paid for by the GOV'T, but light refreshments served at a break (non-meal hours) does not constitute a deductible meal even if paid for by the GOV'T.

APP E, Part 2; APP O, pars. T4000 & T4040; APP R, Parts I & II. Modifies APPs E, O, and R IAW JTR Ch 4 reorganization.

APP G. Removes the columns in the miscellaneous expense reimbursement table of APP G that reference APP O.

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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. APP A, Part 1 for JFTR definitions of terms and Part 2 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 \$76.50 to \$76 as shown in par. U4265, Example 3.
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 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: Regulatory Team
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 (APP A DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED definition);
14. Establishing children's dependency (APP A DEPENDENT definition),
15. CTO/TMC 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 GAO (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. GAO, 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 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. 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 using DTS. The Services must require that the CTO/TMC arrange commercial transportation IAW law, JFTR, GOV'T policies, agreements and contracted rates using U.S.-certificated carriers and coach/economy-class accommodations whenever possible along usually-traveled routes.

B. Travel Computed under DTS. DTS covers individual TDY travel for business, travel for schoolhouse training, deployment or personnel traveling together with or without no/limited reimbursement, and certain travel under special circumstances. It does not cover travel for PCS (Ch 5), or evacuation (Ch 6). It does, however, cover RC travel in locations where RC travel has been fielded by the particular Service 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 (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. 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/TMC 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 a GTCC IBA. 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/TMC 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/TMC. 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/TMC 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/TMC 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/TMC does not provide this service.

e. Paying for Arranged Service and Getting Cash to Pay Expenses while Traveling. The CTO/TMC 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 GTCC CBA. 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/TMC'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.
3. Paper Non-Availability Statement Not Required (Effective 1 October 1995). Per USD memorandum, dated 29 August 1995, a DoD traveler is not required to obtain paper non-availability statements to justify reimbursement for commercial lodging and per diem.

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 TMS (APP A TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS) definition) 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 AND/OR TRUSTED TRAVELER PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FEE**

*A. General. Registered and/or trusted traveler programs (i.e., FlyClear) are voluntary individual private sector programs designed to expedite the security screening process at participating airports. Registered/trusted travelers pass through special, shorter security lines, which require the individual traveler to provide personal information in advance. Collection of the personal information requires memberships to be obtained by individual travelers as opposed to an agency.

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.

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U3300 TDY BY POC

A. Policy. Uniformed Service policy is to authorize/approve (as distinguished from permit) POC travel if acceptable to the member and to the GOV'T's advantage, based on the facts in each case.

B. Authorization/Approval. The AO should authorize/approve POC travel only if it is to the GOV'T's advantage when compared to travel by GOV'T conveyance or commercial carrier, and not solely for member's convenience. POC use may be to the GOV'T's advantage when, for example:

1. Its use is more efficient, or economical, or results in a more expeditiously accomplished mission;
2. There is no practicable commercial transportation; or
3. Common carrier use would be so time-consuming that it would delay the mission.

POC use cannot be directed

C. Official Distances. See par. U2020.

D. PCS Travel by POC. See Ch 5, Parts B and C.

U3305 POC USE ON TDY TO THE GOV'T'S ADVANTAGE

A. TDY Mileage Plus Per Diem or AEA. Reimbursement of parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge, and tunnel tolls is authorized for POC travel over the most direct route between the official stations involved. The member also is authorized per diem or AEA, whichever applies, as in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable travel time as computed under par. U3005-C. See par. U3335 for non-reimbursable expenses when a member is paid TDY mileage.

1. Member Responsible for Paying POC Operating Expenses. The member responsible for paying the POC operating expenses (i.e., the cost or cost portion directly associated with POC use for official travel) is authorized TDY mileage for the ordered official travel distance at a rate per mile for the POC type used. See par. U2600 for applicable TDY mileage rates.
2. Passengers Not Responsible for Paying POC Operating Expenses. A passenger in a POC, not responsible for paying the POC operating expenses, is not authorized TDY mileage. The passenger is authorized per diem or AEA, whichever applies, as in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable official travel time computed under par. U3005-C.
3. Extra Mileage to Transport Passengers. 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 passenger(s) is/are picked up/dropped off at home. The extra distance is based on odometer readings (or other acceptable evidence) of the actual necessary extra distance traveled.

B. Reimbursement for Actual Transportation Costs. A member ordinarily is paid TDY mileage as in par. U3305-A. However, instead of paying TDY mileage, the AO may authorize/approve reimbursement for actual transportation costs when to the GOV'T's advantage under the provisions of par. U3300-B. ***When actual transportation cost reimbursement is authorized, the authorization/order should reference par. U3305-B.*** Reimbursement of actual expenses must be limited to the following for the POC type used. Privately-owned:

1. Automobile or motorcycle: fuel; oil; parking; ferry fares; road, bridge, and tunnel tolls; winter plug-ins; and 'trip insurance' for travel in foreign countries. See APP G.
2. Aircraft: fuel, oil, parking fees, tie-down fees and hangar fees;

3. Boat: fuel, oil, and docking fees.

Expenses incurred for hire or subsistence of operators or periodic maintenance, regardless of cause, must not be reimbursed.

NOTE: *Charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses are not reimbursable expenses ICW using a POC on official travel. However, a traveler may be eligible to submit a claim for repairs to a POC used for official travel, using Service procedures, under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claims Act (31 USC §3701-3721).*

C. Privately-owned Aircraft other than an Airplane. When a privately owned aircraft other than an airplane (e.g., helicopter) is used, the actual operation cost rather than TDY mileage is paid. The following expenses may be reimbursed: fuel; oil; and aircraft parking, landing, and tie-down fees. The following are not reimbursable expenses: charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil change, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses.

D. Travel by Privately Owned Boat. A member who uses a privately owned boat, authorized as being to the GOV'T's advantage, as a POC is authorized actual expense reimbursement. ***A mileage allowance must not be paid.*** These expenses include fuel, oil and docking fees. The member is also authorized per diem or AEA, whichever applies, as in Ch 4, Part B or C, for the allowable travel time as computed under par. U3005-C.

E. Mixed Mode Transportation. If a member travels partly by POC and partly by common carrier at personal expense for a leg of a journey, the member is authorized the appropriate TDY mileage, plus per diem from par. U3305-A, for the distance traveled by POC, plus the cost of transportation purchased with personal funds and per diem under Ch 4, Part B, for actual travel. The total amount reimbursed may not exceed the amount of TDY mileage plus per diem from par. U3305-A (based on the rate for the POC used for a portion of the travel) for the official distance of the ordered travel. The AO may authorize/approve actual travel cost (mileage plus per diem from par. U3305-A for the official POC-traveled distance, plus the cost of transportation purchased from personal funds and per diem under Ch 4, Part B) of the ordered travel when justified in documented unusual circumstances.

U3310 POC USE ON TDY NOT TO THE GOV'T'S ADVANTAGE

A. Limitation

1. When, for personal preference, a POC is used instead of common carrier transportation for official travel, travel reimbursement is computed at the TDY mileage rate in par. U2600 plus constructed per diem. ***NOTE: If a member uses a privately owned aircraft other than airplane or uses a privately owned boat, reimburse the actual transportation costs as described in par. U3305-C or U3305-D, instead of paying TDY mileage and the reimbursable expenses cited in pars. U3310-B1 and U3310-B2 below.***

2. The total allowable payment is limited to the total constructed cost of common carrier transportation including constructed per diem for that transportation method.

3. Par. U3310 does not apply to travel performed under par. U3345 ([B-183480, 4 September 1975](#)).

B. TDY Mileage and Per Diem Computation

1. The TDY mileage allowance is computed for the DTOD distance between authorized points.

2. Ferry fares; bridge, road, and tunnel tolls; and vehicle parking fees (related to official business) are added to the amount in par. U3310-B1.

3. The per diem rate authorized in the travel authorization/order is used for computing per diem.

C. Constructed Transportation Cost and Per Diem Computation

1. The GOV'T's constructed transportation cost is computed on fares or charges for policy-constructed airfare (APP A) between authorized points.
2. Air transportation constructed cost includes any taxes or fees the GOV'T would pay if GOV'T-procured transportation had been provided.
3. Taxi fares and excess baggage costs that would have been allowed are included.
4. The constructed POC transportation cost includes transportation expenses for:
 - a. The member claiming mileage, and
 - b. A person performing official travel as a passenger (uniformed member and/or civilian employee only) in the same conveyance.

D. Comparison. Computed POC TDY mileage and per diem are compared with the total constructed travel cost including per diem by common carrier. Reimbursement is made for the lesser amount.

E. Passengers

1. Passengers, accompanying the member claiming mileage, are not authorized TDY mileage.
2. Per diem for eligible passengers is computed by comparing the total per diem payable for the:
 - a. Travel performed, and
 - b. Appropriate common carrier constructed travel.

The lesser amount is reimbursed.

F. Mixed Mode Transportation

1. If the member is not authorized to travel by POC as being to the GOV'T's advantage and travels partly by:
 - a. POC for personal convenience, and
 - b. Common carrier at personal expense,the member is authorized:
 - c. Appropriate TDY mileage plus per diem under par. U3305-A for the distance traveled by POC, plus
 - d. Transportation cost purchased with personal funds and per diem under Ch 4, Part B, for actual travel.
2. The total amount is limited to the cost had GOV'T-procured transportation been used, plus per diem under Ch 4, Part B, for constructed travel time for the official distance of the ordered travel.

U3320 POC USE TO AND FROM TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL OR PDS

NOTES:

1. A member performing TDY as an aircrew member, Armed Forces courier, or any other member whose primary duty makes the air terminal a regular duty place may not be reimbursed for POC operating expenses to and/or from the air terminal. See par. U2200.

2. If a member of the traveler's family drives, it is presumed that the traveler incurs the expense.

A. Round-trip Expenses Incurred for Drop-off and/or Pick-up at a Transportation Terminal. When a POC is driven round trip to drop-off and/or pick-up an official traveler at a transportation terminal, the official traveler paying POC operating expenses is:

1. Paid TDY mileage for the round-trip(s) distance, and
2. Reimbursed parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge and/or tunnel tolls

B. Expenses Incurred for Two One-way Trips to and from a Transportation Terminal. When a POC is used for one-way travel from a residence or duty station to a transportation terminal to begin a TDY trip and then from the terminal to a residence/PDS when the TDY is completed, the member responsible for incurring the POC operating expenses is:

1. Paid TDY mileage and
2. Reimbursed for parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge and tunnel tolls for the most direct route.

NOTE: Transportation terminal parking fees while TDY may be reimbursed NTE the cost of two one-way taxicab fares, including allowable tips. In extenuating circumstances (for example, when a short TDY is unexpectedly extended after departure), the AO may waive this cost limitation.

C. Departure from PDS on TDY. When a POC is driven from a TDY traveler's residence to the PDS on the TDY traveler's departure day from the PDS on a TDY trip requiring at least one night's lodging, and from the PDS to the residence on the TDY traveler's return day, the TDY traveler who incurs the POC operating expenses is:

1. Paid TDY mileage, and
2. Reimbursed for parking fees, ferry fares, road, bridge and tunnel tolls for the most direct route from and to the residence.

D. Another Official Traveler Transported in the Same POC

1. When a TDY traveler transports another official TDY traveler to and/or from the same transportation terminal, TDY mileage is authorized for the additional distance involved.
2. Only one TDY traveler (usually the driver) who incurs the expense is paid the TDY mileage for the trip.
3. ***Terminal parking fees while TDY may be reimbursed to the official traveler who incurs the fees NTE the cost of two one-way taxicab fares, including allowable tips.***

U3325 POC USE BETWEEN RESIDENCE AND TDY STATION

When POC use is authorized/approved as being to the GOV'T's advantage for travel between the member's residence and a TDY station, instead of having the member report to the PDS and then to the TDY station, the member is authorized reimbursement for the distance traveled between the residence and the TDY station.

U3330 POC TRAVEL INVOLVING A CAR FERRY

A. General. When a car ferry is used during POC travel, the transportation allowances in pars. U3330-B, U3330-C, and U3330-D are authorized. See par. U4160 for per diem for TDY travel by car ferry and par. U5116-C3 for PCS travel. Par. U3130 prescribes travel by commercial ship transportation.

B. Transportation

1. Vehicle. Only a passenger automobile, station wagon, light truck, or other similar vehicle used primarily for personal transportation, regardless of size, may be authorized.
2. TDY Travel Only. TDY mileage is authorized for the official distance from the PDS to the car ferry POE and from the car ferry POD to the TDY location.
3. PCS Travel Only. MALT is authorized for the official distance from the old PDS to the car ferry POE and from the car ferry POD to the new PDS.
4. More Than One Car Ferry. If more than one car ferry is used, TDY mileage/MALT, whichever is applicable, is payable for overland travel between ferries.

C. Ferry Fees. The member is authorized:

1. GOV'T-procured ferry transportation; or
2. Reimbursement for personal transportation costs on the car ferry NTE the GOV'T-procured ferry transportation cost.

D. Foreign Registered Ship Use. See par. U3130-F for required documentation if a U.S. registered ferry is not available.

***U3335 EXPENSES WHEN TDY MILEAGE OR MALT IS PAYABLE**

*A. Reimbursable Expenses. See APP G.

*B. Non-Reimbursable Expenses. A member who travels by POC for the entire journey and is paid TDY mileage or MALT may not be reimbursed for:

1. Fuel, oil, winter plug-ins, and trip insurance for travel in foreign countries; and
2. Transportation to or from carrier terminals (par. U3320).

*C. POC Repairs

1. Charges for repairs, depreciation, replacements, grease, oil, antifreeze, towage and similar speculative expenses are not ordinarily reimbursable expenses ICW using a POC on official travel.
2. A traveler may be eligible to submit a claim for repairs to a POC used for official travel, using Service procedures, under the Personnel Claims Act (31 USC §3721 (2004)). See <http://141.116.74.201/regs/comp-gen-dec/31USCS3721-2004.PDF>.

U3340 POC USE IN AND AROUND PDS OR TDY STATION

For allowances when a POC is used within or around a PDS and TDY station, see Ch 3, Part F.

U3345 POC USE INSTEAD OF GOV'T VEHICLE

A. General. TDY mileage reimbursement for POC use is based on the cost incurred if a GOV'T vehicle could have been used. In addition to TDY mileage reimbursement (see par. U2600 for current rates) for the official distance, the member is authorized reimbursement for expenses authorized under par. U3305-A1 that would have been incurred if a GOV'T vehicle had been used.

B. TDY Mileage Reimbursement Rates. The POC TDY mileage reimbursement rate (except an airplane) is determined using the DTOD distance (see par. U2020), and the appropriate TDY mileage rate in par. U2600.

C. GOV'T Vehicle Use Is to the GOV'T's Advantage. When GOV'T vehicle use is to the GOV'T's advantage but the GOV'T authorizes, and the member uses, a POC instead of using a GOV'T auto, the rate in par. U2600 applies.

D. GOV'T Vehicle Use Directed

1. GOV'T Vehicle Makes the Trip. *When a member is directed to use a GOV'T vehicle as a passenger or as a driver, with one or more other travelers, but the member uses a POC for TDY travel, the member is not authorized any reimbursement if the GOV'T vehicle made the trip without the member.*

2. Traveler Authorized to Use a POC. If, under par. U3345-D1 circumstances, the GOV'T vehicle is used by some of the travelers but the AO authorizes a traveler to use a POC as a matter of personal preference, that traveler is authorized reimbursement at the par. U2600-D partial rate for POC use ([62 Comp. Gen. 321 \(1983\)](#)).

3. GOV'T Vehicle Does Not Make the Trip. When a member is directed to use a GOV'T vehicle, one is available, the member uses a POC for TDY travel, and the other travelers do not use the GOV'T vehicle for the same trip, TDY mileage reimbursement is at the par. U2600-D rate for POC use when GOV'T vehicle use is to the GOV'T's advantage.

PART B: PER DIEM

U4100 GENERAL

Per diem is designed to offset the costs 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://www.census.gov) (<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 OPERATION 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 per diem payment 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 lodgings 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 residence at the old PDS and was in temporary lodgings 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 lodgings are required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the lodgings cost is made under par. U4135.

K. Aboard Ship Constructed by a 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 lodgings are required to be retained at the same or a prior TDY location, reimbursement for the lodgings cost 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 and/or GOV'T meals at no charge for an enlisted member, were not available during stated field duty periods.
2. Member is participating in the operation advance planning or critique phase.
3. Secretary Concerned authorized per diem payment 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 lodgings 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 per diem for any TDY period 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 arrival day on board and ends at 2400 on the day before the departure day. If a member is required to retain unoccupied lodgings at the location where TDY was performed just before performing duty aboard a non-government foreign ship, reimbursement for the lodgings cost 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(s)/order(s) direct(s) 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(s)/order(s) direct(s) 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 per diem 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 lodgings are not available, occasional meals and lodgings are paid under par. U4510. Limited reimbursement refers to reimbursement for occasional meals and lodgings.

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 a period 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 to the member prior to the member's departure on leave.*** If the TDY is known by the member 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. See APP P2.***

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 PDS limits 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. The Secretary Concerned may authorize a CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem for a member assigned TDY to a CONTINGENCY OPERATION for more than 180 consecutive days at one location. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem 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 \(1944\)](#)). APP A for CONTINGENCY OPERATION definition.

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

- a. Retained lodging expenses during a member's authorized absence. See pars. U7225 and U7226.
- b. CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem 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 rate 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 Exception. The Secretary Concerned or authorized delegated authority may adjust the CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem 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. The CONTINGENCY OPERATION 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 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 CONTINGENCY OPERATION 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 CONTINGENCY OPERATION 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% CONTINGENCY OPERATION flat rate per diem in the TDY authorization/order at the onset. The locality per diem 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 OPERATION flat rate per diem 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.

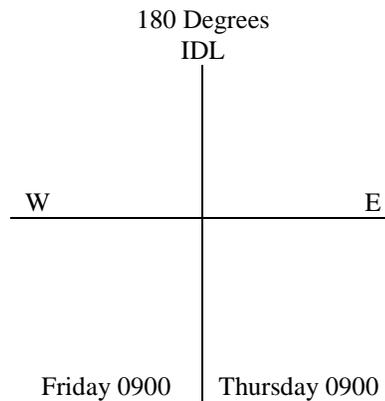
Pay the departure TDY day to the PDS - \$45.75 ($\$61 \times 75\% = \45.75).

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 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 TDY locality [lodging](#) ceiling, 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 and directed 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 NTE the [TDY locality lodging ceiling](#) for GOV'T QTRS is an allowable lodging expense.

D. Multiple Occupancy. For multiple occupancy, each official traveler is allowed the appropriate percentage (e.g., 2 occupants –each gets 1/2; 3 occupants, each gets 1/3) of the rate charged if a room is shared with another/other official traveler(s). ***NOTE: Multiple occupancy does not limit a 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 at which lodging is obtained is used for computation *only* when a member is TDY at a place where neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodgings 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 lodgings. 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 option-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 are averaged over the number of days the traveler is authorized per diem during the entire TDY trip.

U4133 LODGING COST 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 lodging ceiling. *As an exception to the \$75 or more receipt rule, the traveler should be prepared to provide receipts for the barter goods together with the traveler's certification that the barter goods were delivered to the householder for lodgings received if required by finance regulations.*

U4135 DUAL LODGING REIMBURSEMENT ON A SINGLE DAY

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

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

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

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

EXAMPLE 1

NOTE: Lodging tax is not a miscellaneous reimbursable expense in addition to per diem when TDY is in a foreign OCONUS area.

A traveler, who leased an apartment while TDY at Location A, was required to perform additional TDY in Location B for 5 days. The AO agreed that it would be more economical for the traveler to retain the Location A apartment while TDY in Location B and authorized/approved the \$45/day Location A apartment cost as a miscellaneous reimbursable expense. See APP G. The Location B lodging cost (\$95/day) was used for computing the traveler's per diem while TDY in that location.

Per Diem Rates for This Example

<u>Location</u>	<u>Max Lodging</u>	<u>M&IE</u>	<u>Total</u>
A	\$130	\$46	\$176
B	\$119	\$46	\$165

Reimbursement for the Location A Apartment for 5 days

<u>Lodging Cost</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$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):

<u>Lodging</u>	<u>M&IE</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$95	\$46	\$141 plus lodging tax (see <i>NOTE</i>)

Second thru Fifth Day

(Lodging cost + M&IE/day) x 4 days

<u>Lodging</u>	<u>M&IE</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$95	\$46	\$141/day x 4 days = \$564 plus lodging tax (see <i>NOTE</i>)

Return day to Location A

(Lodging cost + M&IE)

<u>Lodging</u>	<u>M&IE</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$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 OCONUS 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 Location D lodging cost (\$110/day) was used to determine the traveler's per diem while TDY there.			
Per Diem Rates for 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 lodgings per diem payable exceed the applicable TDY maximum locality lodgings ceiling 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 COST FOR LODGINGS JOINTLY OCCUPIED BY MEMBER AND DEPENDENTS

The cost for lodgings 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 receives 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 LODGINGS 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/TMC should be used to make these arrangements unless the CTO/TMC does not provide this service. See pars. U4131, U4137, and U4141.

U4141 LODGINGS 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 \$116 (\$70/\$46).
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 LODGINGS 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 is based on 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 is based on 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 is based on the M&IE applicable to the last TDY or authorized delay point, whether or not overnight lodgings were required there.**

<u>Example</u>	
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 \$5 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 GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate rather than the GMR and \$5 IE. Just because the GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality meal rate to GMR.

C. PMR. The PMR plus \$5 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 GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate rather than the PMR and \$5 IE. Just because the GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T 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 GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate rather than the GMR and the locality incidental expense rate unless the \$3.50 incidental expense rate is authorized under par. U4151-D. Just because the GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T QTRS 'availability' to reduce the locality M&IE to GMR.

A. Locality Rate. The 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 IE Rate. The GMR plus locality 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 Locality IE. The PMR plus locality 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. 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 GOV'T QTRS are available, a command cannot send a member into private sector lodgings off the U.S. INSTALLATION and use the technical GOV'T 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 reimbursement 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)

A. Authority. There is no authority to pay the M&IE 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.

1. The prohibition on paying the M&IE meal portion begins at 0001 on the first full EUM day and ends at 2400 on last full EUM day.

2. The CONUS IE rate is \$5, 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.*

B. Meal Procurement Required. A member ordered to use EUM, who must procure occasional meals, is authorized reimbursement under par. U4510.

C. IE Rate. *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 GOV'T-paid registration fee;
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 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: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) are a deductible meal if otherwise qualified above and served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast - 0600-0800). Light refreshments served during a break (not at a meal time) are not a deductible meal.***

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 (\$5 CONUS IE, 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, 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.
4. 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 is payable (\$5 CONUS IE, or the applicable locality [IE rate](#), or \$3.50 OCONUS).

U4169 LODGINGS 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 pars. U4165-B5 and U4165-B6 when a charge for meals is added to the lodging cost.

U4173 PER DIEM COMPUTATION EXAMPLES

A. GOV'T Meal Rate (GMR). The GMR in the following examples are for illustrative purposes only. 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 \$116 (\$70/ \$46); 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	\$116 (\$70/ \$46)	\$60	400 miles
11 May	En Route	TDY Station	\$116 (\$70/ \$46)	\$72	15 miles
12 May	TDY Station	TDY Station	\$116 (\$70/ \$46)	\$72	
13 May	TDY Station	2nd Stopover	\$118 (\$72/ \$46)	\$60	365 miles
14 May	En Route	Residence	Use 2 nd Stopover M&IE		50 miles
REIMBURSEMENT					
Day 1	\$60 + (\$46 x 75%) =				\$ 94.50
Day 2	\$72 = (\$72 limited to \$70) + \$46 =				\$116.00
Day 3	\$72 = (\$72 limited to \$70) + \$46 =				\$116.00
Day 4	\$60 + \$46 =				\$106.00
Day 5	\$46 x 75% =				\$ 34.50
1 round trip of 830 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =					\$456.50
Total Reimbursement					\$923.50

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 \$116 (\$70/ \$46). GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$10.80 and the PMR (par. U4149-C) is \$26 plus the CONUS \$5 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 –APP A for the current GMR.</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 + (\$46 x 75%) =		\$40.50
16 March	\$6 + \$10.80 (GMR) + \$5 (IE) =		\$21.80
17 March	\$6 + \$26 (PMR) + \$5 (IE) =		\$37.00
18 March	\$6 + \$10.80 (GMR) + \$5 (IE) =		\$21.80
19 March	\$46 x 75% =		\$34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =			\$357.50
Total Reimbursement			\$513.10

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 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. APP A for the current GMR.

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 \$119 (\$73/ \$46). 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 \$1,490.50 (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	$\$65 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$99.50
24 to 26 June	$\$65 + \$46 = \$111/\text{day} \times 3 \text{ days} =$		\$333.00
27 June	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$34.50
28 June	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$0.00
29 June	$\$65 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$99.50
30 June-2 July	$\$65 + \$46 = \$111/\text{day} \times 3 \text{ days} =$		\$333.00
3 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$34.50
2 round trips of 650 miles (official distance) = 1,300 miles x \$0.55/mile =			\$715.00
Actual Cost Total			\$1,649.00
Constructed Cost			
23 June	$\$65 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$99.50
24 June-2 July	$\$65 + \$46 = \$111/\text{day} \times 9 \text{ days} =$		\$999.00
3 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$34.50
1 round trip of 650 miles (official distance) x \$0.55/mile =			\$357.50
Constructed Cost Total			\$1,490.50

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 \$116 (\$70/ \$46). The GMR (par. U4149-B) is \$10.80 plus \$5 IE 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 \$409.30 (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 –APP A for the current GMR.</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	$\$6 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$40.50
10 July	$\$6 + \$10.80 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} =$		\$21.80
11 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$34.50
12 July	Per diem is not payable at the PDS (par. U4102-D)		\$0.00
13 July	$\$6 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$40.50
14-15 July	$\$6 + \$10.80 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} = \$21.80/\text{day} \times 2 \text{ days} =$		\$43.60
16 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$34.50
2 round trips of 370 miles (official distance) $\times 2 = 740 \text{ miles} \times \$0.55/\text{mile} =$			\$407.00
Actual Cost Total			\$622.40
Constructed Cost			
9 July	$\$6 + (\$46 \times 75\%) =$		\$40.50
10-15 July	$\$6 + \$10.80 + \$5 \text{ (IE)} = \$21.80/\text{days} \text{ times } 6 \text{ days} =$		\$130.80
16 July	$\$46 \times 75\% =$		\$34.50
1 round trip of 370 miles (official distance) $\times \$0.55/\text{mile} =$			\$203.50
Constructed Cost Total			\$409.30

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 Location C maximum per diem rate is \$203 (\$149/ \$54), 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 Location B maximum per diem rate 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 NTE \$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 \$29 PMR + \$5 CONUS IE rate (total \$34) 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 GOV'T 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 \$128 (\$79/ \$49), the member is limited to \$20/night for lodging, no reimbursement of Location Z lodging tax, and is paid \$34/day for M&IE on Friday and Saturday. This is because the member is being paid per diem (\$20 for lodging + \$34 for the PMR-based rate of M&IE) that would have been paid had the member remained in Base Y and limited to the GOV'T QTRS cost and PMR + CONUS "IE" 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 \$114 (\$70/ \$44), 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 (NTE \$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 re-delegated. ***The authorized reduced per diem rate must be stated on the travel authorization/order before travel begins (or as part of an authorization/order amendment/modification covering a prospective period after the original authorization/order modification was issued). In the absence of such authority, a travel authorization/order prescribing a different [per diem rate](#) is without effect and the applicable [locality rate](#) is used.*** Reduced per diem rate calculation should incorporate an amount for clothes laundry/dry-cleaning/pressing if the travel is OCONUS or for less than 7 days in CONUS.

U4179 PER DIEM RATE REVIEW

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

1. Army - Army Military Advisory Panel Member, HQDA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, Attn: DAPE-PRC, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300.
2. Navy - Navy Military Advisory Panel Member, Chief of Naval Operations (N130E), 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20370-2000.
3. Marine Corps - Marine Corps Military Advisory Panel Member, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MPO), 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103.
4. Air Force - Air Force Military Advisory Panel Member, HQ USAF/A1PA, 2221 S. Clark Street, Crystal Plaza 6 Ste 500, Arlington, VA 22202-3745.
5. Coast Guard - Commandant (CG-1222), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW STOP 7801, Washington, DC 20593-7801.
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

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						
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 - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	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 at the TDY location on the same day as departed from the PDS (per diem at a lesser amount than the TDY locality rate prescribed 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 TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. 2/, 4/	75% of TDY locality M&IE rate 1/, plus the GOV'T QTRS cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling.	75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate 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 the lodging cost NTE the maximum lodging amount prescribed for the stopover locality. 2/, 4/	75 % of the TDY locality M&IE rate 1/ plus lodging 2/, 4/ cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. 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 - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (not on a U.S. INSTALLATION).	Each whole day at a CONUS TDY locality (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	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 TDY locality at which 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/}	TDY locality M&IE (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the lodging cost NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling rate. ^{2/}	M&IE plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. M&IE may be at the TDY locality rate, or PMR plus \$5 IE if the AO specifies the PMR based on 1 or 2 deductible. ^{1/}	The CONUS TDY locality M&IE, plus the lodging cost NTE the TEDY locality maximum lodging ceiling ^{2/} (unless the AO specifies the PMR plus \$5 IE when 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided ^{6/} - par. U4165-1)	M&IE, plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (2) Standard GMR plus \$5 IE, if the AO specifies the GMR in advance, (3) PMR plus \$5 IE if the AO specifies in advance the PMR, or (4) no amount for meals plus \$5 IE when the AO directs EUM or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/mess use/availability) (see par. U4149 for M&IE rate determination).	M&IE, plus the lodging cost NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost. Lodging tax is not reimbursable M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (2) Standard GMR plus \$5 IE, if directed in the authorization/order, (3) PMR plus \$5 IE if directed in the authorization/order, or (4) no amount for meals plus \$5 IE when the authorization/order directs EUM or 3 deductible meals (see par. U4400 for GOV'T dining facility/mess use/availability) (see par. U4149 for M&IE rate determination))	Per diem at the rate authorized under par. U4105-I or U4177.

(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 location (on a U.S. INSTALLATION) on the day after departing the PDS - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	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) - GOV'T QTRS are occupied.	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 TDY locality at which per diem in a 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/}	The OCONUS TDY locality M&IE ^{3/} rate (unless the AO specifies the PMR for deductible meals) plus the lodging cost ^{4/} NTE the TDY locality lodging ceiling.	M&IE plus the GOV'T QTRS cost. (M&IE may be at the TDY locality rate, or PMR plus locality or \$3.50 IE if the AO specifies the PMR and 1 or 2 deductible meals are provided. ^{1/})	The OCONUS TDY locality M&IE ^{3/} rate plus the lodging cost ^{4/} NTE the TDY locality maximum lodging ceiling. 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 GOV'T QTRS cost. M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality meal rate 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 EUM 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 lodging cost NTE the GOV'T QTRS cost ^{4/} . M&IE may be at (1) the TDY locality rate, (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 EUM 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 the departure day 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 last TDY locality M&IE rate. ^{1/}	For the departure day from the TDY location: the TDY locality M&IE rate. Arrival day at the PDS, 75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate. ^{1/}	For departure day from the TDY: M&IE, plus lodging ^{2/, 4} cost NTE the stopover locality lodging ceiling. Arrival day at the PDS: 75% of the stopover locality M&IE rate.	75% of the M&IE rate, plus the lodging cost based on the locality rate at which lodging was obtained if authorized/approved by the AO. See par. U4169.	75% of the TDY locality M&IE rate.

Footnotes

1/ GMR/PMR and the \$3.50 IE rate do not apply on departure day from, or return day 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 IE 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 OCONUS area because a tax amount is included in the applicable foreign area per diem maximum lodging ceiling.

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.) There must be expense; this is not an automatic payment..

(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) 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 meal reimbursement is allowed.

PART A: APPLICABILITY AND GENERAL RULES

U5000 SCOPE

A. General. This Chapter prescribes a member's authority for personal and dependent travel and transportation allowances, HHG and POV transportation allowances, mobile home transportation allowances, DLA, and TLE allowance incident to a PCS. It also prescribes authority for dependents' travel and transportation, HHG, POV, and mobile home transportation under unusual or emergency circumstances, and various other situations not directly related to a PCS. For non-PCS travel allowances, see Ch 7.

B. Travel Covered. This Chapter discusses the following PCS travel types:

1. Transfer. Travel ICW a transfer from one station to another for permanent duty.
2. Change in a Unit's Home Port or PDS Location. Travel ICW a ship's home port or mobile unit's PDS location change.
3. Call to Active Duty. Travel from home or from the PLEAD to the first PDS upon:
 - a. Appointment or re-appointment (including reinstatement) to the regular Service from civilian life or from an RC;
 - b. An RC member being called (or ordered) to active duty (including duty for training) for 20 or more weeks at one station;
 - c. Being recalled to active duty from the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or from retirement (including temporary disability retirement); or
 - d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency).
4. Separation or Retirement. Travel from last PDS to home upon:
 - a. Discharge, resignation, or separation from the Service under honorable conditions;
 - b. An RC member's release from active duty (including active duty for training) to which called for 20 or more weeks at one station;
 - c. Transfer to the Fleet Reserve or to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
 - d. Retirement; or
 - e. Temporary disability retirement.
5. Travel (other than TDY) Not Directly Related to a PCS Order. In addition to PCS allowances, this Chapter includes dependents; travel and transportation allowances, and HHG, POV and mobile home transportation, under unusual or emergency circumstances, and other situations not involving a PCS.

U5002 APPLICABILITY

A. General. This Chapter applies to PCS of all regular and RC members.

B. Unique Categories. The following unique personnel categories are authorized PCS allowances as indicated.

1. A cadet or midshipman. See par. U7000.
2. An applicant and a rejected applicant of the regular service. See par. U7025.

3. An RC member. See par. U7150.
4. A member whose enlistment has been voided. See par. U7375.

C. Persons Not Covered. The following personnel categories are not authorized PCS allowances.

1. An absentee or straggler being returned to the PDS. See par. U7400.
2. A member discharged under other than honorable conditions. See par. U7500.
3. A prisoner. See par. U7451.

U5012 PCS ALLOWANCES

*A. General. Following is a general description of PCS travel and transportation allowances. Parts B through H of this Chapter prescribe specific allowances. Allowances depend on the member's individual travel circumstances. Table U5-1 provides a general guide, but should not be used without consulting the several Parts for specifics.

B. Member and Dependent Travel and Transportation Allowances. When a member must travel under an authorization/order, the GOV'T either furnishes transportation, reimbursement, or a payment in lieu of transportation at rates prescribed in this Part. Generally, a member selects the transportation mode (i.e., airplane, train, bus, POC) for travel between the old and new PDSs. Sometimes an authorization/order directs a particular mode for the member, but not the dependents. For travel time computation when a mode is not directed, see par. U5160. For authorized PCS travel reimbursements, see par. U5105; for travel to the first PDS, see par. U5108-C. For dependents' travel and transportation, see Ch 5, Part C.

C. HHG Transportation and Storage. A member directed to make a PCS is authorized HHG transportation and/or storage. A member's HHG weight allowance depends on the member's grade and dependency status. See par. U5310-B.

1. Ordinarily, any portion of the PCS HHG weight allowance the member elects not to ship may be placed in NTS.
2. The Service concerned may administratively limit the amount transported. See par. U5315. For example, an E-6 with dependents may ship 11,000 pounds of HHG, if the member is transferred between two CONUS PDSs. However, only a portion of the member's PCS HHG weight allowance may be transported to the new PDS if the member is transferred to a "weight restricted" OCONUS PDS. The remainder may be placed in NTS or transported to a designated place. The member may place HHG within the PCS HHG weight allowance, precluded from shipment due to an administrative weight restriction, in NTS at GOV'T expense until the next PCS.
3. PCS HHG transportation authorizes a member to SIT unless prohibited, until the member arranges for a new permanent residence. SIT may be authorized at any combination of origin, in transit, or destination. See Ch 5, Part D.

See JTR, par. C5154-J for HHG transportation for a DoD civilian employee married to a uniformed member when both are authorized HHG shipments to the same new PDS.

D. Unaccompanied Baggage Transportation. APP A BAGGAGE, UNACCOMPANIED definition. The Services concerned may limit unaccompanied baggage weight. See Ch 5, Part D.

E. POV Transportation. A member ordered to make a PCS to, from, or between OCONUS PDSs, or upon official change in a ship's home port or mobile unit's PDS location, may be authorized to have one POV, owned or on a long-term lease by the member or dependent(s), transported to the VPC serving the member's new PDS or other authorized place. The POV must be for the member's or dependents' personal use. There are some limitations, restrictions or prohibitions. See Ch 5, Part E.

F. Mobile Home Allowances. A member ordered on a PCS, or the dependent of a deceased member authorized HHG transportation, is authorized any combination of the allowances in Part F for mobile home transportation, including temporary storage, from the old PDS to the new PDS or between other authorized points. Except as provided in par. U5505-B, these allowances are in lieu of baggage and HHG transportation and are only authorized for transportation of a mobile home within CONUS, within Alaska, or between CONUS and Alaska. See Ch 5, Part F.

G. DLA. DLA partially reimburses a member for the relocation expenses of a PCS, evacuation, or movement as a result of BRAC closure. See Ch 5, Part G.

H. TLE Allowance. TLE partially offsets the added living expenses within CONUS incurred by a member and dependents incident to a PCS. See Ch 5, Part H.

I. Travel and Transportation Allowance Extensions when a Member Separates from the Service. A written time limit extension may be authorized/approved using the Secretarial Process. An explanation of the circumstances justifying the extension must include the following:

1. The specific additional time period.
2. A description of the circumstances that prevent use within the prescribed time. ***NOTE: The extension must be for the shortest time appropriate under the circumstances.***
3. Acknowledgement that the extension is not being granted merely to accommodate personal preferences or convenience (DoD/GC #99-1).
4. ***An extension must not be authorized/approved if it extends travel and transportation allowances for more than 6 years from the date of separation or release from active duty or retirement unless a member's certified on-going medical condition prevents relocation of the member for longer than 6 years from the separation/retirement date.***
5. ***An extension must not be authorized/approved if it extends travel and transportation allowances for more than 6 years from the date of receipt by a member's dependents of official notice that the member is dead, injured, missing, interned, or captured, unless a member's certified on-going medical condition prevents relocation of the dependent(s) for longer than 6 years from the notification date.***

NOTE: An extension under 'Other Deserving Cases' (see par. U5130-B4) for any reason may not be for more than 6 years from the date of separation or release from active duty or retirement.

J. Home of Selection. ***Once a home is selected, that selection is irrevocable if transportation-in-kind is furnished and used, or travel and transportation allowances are received after the travel is completed.***

K. PCS Authorization/Order. For an authorization/order to be a PCS authorization/order it must in fact direct a PCS. A document directing a change of activity at the same PDS is not a PCS authorization/order, regardless of any statement(s) on the document to the contrary. Please see definitions of PDS and PCS in APP A.

L. Delayed/Deferred Use of PCS Allowances. The member may elect not to move dependents and HHG (or a mobile home in lieu of HHG) when authorized. However, dependents' travel and transportation allowances for still-eligible dependents and HHG (for some or all of the HHG) or mobile home transportation costs are payable incident to a subsequent PCS, using a combination of PCS orders. Allowances are limited to the greater of the distances in items 1 and 2. *The previous sentence does not provide for transportation of non-command-sponsored dependents from an OCONUS PDS.*

1. To the new PDS from the former PDS from which the dependents and/or HHG (or mobile home) were not moved, or
2. From the current PDS from which the member is being ordered.

See par. U5201-A2 regarding dependent transportation, par. U5310-A3 regarding HHG transportation, and par. U5500-D regarding mobile home transportation.

U5015 MONETARY ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (MALT)

A. General

1. A member, authorized dependents' travel and transportation allowances under par. U5201, is authorized MALT at the rate in par. U2605-B when travel is performed. When a member and dependents relocate on a member's PCS move, reimbursement is authorized for two POCs, if used.
2. Except as in par. U5015-B, the MALT rate authorized for dependents' travel is for the use of one or two POCs. ***NOTE: The member may be reimbursed for use of two POCs by dependents only if the member travels by other than POC (e.g., the member is not reimbursed automatically for three POCs to allow the member to use one and the dependents to use two.)***
3. MALT payment does not affect transportation-in-kind for other dependents.

B. Reimbursement for the Use of more than Two POCs

1. General. Reimbursement for the use of more than two POCs, within the same household for PCS travel, may be authorized/approved if determined to be appropriate, through the Secretarial Process. Authorization/approval documentation should be made IAW Service procedures
2. MALT and Ferry Fares
 - a. When reimbursement for the use of more than two POCs is authorized/approved, MALT and car ferry fees apply for each POC.
 - b. If the same POC is used for more than one trip, the MALT and car ferry fees apply for each trip. The standard MALT rate is applied for each one-way official distance from the old to the new PDS.

U5020 ADVANCE OF FUNDS

Ch 5 (Parts B, C, D, E2, F, G, and H) authorizes travel and transportation allowance advance payment for a member and dependents, HHG and mobile home transportation, POV storage, DLA and TLE. See par. U1010-B5. See par. U9155 for TLA and par. U10105-B for OHA advance payment.

OVERVIEW OF PCS TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES										
<i>NOTE: This table is a general guide to basic travel and transportation allowances in various PCS situations. Ch 5, Parts B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I prescribe the specific allowances and must be used to administer travel and transportation allowances ICW a member's PCS.</i>										
Table U5A-1										
Movement Situation	Mbr Travel Part B	Dep Travel Part C	HHG Transp Part D	NTS 1/ Part D	POV Shipment 2/ Part E1	POV Storage 23/ Part E2	Mobile Home Shipment 3/ Part F	DLA 4/ Part G	TLE 5/ Part H	TLA 6/ Ch. 9, Part C
Travel to 1 st PDS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes 7/	No 8/, 9/	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No 10/
PCS from CONUS to CONUS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes 7/	No 9/	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
PCS to/from OCONUS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No 11/	Yes	Yes	Yes
PCS from OCONUS to OCONUS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No 11/	Yes	No	Yes
PCS Involving Mbr Married to Mbr Couples CONUS to CONUS To/from OCONUS	Yes(each) Yes(each)	Yes (each) Yes (each)	Yes (each) 12/ Yes (each) 12/, 13/	Yes (each) 7/ Yes (each)	No 9/ Yes (each)	No Yes	Yes 14/ No 11/	See par. U5630-E & Table U5G-1	Yes (each) Yes (each)	No Yes (each)
Separated Under Honorable Conditions 15/ Mbr completed 90% of 1 st term Mbr did <i>not</i> complete 90% of 1 st term	Yes Yes 16/	Yes Yes 16/	Yes Yes	Yes 17/ Yes 17/	No 18/ No 18/	No No	Yes Yes	No No	No No	Yes 24/ Yes 24/
Separated under Other Than Honorable Conditions 15/	Yes 19/	Yes 19/	Yes 20/	No	No 18/	No	Yes	No	No	No
Placed on TDRL	Yes 21/	Yes 21/	Yes 21/	Yes	No 18/	No	Yes	No	No	Yes 24/
Retired with pay (incl for disability); discharged with severance/separation pay; involuntarily released from active duty with readjustment/separation pay 22/	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No 18/	No	Yes	No	No	Yes 24/

- 1/ For the time limitation of NTS for a PCS authorization/order, see par. U5380.
- 2/ The member must meet the eligibility criteria in par. U5405 to be authorized POV transportation.
- 3/ A member must meet the conditions in par. U5500 to be authorized mobile home transportation. Mobile home allowances are in lieu of HHG transportation except as noted in par. U5330-F.
- 4/ The member must meet eligibility criteria in par. U5605 to be authorized DLA. A member who is authorized dependent transportation and relocates dependents incident to a PCS is authorized DLA at the "with-dependent" rate. See pars. U5605 and U5610. A member without dependents assigned to GOV'T quarters at the new PDS is *not* authorized DLA. See par. U5605.
- 5/ A member must meet eligibility criteria in par. U5705 to be authorized a TLE allowance. See par. U5710 for maximum authorized periods.
- 6/ TLA is only authorized under the conditions specified in par. U9155. See Ch 9, Part C, for the maximum authorized periods.

- 7/ When member requests NTS as an alternative to transportation, NTS must be in the GOV'T's best interest. See par. U5380-C.
- 8/ Except when member's HOR/PLEAD is OCONUS and the first PDS is in CONUS; or when member's HOR/PLEAD is in CONUS and first PDS is OCONUS.
- 9/ See par. U5415 for exceptions under which a POV may be transported at GOV'T expense within CONUS.
- 10/ Except when the member's first PDS is OCONUS.
- 11/ Mobile home transportation is authorized only between CONUS locations, between a CONUS location and Alaska, and between Alaskan locations; and only if dependent(s) will occupy the mobile home at destination.
- 12/ A member-married-to-member couple may combine their HHG weight allowances for transportation purposes. See par. U5330-A.
- 13/ For moves to/from certain OCONUS areas, members may be limited to transportation of the senior member's administrative HHG weight allowance. See par. U5315-B.
- 14/ See par. U5505-A for combining the weight allowances of a member-married-to-member couple to compute the maximum mobile home authorization.
- 15/ Travel and transportation allowances may be paid NTE to the HOR or PLEAD, whichever the member elects for travel allowances under par. U5125.
- 16/ Transportation to the member's HOR/PLEAD is limited to the lowest cost transportation (see par. U5125-A5 - member travel) and U5225-F (dependent travel)) except as authorized by the Service Secretary.
- 17/ NTS ICW separation/retirement from the Service is in addition to transportation.
- 18/ Except when a member's HOR/PLEAD or authorized HOS under par. U5130-A1 is OCONUS. A member separated/retired while serving OCONUS is authorized a POV shipment if the member's HOR/PLEAD or HOS is in CONUS.
- 19/ See Ch 7, Part P, for member travel. For dependent travel for a member whose last PDS is CONUS, see par. U5240-F, or if the last PDS is OCONUS, see par. U5900-D.
- 20/ A member without dependents, stationed in CONUS, who is discharged under other than honorable conditions, is *not* authorized HHG shipment.
- 21/ A member may exercise travel and transportation allowances ICW being placed on the TDRL; however, if a retirement order is subsequently issued, the allowances are subject to adjustment so as not to exceed the allowances for the distance from the PDS at the time the member received the TDRL authorization/order to the point to which the member is authorized incident to retirement, release from active duty, etc., less any amount previously paid for transportation to the waiting point.
- 22/ Travel and transportation allowances may/may not be paid to the member's HOS. See par. U5130.
- 23/ The member must meet the eligibility criteria in par. U5466 to be authorized POV storage.
- 24/ TLA is payable to a separating/retiring member stationed OCONUS when temporary quarters must be occupied at the old PDS prior to departure *and only while on active duty*.

SECTION 11: HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOLLOWING MEMBER'S DEATH**U10424 HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOLLOWING A MEMBER'S DEATH**

A. General. BAH or OHA continuation, or payment, to the surviving dependents of an ARMED FORCES (APP A) member who dies while on active duty is authorized for 365 days. It is paid to dependents of an ARMED FORCES member who dies in the line of duty when on the date of the member's death the dependents:

1. Do not occupy GOV'T QTRS.
2. Are occupying GOV'T QTRS on a rental basis.
3. Vacate GOV'T QTRS within 365 days of the member's death.

B. Not Payable. The housing allowance is not payable to:

1. A dependent who killed the member, unless there is evidence which clearly absolves the dependent of any felonious intent.
2. A surviving dependent of an RC member if that member dies while on inactive duty.

C. Payment Priority. Payments to surviving dependents are made in the following order:

1. Current spouse,
2. If there is no current spouse, the housing allowance is divided equally among the dependents on whose behalf the deceased member was receiving a with-dependent housing allowance.

D. Payment Amount and Method

*1. General. The housing allowance is paid in the same amount and in the same manner as the deceased member would have been paid. The housing allowance may be paid quarterly as an advance payment but must be reconciled. Housing allowance payments to the dependents are not subject to collection of any debts owed by the deceased member to the United States. If the deceased member's spouse is also a member see par. U10424-E.

2. Examples

- a. A member dies on 16 March 2006, and the member's dependents do not occupy GOV'T family-type QTRS. Pay a housing allowance to the dependents from 17 March 2006 through 16 March 2007, a total of 365 calendar days.
- b. A member dies on 5 January 2007, and dependents vacate GOV'T QTRS on 12 February 2007. Pay a housing allowance to the dependents at the appropriate monthly rate for 12 February 2007 through 5 January 2008, which is the 365th calendar day after the date of the member's death. Had the member died 5 January of a leap year, the housing allowance termination date would be 4 January of the following year.

E. Payment to a Deceased Member's Spouse Who is also a Member (Surviving Member Spouse) (37 USC §403(1)). The allowance in par. U10424-A may be paid to a deceased member's spouse even though the spouse is also a uniformed service member entitled to basic pay. For a member who dies on or after 1 October 2006, the allowance is paid to the surviving member spouse in addition to any other pay and allowances to which the surviving member spouse is authorized as a member. Pars. U10424-A, U10424-B, U10424-C and U10424-D apply.

TRANSITION RULE: New payment rules for surviving member spouses are effective 1 October 2006. Payment is authorized under the new authority for that portion of the 365 day period following the date of the member's death that occurs on/or after 1 October 2006. The payment rules in par. U10424-E1 below apply to these payments; however, since payments under prior rules may have been made in advance and in some cases dependency of children for housing allowance purposes automatically changed to the surviving spouse, claims for retroactive periods must be individually submitted to and adjudicated by each Service.

1. Payment Rules. The following rules apply:

- a. Dual housing allowance payments are authorized for a surviving member spouse.
- b. When dependents other than a surviving member spouse are involved, the housing allowances are paid in the same manner that was provided for prior to the member's death. If the surviving member spouse was drawing the without dependent housing allowance on the member's date of death, that rate would continue for 365 days. On day 366, the surviving member spouse's housing allowance could change to the with-dependent rate.
- c. If the family vacates GOV'T QTRS, the surviving member spouse is paid the housing allowance that would have been paid to the deceased member as well as the housing allowance to which the surviving member spouse is authorized. In this case, the surviving member spouse may determine on whose behalf the with- and without-dependents housing allowances are paid (i.e., which member 'claims' the dependents for housing allowance purposes).
- d. If the deceased member was receiving a with-dependent rate housing allowance solely for dependents who may not be claimed by the surviving member spouse, the surviving member spouse is only authorized housing allowance continuation at the without-dependent rate. The remainder, the difference between the with- and without-dependent rates, is divided equally among the dependents on whose behalf the deceased member was receiving the with-dependent rate. For example, this rule would apply the deceased member and surviving member spouse who lived in separate locations and each received a with-dependent housing allowance for children from previous marriages, but claimed no children from the current marriage. Each would have been drawing a with-dependent housing allowance.

2. Examples

- a. A member dies on 1 April 2007 while stationed OCONUS. The surviving member spouse is stationed at Location A in CONUS and receiving without-dependent rate BAH. The couple had no other dependents. Continue the surviving member spouse's BAH at the without-dependent rate for Location A. Also pay the surviving member a without-dependent Location A BAH at the rate the deceased member would have received from 2 April 2007 through 31 March 2008 (2008 is a leap year). If 2008 had not been a leap year, the housing allowance termination would be 1 April 2008.
- b. A member dies on 3 May 2007. The deceased member was drawing BAH at the with-dependent rate. The surviving member spouse was drawing BAH at the without-dependent rate. The couple had children from the current marriage. The surviving member spouse continues to receive BAH at the without-dependent rate and also receives a with-dependent rate BAH that the deceased member would have received from 4 May 2007 through 2 May 2008 (2008 is a leap year). On 3 May 2008 the surviving member spouse begins receiving BAH at the with-dependent rate.
- c. A member dies on 3 May 2007. The deceased member was drawing without-dependent rate BAH. The surviving member spouse was drawing the with-dependent rate BAH. The surviving member spouse continues to receive the with-dependent BAH and also receives a without-dependent BAH that the deceased member would have received from 4 May 2007 through 2 May 2008 (2008 is a leap year).

d. A member dies on 30 January 2007. The deceased member was drawing with-dependent BAH for payment of child support for children from a previous marriage. The deceased member was married to another service member and there were no children of that marriage. The surviving member spouse was drawing without-dependent BAH. The surviving member spouse continues to receive the without-dependent BAH and also receives a without-dependent rate BAH that the deceased member would have received from 31 January 2007 through 30 January 2008. The remainder of the deceased member's BAH (the difference between the with-and-without-dependent BAH rates) is divided equally among the dependents on whose behalf the deceased member was receiving the with-dependent BAH.

e. A member dies on 15 January 2007. The deceased member was not in receipt of BAH at the time of death because the deceased member was living in family-type GOV'T QTRS with the surviving member spouse and children. The surviving member spouse and children vacate GOV'T QTRS on 1 March 2007. The surviving member spouse elects to receive without-dependent BAH and also receives a with-dependent BAH that the deceased member would have received from 1 March 2007 through 15 January 2008. On 16 January 2008 the surviving member spouse begins receiving only with-dependent rate BAH.

f. A member dies on 15 June 2006. The deceased member was drawing with-dependent BAH. The deceased member was married to another service member and there were children from that marriage. The surviving member spouse was receiving without dependent BAH but began receiving a single with-dependent BAH for the children on 16 June 2006 under policies in effect at the time. Under the new payment rules, on 1 October 2006 change the surviving member spouse's BAH to the without dependent BAH and also pay the with-dependent rate BAH that the deceased member would have received from 1 October 2006 through 15 June 2007. On 16 June 2007 the surviving member spouse begins receiving only the with-dependent BAH.

F. Decision Logic Table

RATE DEFINING LOCATION

Table U10E-13			
R U L E	If a member with dependents	and	then the payable housing allowance rate the dependents receive is that which is prescribed for the
1	dies on active duty while assigned to a U. S. PDS		deceased member's PDS regardless of the location at which the dependents choose to reside (unless the dependents are in receipt of a Secretarial waiver).
2	dies on active duty while assigned to a PDS outside the U. S.		location at which the dependents reside or choose to reside in the U. S. If the dependents stay overseas, the housing allowance is based on the OHA rate (and documented cost) for the location at which the dependents reside and then reverts to BAH at the U.S. location at which the dependents later decide to reside, on the date one or more dependents arrive at the U.S. location at which they choose to reside or the date all dependents have departed the PDS location, whichever is later. Authorization exists for 365 days after the member's death.
3	dies on active duty	dependents reside in GOV'T QTRS	dependent location the day the GOV'T housing facilities were vacated and that rate continues for 365 days less the number of days the GOV'T housing facilities were occupied following the date of the member's death. If GOV'T housing was outside the U.S., pay the housing allowance based on the location at which the dependents choose to reside.

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APPENDIX A

PART 1: DEFINITIONS

As used in these regulations, and unless otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, the following definitions apply.

ACADEMY, SERVICE. The United States Military Academy (Army), United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, or United States Coast Guard Academy (37 USC §410(a)).

ACCOMMODATIONS. Seat space, berths, roomettes, bedrooms, and staterooms on transportation facilities. Types include:

1. Air Economy or Coach or Air Tourist. A type available on commercial aircraft at rates lower than first class or other premium class.
2. Coach or Chair Car (Rail). A type not affording sleeping facilities, at a lesser rate than first class (parlor car seat).
3. Security (Enclosed). Any private room that can be locked for security purposes.

ACCOMMODATIONS, APPROVED. Any place of public lodging that is listed on the national master list of approved accommodations. The national master list of all approved accommodations is compiled, periodically updated, and published in the Federal Register by FEMA. Additionally, the approved accommodation list is available on the U.S. Fire Administration's Internet site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/indes.htm>.

ACCOMMODATIONS, COMMON CARRIER.

1. First-Class. Generally, the highest accommodations class offered by commercial airlines in terms of both cost and amenities and termed "first class" by the airlines and in reservations systems. Includes suites offered by commercial ships, and the highest service class, including bedrooms, roomettes, club service, parlor car, or other premium accommodations offered by passenger rail carriers.
2. Business-Class. A premium accommodations class offered by commercial airlines that is higher than economy/coach and lower than first-class in both cost and amenities (e.g., business-class). This class of accommodation is generally referred to as "business, business elite, business first, world business, connoisseur, or envoy" depending on the airline. For business-class definition for trains see par. U3135-B3.
3. Economy-/Coach-Class. The basic accommodations class offered by commercial airlines and passenger rail carriers, that includes a service level available to all passengers regardless of the airfare paid. The term applies when an airline offers only one accommodations class and that class is sold as economy-class (i.e., some airlines only offer true business-class or true first-class and are not to be mistaken for this one accommodations class). The term also includes tourist-class and economy-class on commercial airlines and reserved coach and/or slumber coach accommodations on overnight rail travel.
4. Slumber Coach. The least expensive sleeping accommodations available on a train.
5. Extra-Fare Train. A train that operates at an increased fare due to the extra performance of the train (i.e., faster speed or fewer stops).

ACCOMMODATIONS, PUBLIC. Any inn, hotel, or other establishment within a State (and the District of Columbia) that provides lodging to transient guests, excluding:

1. A GOV'T-owned establishment;
2. An establishment treated as an apartment building by State or local law or regulation; or
3. An establishment containing not more than 5 rooms for rent or hire that also is occupied as a residence by the proprietor.

ACTIVE DUTY. Full-time duty in the active service (37 USC §101(18)) of a Uniformed Service, including full-time training duty, annual training duty, full-time National Guard duty, and attendance, while in the active service, at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the Secretary Concerned. ***NOTE: A member is on active duty while in a travel status or while on authorized leave.***

ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING. Full-time training duty in the active military service for the purpose of training a member of the Ready Reserve to acquire or maintain required military skills. It includes initial basic training, advanced individual training, annual training duty, and full-time attendance at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the Secretary Concerned.

ACTUAL EXPENSE. Payment of authorized actual expenses incurred, up to the limit prescribed by the Administrator of GSA or agency, as appropriate. Authorization for reimbursement is contingent on authorization for per diem, and is subject to the same definitions and rules governing per diem.

ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES. The same items as those included under Per Diem Allowance, ***NOTE 2.***

ADVANCED TRAVEL OF DEPENDENTS. The movement of dependents based on a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) authorization/order, but before member travel.

AGENCY.

A. Includes a/an:

1. Executive agency, as defined in 5 USC §101;
2. Military department;
3. Office, agency or other establishment in the legislative branch;
4. An office, agency or other establishment in the judicial branch; and
5. The Government of the District of Columbia.

B. Does NOT include a/an:

1. GOV'T-controlled corporation;
2. Member of Congress; or
3. Office or committee of either House of Congress or of the two Houses.

ANNUAL TRAINING DUTY. Active duty required of the Ready Reserve to satisfy the training requirements of the member's annual reserve assignment (See DoD and Service regulations). ***NOTE: Providing readiness training is the primary purpose of annual training, but annual training also may support active component missions and requirements; i.e., operational support.***

APPROVED. The ratification or confirmation of an act already done.

ARMED FORCES. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. See 37 USC §101(4).

ATTENDANT. An attendant:

1. Is a member, employee, or other person who, IAW a travel authorization/order/ITA, accompanies a member authorized to travel to/from a medical facility for required medical attention that is not available locally;
2. Takes care of and waits upon the member patient in response to the patient's needs;
3. May travel with the patient and attend to the patient's needs at the destination medical facility; and
4. Is appointed by competent medical authority.

AUTHORIZED.

- a. Permission given before an act.
- b. The giving, through these regulations, of an allowance to an eligible individual requiring no other action.

(Example: When the regulation states that an allowance is authorized, the regulation means that an eligible individual has that allowance without further action by any other activity.)

AUTHORIZING/ORDER-ISSUING OFFICIAL (AO). The official who directs travel and has responsibility for the funding.

AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM) SERVICES. Contractor-provided services that allow cash withdrawals from participating ATMs to be charged to a GTCC.

AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE RATES. See *MILEAGE (ALLOWANCE)*.

BAGGAGE. Personal effects of a traveler needed ICW official travel and immediately upon arrival at the assignment point. GOV'T material may be included. ***NOTE: Baggage may accompany a traveler (accompanied baggage) or be transported separately from the traveler (UB).***

BAGGAGE, ACCOMPANIED. Baggage that is not part of the HHG weight allowance and consists of coats, brief cases, suitcases, and similar luggage that accompanies a traveler on a transportation ticket.

BAGGAGE, UNACCOMPANIED (UB). That part of a member's prescribed weight allowance of HHG that:

1. Is not carried free on a ticket used for personal travel,
2. Ordinarily is transported separately from the major bulk of HHG, and
3. Usually is transported by an expedited mode because it's needed immediately or soon after arrival at destination for interim housekeeping pending arrival of the major portion of HHG.

NOTE 1: UB ICW permanent duty and COT/IPCOT travel consists of personal clothing and equipment, essential pots, pans, and light housekeeping items; collapsible items such as cribs, playpens, and baby carriages; and other articles required for the care of dependents. Items such as refrigerators, washing machines, and other major appliances or furniture must not be included in unaccompanied baggage.

NOTE 2: ICW an extended TDY assignment, UB is limited to the necessary personal clothing and effects for the individual and equipment directly related to the assignment.

BLANKET TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER. (Also called Unlimited Open, Limited Open, or Repeat Travel Authorization/Order.) An authorization/order issued to a member who regularly and frequently makes trips away from the PDS within specific geographical limits for a specific time period within a fiscal year in performance of regularly assigned duties. *Also see TRAVEL ORDER.*

NOTE 1: *The blanket/repeat travel authorization/order is not used in DTS.*

NOTE 2: *A blanket/repeat TDY travel authorization/order must never authorize premium-class travel. If travel in premium-class accommodations becomes necessary for one or more specific trips, an authorization/order amendment, containing the necessary separate required statements for each trip, must be issued.*

NOTE 3: *AEA is prescribed only on an individual trip basis, and only after consideration of the facts existing in each case. AEA must not be authorized as part of a blanket/repeat travel authorization/order or used as blanket authority to authorize/approve automatic AEA for all travel to an area (par. U4215). NOTE 3 does not apply to the Coast Guard.*

BUSINESS-CLASS. Travel and accommodations/service that fall between first-class and economy-/coach-class accommodations. Business-class accommodations usually, but do not have to, have their own cabin/facilities between first-class and economy-/coach-class accommodations. *See par. U3125-B2b for business-class transportation authority (restricted to the two-star flag level and civilian equivalents).*

CALENDAR DAY. The 24-hour period from one midnight to the next midnight. **NOTE:** *The calendar day technically begins one second after midnight (reflects as 0001) and ends at midnight (2400.)*

CAPACITY-CONTROLLED CITY-PAIR AIRFARE. See the [CITY-PAIR AIRFARE CONTRACT](#) at www.gsa.gov/citypair. *These airfares are not used in cost-construction.*

CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER. *See U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIER.*

CIRCUITOUS TRAVEL. Travel by a route other than the one that ordinarily would be prescribed by a transportation officer between the places involved. *Also referred to as Indirect Travel.*

CITY-PAIR AIRFARE. See the [CITY-PAIR AIRFARE CONTRACT](#) at www.gsa.gov/citypair.

COMMAND, COMBATANT. An organization with a broad continuing mission under a single commander established and so designated by the President, through the SECDEF with the advice and assistance of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Combatant commands typically have geographic or functional responsibilities.

COMMANDANT'S PAROLE. The conditional release (parole) from confinement of a prisoner from a disciplinary barracks whose parole the Secretary Concerned has authorized and whose court-martial sentence has not been ordered executed because appellate review of the case has not been completed. **NOTE:** *The prisoner must remain under the supervision of the Commandant of a U.S. disciplinary barracks.*

COMMAND SPONSORED DEPENDENT. *See DEPENDENT, COMMAND SPONSORED.*

COMMERCIAL POV STORAGE FACILITY. Any commercial fee-for-service facility open to the public for daily or long-term storage of motor vehicles.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTER. A transporter operating under the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-88) in interstate commerce or under appropriate State statutes in intrastate commerce.

COMMON CARRIER. Private-sector supplier of air, rail, bus, or ship transportation.

CONFERENCE. A meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium or event that involves attendee travel. Also applies to training activities that are conferences under 5 CFR §410.404. ***NOTE: This does not include regularly scheduled courses of instruction conducted at a GOV'T or commercial training facility.***

CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR (COT). *(Also see IN PLACE CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR.)*
 The PCS reassignment of a member from one OCONUS PDS to another OCONUS PDS.

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS). The 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia.

CONTINGENCY OPERATION. A military operation that:

1. Is designated by the SECDEF as an operation in which armed forces members are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force; or
2. Results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of a Uniformed Services member under 10 USC §688, §12301(a), §12302, §12304, §12305, or §12406; Chapter 15 of title 10, or any other provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

CONTRACT CARRIER. U.S. certificated air carrier that is under contract with the GOV'T to furnish Federal employees, uniformed members, and other persons authorized to travel at GOV'T expense with passenger transportation service. This also includes GSA's contracted scheduled airline passenger service between selected U.S. cities/airports and between selected U.S. and international cities/airports at reduced airfares.

(CONTRACTED) COMMERCIAL TRAVEL OFFICE/TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (CTO/TMC).
 A commercial activity providing a full range of commercial travel and ticketing services for official travel under a contract and/or memorandum of understanding with the GOV'T.

DEFENSE TABLE OF OFFICIAL DISTANCES (DTOD). The DoD standard source for worldwide distance information based on city-to-city distance (*not* zip code to zip code) replacing all other sources used for computing distance (except airplanes). For more information refer to the [DTOD website](http://dtod.sddc.army.mil) at dtod.sddc.army.mil.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) COMPONENTS. Also ref the [Defense Almanac](#) <http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/almanac/> and/or the [Department of Defense](#) at the mil.com website <http://www.gov.com/agency/dod/agency.html>

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (including the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff)
Department of the Army
Department of the Air Force
Department of the Navy (including the Marine Corps)
DoD Inspector General
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
DoD FIELD ACTIVITIES: American Forces Information Service Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office Defense Technology Security Administration DoD Counterintelligence Field Activity DoD Education Activity DoD Human Resources Activity Office of Economic Adjustments TRICARE Management Activity Washington Headquarters Services
DEFENSE AGENCIES: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Defense Commissary Agency

DEFENSE AGENCIES (cont.):

Defense Contract Audit Agency
Defense Contract Management Agency
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
Defense Information Systems Agency
Defense Intelligence Agency
Defense Legal Services Agency
Defense Logistics Agency
Defense Security Cooperation Agency
Defense Security Service
Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Missile Defense Agency
National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
National Geospatial Intelligence College
National Security Agency/Central Security Service
Pentagon Force Protection Agency

JOINT SERVICE SCHOOLS:

Joint Military Intelligence College
Defense Acquisition University
National Defense University
Joint Professional Military Education Colleges
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

DEPENDENT. Defined by 37 USC §401.

NOTE: Exception. For authorization purposes under JFTR:

- 1. A member's spouse, who also is a member on active duty, is treated as a dependent for travel and transportation ONLY for purposes of travel between the port of overhaul, inactivation or construction, and the home port as authorized in par. U7115-A, or for transportation for survivors of a deceased member authorized in par. U5242-A1;***
- 2. A child is treated as a dependent of either the mother or the father who are members on active duty (i.e., only 1 member may receive allowances on the child's behalf);***
- 3. A member (IAW 37 USC §421) may not be paid allowances on behalf of a dependent for any period during which that dependent is entitled to basic pay IAW 37 USC §204.***

Except for transportation to obtain OCONUS medical care (JFTR, par. U5240-C1), any of the following individuals: (See exception **NOTES** above.)

1. A member's spouse;
2. A member's unmarried child under age 21 (including an infant born after a PCS authorization/order effective date when the mother's travel to the new PDS before the child's birth was precluded by Service regulations because of the advanced state of the mother's pregnancy or other medical reason(s) as certified by a medical doctor, or for other official reason(s) such as awaiting completion of the school year by other children in the family ([50 Comp. Gen. 220 \(1970\)](#); [66 id. 497 \(1987\)](#));
3. A member's unmarried stepchild under age 21 (including an illegitimate child of the member's spouse, [B-177061/B-177129](#), 13 December 1974) ***NOTE: A stepchild is excluded as a dependent after divorce of the member from the stepchild's parent by blood.***;
4. A member's unmarried adopted child under age 21 (including a child placed in the member's home by a placement agency for the purpose of adoption);

5. A member's unmarried illegitimate child under age 21 if the member's parentage of the child is established IAW criteria prescribed in Service regulations;
6. A member's unmarried child who is under 23 including step, adopted, and illegitimate children, enrolled in a full-time course of study in an institution of higher education approved by the Secretary Concerned, and is in fact dependent on the member for more than one-half of his/her support;
7. A member's unmarried child of any age who is incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity and is, dependent on the member for over one-half of his/her support; ***NOTE: A child under this item include a member's child by blood, a stepchild, an adopted child, a child placed in the member's home by a placement agency for the purpose of adoption, and an illegitimate child if the member's parentage of the child is established IAW criteria prescribed in Service regulations.;***
8. For transportation authorized in JFTR, par. U5215-B,
 - a. A member's unmarried child who traveled at GOV'T expense to an OCONUS PDS incident to the member's assignment there and by reason of age or graduation from, or cessation of enrollment in, an institution of higher education, otherwise would cease to be the member's dependent, while the member is serving at an OCONUS PDS;
 - b. A parent, stepparent, or person in loco parentis, who traveled at GOV'T expense to an OCONUS PDS incident to the member's assignment there and ceases to be the member's dependent while the member is serving at an OCONUS PDS;
9. A member's and/or spouse's parent, stepparent, parent by adoption, or any other person (including a former stepparent) who has stood in loco parentis to the member at any time for a continuous period of at least 5 years before the member became age 21 who:
 - a. Is, in fact, dependent on the member for more than one half of his/her support and has been so dependent for a period prescribed by the Secretary Concerned; or
 - b. Became so dependent due to a change of circumstances arising after the member entered on active duty and the parent's dependency on the member is determined on the basis of an affidavit submitted by the parent and any other evidence required under regulations prescribed by the Secretary Concerned;
10. For return transportation to CONUS, the former spouse and/or dependents or former dependent children of a member when such dependents or former dependents are located OCONUS, even though the marital relationship with the member was terminated by divorce or annulment before the member was eligible for return transportation. See par. U5900-E.;
11. For a dependency determination made on or after 1 July 1994, an unmarried person who:
 - a. Is placed in the member's legal custody as a result of an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in a CONUS or a non-foreign OCONUS area for a period of at least 12 months; and
 - (1) Has not attained age 21, or
 - (2) Has not attained the age 23 and is enrolled in a full time course of study at an institution of higher learning approved by the Secretary Concerned, or
 - (3) Is incapable of self support because of a mental or physical incapacity that occurred while the person was a dependent of the member or former member under (1) or (2), and
 - b. Is dependent on the member for over one-half of his/her support, as prescribed in regulations of the Secretary Concerned; and

- c. Resides with the member unless separated by the necessity of military service or to receive institutional care as a result of disability, incapacitation, or such other circumstances as the Secretary Concerned may by regulation prescribe; and
- d. Is not a dependent of a member under any other paragraph.

12. Whether or not an individual is considered to be a member's spouse for the purpose of allowances authorized in these regulations when a "common law marriage" is involved is addressed in several GSBGA and Comptroller General decisions. Some quotes from those decisions are as follows:

GSBGA quotes "Issues of marital status are determined by state law and the relationship of spouse exists if common law marriage is recognized by the law of the state in which the parties entered into such a marriage"; and,

"Issues of marital status are determined by state law, James H. Perdue, [GSBGA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998](#). Some states recognize common law marriage -- "[a] marriage that takes legal effect, without license or ceremony, when a couple live together as husband and wife, intend to be married, and hold themselves out to others as a married couple." Black's Law Dictionary 986 (7th ed. 1999)"; and,

As we recognized in James H. Perdue, [GSBGA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998](#) the burden of proof is on the claimant to establish the common law marriage. State law determines issues of marital status, and the relationship of spouse exists if common law marriage is recognized under the law of the state in which the parties entered into such a marriage. The following Comptroller General decisions address specific circumstances: [B-260688, 23 October 1995](#); [B-247541, 19 June 1992](#); [B-212900, 15 November 1983](#); [B-191316, 27 September 1978](#); [B-191316, 6 April 1978](#); [B-186179, 30 June 1976](#).

The validity of a common law marriage is determined by the law of the place in which it was contracted, and if valid there, it will be valid elsewhere, in the absence of contravention of positive law, or consideration of policy to the contrary. B-186179, 30 June 1978; [B-191316, 27 September 1978](#).

The burden of proof is on the claimant to establish the common law marriage. See [GSBGA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](#); [GSBGA 14122 RELO, 16 March 1998](#).

The following pertinent information is quoted from the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Interim Change 24-03:

(Par. 260402-D) Common-Law Marriages. Under laws of certain states, a common-law marriage may be entered into by persons who do not obtain a license to marry or go through certain other formalities. Common-law marriages entered into in those states are considered valid if they are contracted IAW state law.

(Par. 260403) Validity of Member's marriage. Any case in which the validity of a member's marriage is questioned is considered a case of doubtful relationship.

(Par. U10104-G3) Determination and Validation. Submit request for determination on validity of a marriage (doubtful cases) or for validation of payments to the appropriate address shown below:

- a. Army
DFAS-PMTEC-C/IN
8899 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46249-0855
- b. Navy
DFAS-CL/PMMACB
1240 East 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44199-2055

- c. Air Force
DFAS-PMJPD/DE
6760 East Irvington Place
Denver, CO 80279-3000
- d. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps (MRP-1)
3280 Russell Avenue
Quantico, VA 22134-5143
- e. NOAA Corps
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910-6333
- f. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer (LGL)
Coast Guard Personnel Service Center
Federal Bldg.
444 S.E. Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591
- g. U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps
Office of Commissioned Corps Support Services
5600 Fisher Lane, Room 4-50
Rockville, MD 20857-0001

Pertinent GSBICA decisions

[GSBICA 15947-RELO, 31 March 2003](http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1594703.txt) available at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1594703.txt>
[GSBICA 15382-RELO, 20 December 2000](http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1538220.txt) available at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1538220.txt>
[GSBICA 15207-RELO, 19 May 2000](http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1520719.txt) available at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1520719.txt>
[GSBICA 14673-RELO, 9 December 1998](http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1467309.txt) available at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r1467309.txt>
[GSBICA 14122-RELO, 16 March 1998](http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r141220.txt) available at: <http://www.gsbca.gsa.gov/relo/r141220.txt>

DEPENDENT, ACQUIRED. A dependent acquired through marriage, adoption, or other action during the course of the current tour of assigned duty. **NOTE: The term does not include persons dependent, or children born of a marriage that existed, before the beginning of a current tour.**

DEPENDENT, COMMAND-SPONSORED. (Also see **DEPENDENT**) A dependent residing with a member at an OCONUS location at which an accompanied-by-dependents tour is authorized, the member is authorized to serve that tour, and who is authorized by the appropriate authority to be at the member's PDS. The member is authorized to receive station allowances (COLA and TLA) at the with-dependent rate on behalf of a command-sponsored dependent as a result of the dependent's residence at/in the member's PDS vicinity. Command sponsorship is not required to receive OHA at the with-dependent rate.

DEPENDENT-RESTRICTED TOUR. A tour at any overseas duty station with an established tour that does not permit command-sponsored dependents. Also, referred to as an unaccompanied hardship overseas tour or remote tour. Also describes a tour at a station at which command-sponsored dependents may be authorized, but at which the member is not eligible to serve the accompanied tour. See [DoDI 1315.18, par. E2.1.13](#).

DESIGNATED PLACE. Except as used in Ch 6 (Evacuation Allowances):

1. A place in CONUS or in a non-foreign OCONUS area;
2. The foreign OCONUS place to which dependents are specifically authorized to travel under par. U5222-D1, when a member is ordered to an unaccompanied or dependent restricted tour, as applicable. ***NOTE: Limited to the native country of a foreign born spouse for DoD Services and Coast Guard.***;
3. The OCONUS place at which a member is scheduled to serve an accompanied tour after completing an unaccompanied or dependent-restricted tour, as applicable, and to which dependents specifically are authorized to travel under par. U5222-C4, U5222-D1 or U5222-F3;
4. The OCONUS place in the old PDS vicinity at which dependents remain under the provisions of par. U5222-F3, while a member serves a dependent-restricted or unaccompanied tour;
5. The foreign OCONUS place to which dependents are specifically authorized to travel under par. U5900, when early return of dependents is authorized. ***NOTE: Limited to the native country of a foreign born spouse for DoD Services and Coast Guard.***

NOTE 1: To receive allowances associated with a designated place move, the member must certify that the designated place is the place at which the dependents intend to establish a bona fide residence until further dependents' transportation is authorized at GOV'T expense.

NOTE 2: For the definition of "designated place" as used in Ch 6 (Evacuation Allowances), see pars. U6002-A and U6051-A.

DETACHMENT. A part of a unit separated from its main organization for duty elsewhere, or a temporary military or naval unit formed from other units or parts of units.

DISCOUNT GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE. The daily rate prescribed for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess after operating cost removal. See definition of "GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE" for current rates.

DISTANCE. As applicable for the Defense Table of Official Distance:

1. **Shortest.** Routes a driver takes to minimize total distance traveled while still following a truck-navigable route. Used in most cases to calculate HHG distances.
2. **Practical.** Routes a driver ordinarily would take to minimize time and cost. Practical routes model the trade-off between taking the most direct path versus staying on major, high-quality highways. Interstate highways are given a higher priority than secondary highways. Practical routes consider distance, road quality, terrain, urban/rural classifications, and designated principal and secondary through routes. Used to calculate travel distances.

DUTY STATION. For the purpose of transportation and storage of HHG and mobile homes:

1. The home of a member at the time of
 - a. Appointment to regular Service from civilian life or an RC;
 - b. Being called to active duty or active duty for training for 20 or more weeks;
 - c. Being recalled from the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or recalled from retirement (including temporary disability);
 - d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency);

2. The place at which a member actually is assigned for duty, including a place from which the member commutes daily to an assigned station or, for a member on sea duty, the home port of the ship or mobile unit to which the member is assigned;
3. The place at which a ship is being built or being fitted out is a shore duty station until the commissioning date, at which time the home port assigned to such ship is the new station;
4. The home of a member upon:
 - a. Retirement;
 - b. Transfer to an RC, the Fleet Reserve, or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
 - c. Release from active duty;
 - d. Discharge, resignation, or separation, all under honorable conditions; or
 - e. Temporary disability retirement.

EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENT. Authorized dependent movement from an OCONUS location, requested by the member or directed by the member's command, prior to the issuance of a PCS authorization/order.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PCS ORDER. *See PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE.*

EMPLOYEE. A civilian individual:

1. Employed by an agency (as defined in APP A), regardless of status or grade;
2. Employed intermittently as an expert or consultant and paid on a daily WAE basis; or
3. Serving without pay or at \$1 a year (5 USC §5701(2)) (also referred to as "invitational traveler" for TDY travel purposes only).

ESCORT. An escort:

1. Is a member, employee, or other person who, IAW a travel authorization/order/ITA, accompanies a member between authorized locations, when:
 - a. Member travel is authorized by competent authority, and
 - b. The member is incapable of traveling alone, and
2. May be appointed by the member's commanding officer/AO.

EXPEDITED TRANSPORTATION MODE. A common carrier-operated transportation service for the accelerated or protected movement of HHG between specified points.

EXTENDED STORAGE. *See NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE.*

FAMILY. *See DEPENDENT.*

FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATION. Regulation contained in title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapters 300 through 304, that implements statutory requirements and Executive branch policies for travel by Federal civilian employees and others authorized to travel in the manner of civilian employees at GOV'T expense.

FIELD DUTY. All duty serving with troops participating in maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar types of operations, during which:

1. The individual is subsisted in a GOV'T dining facility/mess or with an organization drawing field rations, and is provided GOV'T QTRS or is quartered in accommodations normally associated with field exercises. ***NOTE: Everything ordinarily covered by per diem is furnished without charge, except that a member is required to pay for rations at the discounted meal rate (basic meal rate).***, or
2. Students are participating in survival training, forage for subsistence, and improvise shelter. ***NOTE: Individuals furnished QTRS and subsistence obtained by contract are performing field duty when so declared by a competent official.***

FIRST-CLASS. The best class of transportation and accommodations available -- See par. U3125-B2a for first-class transportation authority.

FOREIGN AIR CARRIER. An air carrier that does not hold a certificate issued by the United States under 49 USC §41102.

FOREIGN AREA AND FOREIGN COUNTRY. Any area or country outside the 50 States, District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and U.S. territories and possessions.

FOREIGN-BORN DEPENDENT. A dependent born in a foreign country, including a foreign national and a dependent who becomes a naturalized U.S. citizen; also, children of a foreign-born dependent spouse.

FORMER CANAL ZONE AREA. Areas and facilities in the Republic of Panama made available to the U.S. under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements as described in section 3(a) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCALITY. The contiguous political area of a single country or a related island group in the same region.

NOTE 1: Widely dispersed noncontiguous subdivisions of the same country are separate geographical localities. For example: the United Kingdom (including England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland) is a geographical locality and Ireland (Republic of) is a separate geographical locality; France and Germany are separate geographical localities; Portugal and the Azores are separate geographical localities; the Philippine Islands are the same geographical locality. Japan, including its separate island components, with the exception of the Ryukyu Islands, is a single geographical locality. The Ryukyu Islands (including Okinawa) are a separate geographical locality. With regard to the U.S., CONUS is a single geographical locality, but the states of Hawai'i and Alaska, and each U.S. territory or possession are separate geographical localities.

NOTE 2: When the term "overseas area" or "OCONUS area" is used, it relates to more than one geographical locality and may include a continent, or the area comprising command jurisdiction, or the entire OCONUS area.

GOVERNMENT (GOV'T). The GOV'T of the U.S. and the Government of the District of Columbia.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RATE SUPPLEMENT (GARS). A miscellaneous reimbursable expense charged by rental car companies for costs incurred unique to doing business with the GOV'T.

GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT. Any aircraft owned, leased, chartered or rented and operated by an executive agency.

GOVERNMENT-CONTRACT RENTAL AUTOMOBILE. An automobile obtained for short-term use from a commercial firm under the provisions of an appropriate GSA Federal Supply Schedule contract.

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CONTRACTOR-ISSUED TRAVEL CHARGE CARD. See GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD.

GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED QUARTERS. Quarters, other than GOV'T or privatized QTRS. under the jurisdiction of a uniformed service (e.g., Ministry of Defense (MOD) leased QTRS) for which the GOV'T controls occupancy.

GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE. Equipment owned, leased, or chartered, for transportation on land, water, or in the air, expressly for GOV'T use. This includes aircraft on loan to or owned by an Aero Club and AMC categories B and M air travel. ***NOTE: A GOV'T-owned ship totally leased for commercial operation or a rental vehicle as referred to in par. U5320-D (Personally procured moves) is not a GOV'T conveyance (52 Comp. Gen. 936 (1973)).***

GOVERNMENT DINING FACILITY/MESS. A generic term used in lieu of GOV'T dining facility/mess, general mess, dining hall, dining activity, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded by appropriated funds. (Excludes activities operated by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities such as an officer's mess, club, organized mess and all similar terms.) If used by or made available to the member includes:

1. A general or Service organizational mess, including messing facilities of a state-owned National Guard Camp ***NOTE: A dining facility/mess established and operated primarily for enlisted member subsistence is not included for officers unless the mess is used by, or made available to, them.;***
2. Marine Corps officers' field ration dining facility, an officers' wardroom mess, or warrant officers' and chief petty officers' mess afloat; or
3. Box lunches, in flight meals, or rations furnished by the GOV'T on military aircraft.

NOTE: In-flight snack meals purchased at the member's option before boarding a military aircraft and meals furnished by commercial air carriers (including AMC charter flights) are not meals furnished by a GOV'T dining facility/mess.

GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED AUTOMOBILE. An automobile (or "light truck," as defined in [41 CFR 101-38](#) including vans and pickup trucks) that is:

1. Owned by an agency;
2. Assigned or dispatched to an agency on a rental basis from a GSA interagency motor pool; or
3. Leased by the GOV'T for 60 days or longer from a commercial firm.

GOVERNMENT-FURNISHED VEHICLE. A GOV'T-furnished automobile or a GOV'T aircraft.

GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE

The daily rate (discount or standard) provided for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess.

Effective 1 January 2009.

1. Discount GOV'T Meal Rate: \$9.25 per day
2. Standard GOV'T Meal Rate: \$10.80 per day

NOTE: Also see DISCOUNT GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE.

GOVERNMENT MESS. See **GOVERNMENT DINING FACILITY/MESS.**

GOVERNMENT-PROCURED TRANSPORTATION. Transportation obtained directly from a commercial carrier with a document issued by an appropriate GOV'T official.

GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

NOTE: Privatized housing, of any style or type and in any location, is not GOV'T QTRS.

A. GOV'T QTRS. The following are GOV'T QTRS:

1. Sleeping accommodations (including aboard a ship) owned, operated, or leased by the GOV'T;
2. Lodgings or other QTRS obtained by GOV'T contract;
3. QTRS in a state-owned National Guard camp;
4. Sleeping facilities in a National Guard armory when these facilities actually are used or competent authority directs their use for annual or year-round annual training even though not used;
5. Temporary lodging facilities as defined in APP A;
6. Lodging facilities on a U.S. INSTALLATION owned and operated by a private corporation, if the use of these facilities is directed by Service regulations;
7. Family-type housing owned/leased by the GOV'T whether occupied as a guest or as a principal; and
8. Guesthouses, officers clubs, bachelor QTRS, visiting officers' QTRS, or similar QTRS facilities located at a military activity, QTRS aboard a Corps of Engineers floating plant or a Navy Mine Defense Laboratory offshore platform.

B. Adequacy Standards

1. DoD Services. Adequacy standards for DoD Services are prescribed by the Office, SECDEF in [DoD 4165.63-M, DoD Housing Management](#) (see <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/416563m.pdf>), and implemented by appropriate Service regulations.
2. Non-DoD Services. See Service regulations.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION. Transportation facilities owned, leased, or chartered, and operated by the GOV'T for transportation on land, water, or in the air. (*Also see GOVERNMENT CONVEYANCE.*)

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST (GTR) (Standard Form 1169). An accountable GOV'T document used to procure common carrier transportation services. The document obligates the GOV'T to pay for transportation services provided. See **TRANSPORTATION REQUEST.**

NOTE: A GTR may be issued and used only for official travel. A GTR must not be issued or used for personal travel regardless of the reason, even on a reimbursable basis.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CHARGE CARD (GTCC). A charge card used by authorized individuals to pay for official travel and transportation related expenses for which the card contractor bills the individual.

GROUP MOVEMENT. A movement of 2 or more official travelers traveling as a group, under the same authorization/order (either PCS or TDY) for which transportation is GOV'T-owned/procured from the same origin to the same destination. Movement could include locations en route as specified on the authorization/order. ***NOTE:*** *Members, traveling together under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement, may travel between any points en route, provided that the authorization/order specifically indicates the points between which the status applies.*

HIGHEST CONUS M&IE RATE

\$64 Effective for travel by car ferry *on or after 1 October 2005*

HOME OF RECORD (HOR). The place recorded as the individual's home when commissioned, appointed, enlisted, inducted, or ordered into a tour of active duty.

NOTE 1: *The place recorded as the individual's home when reinstated, reappointed, or reenlisted remains the same as that recorded when commissioned, appointed, enlisted or inducted or ordered into the tour of active duty unless there is a break in service of more than one full day. Only if a break in service exceeds one full day may the member change the HOR.*

NOTE 2: *Travel and transportation allowances are based on the officially corrected recording in those instances when, through a bona fide error, the place originally named at time of current entry into the Service was not in fact the actual home. Any such correction must be fully justified and the home, as corrected, must be the actual home of the member upon entering the Service, and not a different place selected for the member's convenience.*

NOTE 3: *An officer, who received a commission or warrant from an enlisted grade or was called to active duty as an officer while serving as an enlisted member and erroneously designated the place at which then serving as the HOR, may be paid allowances to the HOR in the enlistment papers upon subsequent separation from the Service or release from active duty. The member must certify erroneous designation of a duty station or a nearby place as the HOR at time of commission whereas the HOR was in fact the place shown in the enlistment papers.*

HOME OF SELECTION (HOS). The place selected by a member as the member's home upon retirement (including transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve), under the conditions of par. U5130-A1.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG). Items (*except those listed in 2 and 3*) associated with the home and all personal effects (see ***NOTE 1***) belonging to a member and dependents on the effective date (see ***NOTE 2***) of the member's PCS or TDY authorization/order that legally may be accepted and transported by an authorized commercial transporter.

NOTE 1: *See par. U5310-E for an article involving a weight additive.*

NOTE 2: *HHG acquired after the authorization/order effective date but before entering an IPCOT may be shipped when par. U5370-I1b or U5370-I2 applies.*

A. HHG also include:

1. PBP&E needed and not needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination. PBP&E that are needed are not calculated in the member's weight allowance and therefore must be weighed separately and identified on the origin inventory as PBP&E.;
2. Spare POV parts (see the definition in APP A) and a pickup tailgate when removed;
3. Integral or attached vehicle parts that must be removed due to their high vulnerability to pilferage or damage (e.g., seats, tops, winch, spare tires, portable auxiliary gasoline can(s), CD players, GPS systems, and miscellaneous associated hardware);
4. Consumable goods for a member ordered to locations listed in APP F;
5. A vehicle other than a POV (such as a motorcycle, moped, hang glider, golf cart or snowmobile (and/or the associated trailer));

6. A boat or personal watercraft (e.g., a jet ski) 14 or more feet (and/or the associated trailer); and
7. Ultralight vehicles (defined in 14 CFR §103 as being single occupant; for recreation or sport purposes; weighing less than 155 pounds if un-powered or less than 254 pounds if powered; having a fuel capacity NTE 5 gallons; airspeed NTE 55 knots; and power-off stall speed NTE 24 knots).
8. A utility trailer, with or without a tilt bed, with a single axle, and an overall length of no more than 12 feet (from rear to trailer hitch), and no wider than 8 feet (outside tire to outside tire). Side rails/body no higher than 28 inches (unless detachable) and ramp/gate for the utility trailer no higher than 4 feet (unless detachable).
9. GOV'T or military owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing (OC&IE) property issued to the employee or member by the Agency/Service for official use.

B. HHG *do not* include:

1. Personal baggage when carried free on commercial transportation;
2. Automobiles, trucks, vans and similar motor vehicles; airplanes; mobile homes; camper trailers; horse trailers; and farming vehicles (see Ch 5, Part E for POV shipment);
3. Live animals including birds, fish and reptiles;
4. Articles that otherwise would qualify as HHG but are acquired after the PCS authorization/order effective date, except:
 - a. Bona fide replacements for articles that have become inadequate, worn out, broken, or unserviceable on/after the PCS authorization/order effective date, but before the date the bulk of the HHG are released to the transportation officer or carrier for transportation when purchased in the U. S. for transportation, to an OCONUS PDS with authorization/approval through the Secretarial Process ([43 Comp. Gen. 514 \(1964\)](#)); or
 - b. Replacement HHG items, in cases in which the original HHG shipment is destroyed or lost, through no fault of the member, during transportation incident to a change of TDY station or PDS ([68 Comp. Gen. 143 \(1988\)](#));
5. Cordwood and building materials ([B-133751, 1 November 1957](#) and [B-180439, 13 September 1974](#));
6. HHG for resale, disposal or commercial use;
7. Privately owned live ammunition ([B-130583, 8 May 1957](#));
8. Hazardous articles including explosives, flammable and corrosive materials, poisons; propane gas tanks. See [DoD 4500.9-R, DTR, Part IV](#), for examples of hazardous materials.

C. Law or carrier regulations may prohibit commercial transportation of certain articles not included in 2. These articles frequently include articles:

1. Liable to impregnate or otherwise damage equipment or other property (e.g., home canned items; liquid articles that are highly susceptible to breakage or leakage);
2. That cannot be taken from the premises without damage to the article or the premises (e.g., bookcases built into walls); and

3. That are perishable (including frozen foods), or that require refrigeration, or that are perishable plants unless,
 - a. Transportation is not more than 150 miles and/or delivery is accomplished within 24 hours from the time of loading,
 - b. No storage is required, and
 - c. No preliminary or en route services (e.g., watering or other preservative method) is required of the carrier.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS TRANSPORTATION. See *TRANSPORTATION, HHG*.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS-WEIGHT ADDITIVE. A weight added to the HHG shipment net weight to compensate for the excessive van space used by the item. ***NOTE:*** *The item must be stated in the HHG tariff as qualifying for a weight additive before a charge can be assessed. Weight additives do not apply if an article is capable of being conveniently hand-carried by one person and/or transported in a standard moving carton.*

INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.

1. Inactive duty that is:
 - a. Duty prescribed for an RC member by the Secretary Concerned, or
 - b. Special additional duty authorized for an RC member by an authority designated by the Secretary Concerned and performed by them on a voluntary basis ICW prescribed training or maintenance activities of the units to which they are assigned.
2. The duties in 1a above, when performed by a National Guard member, including:
 - a. Unit training assemblies;
 - b. Training or other duty the member is required to perform, with or without the member's consent. This includes appropriate duty or equivalent training and additional flying training periods, and similar duty and/or training.

NOTE 1: *This term does not include work or study for a correspondence course of a uniformed service.*

NOTE 2: *For pay purposes, inactive duty training must be performed under an authorization/order, cover a specific assignment, and have a prescribed time limit.*

INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING. The initial active duty training of a non-prior service enlistee that is performed during a period of not less than 12 weeks and produces a trained member in a military specialty.

IN PLACE CONSECUTIVE OVERSEAS TOUR (IPCOT). A prescribed tour following the completion of an initial OCONUS tour (including voluntary extensions) that a member agrees to serve at the same PDS. ***NOTE:*** *An IPCOT authorization/order effective date is the first day of duty on the new tour.* No PCS movement is involved for a service member. However, dependents and HHG can be transported at GOV'T expense to the member's current PDS if the member's new tour is the accompanied tour length. ***Curtailed of the initial overseas tour is not authorized.*** (Ref: [DoDI 1315.18](#)). For USCG, see Service directives.

INVITATIONAL TRAVEL. See *TRAVEL, INVITATIONAL*.

ITINERARY, VARIATION IN. A change in routing of travel or points of TDY ICW official business, justified by the mission's nature and requirements.

KEY BILLET. An OCONUS position (officers or warrant officers only) of extremely unusual responsibility for which it has been determined the incumbent's continued presence is absolutely essential to the activity's or unit's mission or to the United States' presence in that area. ***NOTE: Approval authority for key billet designation is Joint Chiefs of Staff, USD(P&R), or the Secretary Concerned.***

LAST DUTY STATION. For the purpose of computing a member's own travel allowances on separation, the last duty station (permanent or temporary) at which the member was, in fact, on duty, or a hospital, if the member was undergoing treatment there.

***LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.** Assorted food and drink for morning, afternoon, or evening breaks excluding alcoholic beverages and including: coffee, tea, milk, juice, soft drinks, donuts, bagels, fruit, pretzels, cookies, chips, muffins, and similar items.

LOCALITY RATES. Maximum per diem rates prescribed for specific localities.

LODGINGS IN KIND. Lodgings provided by the GOV'T without cost to the member.

LODGINGS-PLUS COMPUTATION METHOD. The per diem computation method for official travel. The per diem amount for each travel day is established on the basis of the actual amount paid for lodging NTE a ceiling number, plus an allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE), the total of which does not exceed the applicable maximum locality per diem rate.

MEMBER (UNIFORMED SERVICES). A commissioned officer, commissioned warrant officer, warrant officer, and enlisted person, including a retired person, of the Uniformed Services. ***NOTE: "Retired person" includes a Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve member who is in receipt of retainer pay.***

MILEAGE (ALLOWANCE) FOR LOCAL AND TDY TRAVEL. A rate per mile in lieu of reimbursement of actual POC operating expenses. See par. U2600 for current rates.

MISSING STATUS. The absence status of a member who is officially carried or determined to be:

1. Missing;
2. Missing in action;
3. Interned in a foreign country;
4. Captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force; or
5. Involuntarily detained in a foreign country.

MIXED MODES. Travel using POC (including on a PCS, a rental vehicle procured at personal expense) and one or more of the following modes:

1. Personally-procured commercial transportation,
2. GOV'T-procured commercial transportation,
3. GOV'T transportation.

MOBILE HOME. A mobile dwelling constructed or converted and intended for use as a permanent residence and designed to be moved, either self-propelled or towed. It includes a house trailer, a privately owned railcar converted for use as a residence ([51 Comp. Gen. 806 \(1972\)](#)), and a boat a member uses as the place of principal residence ([62 Comp. Gen. 292 \(1983\)](#)), as well as all HHG and PBP&E contained in the mobile home and owned or intended for use by the member or the member's dependents.

MONETARY ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTATION (MALT). A rate per mile for the authorized POC use during official PCS travel. The total amount depends on the official distance for which the rate per mile may be paid under the circumstances (as determined IAW the applicable provisions of this regulation). See JFTR, par. U2605 and JTR, par. C2505 for the current rate.

MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY DWELLING. A duplex, triplex or other type of dwelling that is designed to provide separate living QTRS for more than one household. The units within the dwellings ordinarily have separate addresses and separate entrances.

NON-COMMAND SPONSORED DEPENDENT. Dependents not authorized/approved to reside with a member at an OCONUS location.

NON-FOREIGN OCONUS AREA. The states of Alaska and Hawai'i, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and U.S. territories and possessions.

NON-TEMPORARY STORAGE (NTS). Long-term HHG storage in lieu of transportation. NTS includes necessary packing, crating, and unpacking, uncrating, transportation to and from the storage location(s), storage, and other directly related necessary services. *Also referred to as Extended Storage.*

OCONUS. Outside CONUS.

OFFICER. A commissioned officer, commissioned warrant officer, and warrant officer, either permanent or temporary (including temporary officers whose permanent status is enlisted) of a Uniformed Service.

OFFICIAL STATION. *See PERMANENT DUTY STATION.*

OPEN MESS. A non-appropriated fund activity providing essential messing, billeting, and recreation for military personnel and their dependents.

ORDER-ISSUING OFFICIAL. *See AO.*

ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT (OC&IE). OC&IE is accountable or issue-in-kind property owned or purchased by the GOV'T/uniformed service which must be returned IAW Service/Agency regulations to the Service/Agency upon mission completion or (in the case of a member) release from active duty (discharge, separation, or retirement). OC&IE per Agency/Service regulations is PBP&E when shipped as HHG.

OVERSEAS. *See OCONUS.*

PCS AUTHORIZATION/ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. For a member being separated or retired, the last day of active duty. See below for an RC member being separated.
2. For all others, including an RC member being separated and a recalled retired member who continues in an active duty status during the time allowed for return travel home, the date the member is required to begin travel from the old PDS, the member's home, PLEAD, last TDY station, or designated place, whichever applies, to arrive at the new PDS, home, or PLEAD, on the date authorized by the transportation mode authorized and/or used.
3. An IPCOT authorization/order effective date is the first day of duty on the new tour. See IPCOT definition.

NOTE: *The following are examples of computing an authorization's/order's effective date:*

EXAMPLE 1	
A member ordered to make a PCS is required to report to the new PDS on 10 June. The member travels by POC and is authorized 7 days travel time.	
10 June	Authorized and actual reporting date
3 June	Less 7 days travel time actually used
4 June	Add 1 day
4 June	PCS authorization/order effective date
EXAMPLE 2	
A member ordered to make a PCS is required to report to the new PDS on 10 June. The member anticipates that the official distance of 2,100 miles will be traveled by POC. The member changes plans and travels by air. The member reports in on 9 June.	
10 June	Authorized reporting date
9 June	Actual reporting date
8 June	Less 1 day travel time
9 June	Add 1 day
9 June	PCS authorization/order effective date

PER DIEM ALLOWANCE. The per diem allowance (*also referred to as subsistence allowance*) is a daily payment instead of actual expense reimbursement for lodging, meals and related incidental expenses. The per diem allowance is separate from transportation expenses and other Miscellaneous Reimbursable Expenses. The per diem allowance covers all charges, including tax (*except lodging tax in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and non-foreign OCONUS locations - see NOTE 1 below*) and applicable service charges, for:

1. **Lodging.** Expenses for overnight sleeping facilities; (including GOV'T QTRS); baths; personal use of the room during daytime; telephone access fees; and service charges for fans, air conditioners, heaters, and fireplaces furnished in rooms when such charges are not included in the room rate, *and in foreign OCONUS areas only lodging tax (see NOTE 2 below)*. **NOTE:** *The term "lodging" does not include expenses for accommodations on airplanes, trains, buses, or ships. An accommodation furnished aboard a common carrier is a transportation cost and is not covered by per diem.*

NOTE 1:

- a. *The maximum amount allowed for [lodging \(http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html\)](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas does not include a lodging tax amount. Tax on lodging in CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expenses except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid.*
- b. *The maximum amount allowed for [lodging \(http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html\)](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) in foreign OCONUS areas includes a lodging tax amount. Tax on lodging in foreign OCONUS areas is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.*

2. **Meals.** Includes the cost of breakfast, lunch and dinner and related tips and taxes (specifically excluded are alcoholic beverage and entertainment expenses, and any expenses incurred for other persons).

3. **Incidental Expenses.** Incidental expenses include:

- a. Fees and tips to porters, baggage carriers, bellhops, hotel maids, stewards or stewardesses and others on ships, and hotel servants in foreign countries. (See APP G for reimbursement of fees and tips incurred at transportation terminals.);

- b. Transportation (i.e., bus, subway) between places of lodging or duty/business and places at which meals are taken, if suitable meals cannot be obtained at the TDY site ***NOTE: If, in the AO's opinion, suitable meals cannot be obtained at the TDY site and reimbursement in the IE for travel to obtain suitable meals is inadequate, reimbursement may be authorized/approved under Ch 3, Part F and Ch 1, Part C.;***
- c. Personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing (*except when travel is within CONUS and requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging in CONUS – see NOTE 2, below*);
- d. Telegrams and telephone calls necessary to reserve lodging accommodations;
- e. Mailing costs associated with filing travel vouchers and payment of GOV'T-sponsored contractor-issued travel charge card billings;
- f. In addition to the expenses in items 1 through 3e, any other necessary expenses related to rooms, lodging, or valet service (other than barbers, hairdressers, manicurists or masseurs) that are listed in the account;
- g. Potable water and ice ([28 Comp. Gen. 627 \(1949\)](#)); and
- h. Tax and service charges on any of the expenses in items 2 through 3g.

NOTE 2:

- a. The cost incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to the PDS) for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing, up to an average of \$2 per day, is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable travel expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel within CONUS requires at least 7 consecutive nights TDY lodging in CONUS.*
- b. The cost incurred during TDY travel for personal laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing of clothing is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense for OCONUS travel and is part of the incidental expense allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/approved for OCONUS travel.*

PER DIEM, REDUCED. See **REDUCED PER DIEM.**

PER DIEM, TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE. The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) publishes these regulations. The Committee is chartered by the Uniformed Services and operates under DoD policy guidance. Its members are a Deputy Assistant Secretary from each of the military departments, the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (NOAA Corps), the Director of Personnel Management of the Coast Guard (USCG), and the Assistant Secretary for Health of the Public Health Service (USPHS). The Committee Chairman is the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy (MPP)).

The Committee's purpose is to ensure that uniform travel and transportation regulations are issued pursuant to Title 37, United States Code, other applicable laws, Executive Orders and decisions of the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and Department of Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) for members of the seven Uniformed Services. ICW Defense Department civilian employees, the Committee's primary purpose is to issue uniform regulations implementing the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), statutory requirements, Executive orders, and decisions of the Government Accountability Office and of the General Services Administration Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) or Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA). (PDC Charter 20 April 1988; LAW 37 USC §§ 411 and 1001; DoD Directive 5154.29, 9 March 1993).

PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION (PCS). In general, the assignment, detail, or transfer of a member or unit to a different PDS under a competent authorization/order that does not specify the duty as temporary, provide for further assignment to a new PDS, or direct return to the old PDS; included are:

1. (for DLA), Relocation of a household due to military necessity or GOV'T convenience within the corporate limits of the same city or town ICW a transfer between activities;
2. A change in the home port of a ship or mobile unit;
3. Change from home or from the PLEAD to the first PDS upon:
 - a. Appointment or reappointment (including reinstatement) to the regular Service from civilian life or from an RC;
 - b. Call to active duty for 20 or more weeks or call to active duty for training (see par. U2146 for exceptions) for 20 or more weeks;
 - c. Being recalled to active duty from the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or from retirement (including TDRL);
 - d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency); and
 - e. Change from the last PDS to home upon:
 - (1) Discharge, resignation, or separation from the Service under honorable conditions;
 - (2) Release from active duty that called for 20 or more weeks or from active duty for training that called for 20 or more weeks;
 - (3) Transfer to the Fleet Reserve or to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
 - (4) Retirement; and
 - (5) Temporary disability retirement.

PERMANENT DUTY STATION (PDS). *Also called OFFICIAL STATION.* The post of duty or official station of a member or invitational traveler, including a ship (for the purpose of personal travel and transportation of the member's UB located on board the ship). The home port of a ship or of a ship-based staff to which a member is assigned or attached for duty other than TDY is the PDS for dependents' transportation, and transportation of HHG, mobile homes, and/or POVs, CONUS COLA, and geography-based station allowances and OHA.

NOTE 1: *The PDS geographic limits are:*

*a. **For a member.** The limits of the post of duty or official station are the ship (for the specified purposes), or the corporate limits of the city or town in which the member is stationed. If the member is not stationed in a ship or in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area, including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft Dix) having definite boundaries, within which the designated post of duty is located. When a reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one for PDS purposes. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.*

b. For an invitational traveler

1. *The corporate limits of the city or town in which the home or principal place of business is located; or*
2. *If not in an incorporated city or town, the official station limits are the reservation, station, or other established area (including established large reservation subdivisions (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft Dix) having definite boundaries in which the home or principal place of business is located. When a reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision (e.g., McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix) falls within two or more corporate city limits (e.g., the districts of Honolulu and any other such as Ewa, Hawai'i) or crosses recognized borders (e.g., Ft. Campbell is in Tennessee and Kentucky), it is not in either one. The PDS limits are then solely the limits of the reservation, station, other established area or established large reservation subdivision.*

NOTE 2: *Arlington County, VA, is a PDS. The Pentagon and other GOV'T activities are located in Arlington, VA – even though they have Washington, D.C. mailing addresses (52 Comp. Gen. 751 (1973)). There are seven Districts on the Island of Oahu, Hawai'i. Each of those seven Districts is a separate and unique PDS ([19 Comp. Gen. 602 \(1939\)](#) and [42 Comp. Gen. 460 \(1963\)](#)).*

NOTE 3: *When a member is ordered to attend a course (or courses) of instruction at a school or facility the scheduled duration of which is 140 or more days (20 or more weeks), the school or facility location is the PDS regardless of the authorization's/order's terms, except when the course is authorized as TDY under par. U2146. See par. U2146 for examples of scheduled duration and extensions.*

The following are PDSs for transportation and storage of HHG and mobile homes:

1. The home of a member at the time of:
 - a. Appointment to regular Service from civilian life or from an RC;
 - b. Being called to active duty (including for training) for 20 or more weeks;
 - c. Being recalled from the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or recalled from retirement (including temporary disability); or
 - d. Enlistment or induction into the Service (regular or during emergency); or
 - e. Temporary disability retirement.
2. The place to which a member actually is assigned for duty, including a place from which the member commutes daily to the assigned station. For a member assigned to a ship or ship-based staff, it is the home port of the ship or ship-based staff to which the member is assigned (except as noted in the basic definition);
3. The place at which a ship is being built or being fitted out is a shore duty station until the commissioning date, at which time the home port assigned to the ship is the new station;
4. The member's home upon:
 - a. Retirement;
 - b. Transfer to an RC, the Fleet Reserve, or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
 - c. Release from active duty;
 - d. Discharge, resignation, or separation, all under honorable conditions; or
 - e. Temporary disability retirement.

PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL. PCS and COT/IPCOT travel.

PLACE FROM WHICH CALLED (OR ORDERED) TO ACTIVE DUTY (PLEAD).

1. The place of acceptance in current enlistment, commission, or appointment of a member of the regular Services, or of an RC member when enlisted, commissioned, or appointed for immediate active duty. For an inductee, it's the location of the local Selective Service Board to which the individual first reported for delivery to the induction station.
2. In the case of an RC member who is not enlisted, commissioned, or appointed for immediate active duty, the place to which an authorization/order to active duty is addressed.
3. In the case of a non-prior service midshipman or cadet at a Service academy or a civilian college or university, the place at which the member attains a military status or at which the member enters the Service.

NOTE: *Generally this is the academic institution and not the member's HOR ([60 Comp. Gen. 142 \(1980\)](#)).*

NOTE: *The PLEAD changes only if there is a break in service exceeding one full day, in which case it is the place of entry into the new period of service.*

PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION. *See ACCOMMODATIONS, PUBLIC.*

PLACE OF STORAGE. Residence or authorized storage location.

POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE. The least expensive, unrestricted economy/coach airfare. If the policy-constructed airfare turns out to be or to include a city-pair airfare and if there are both a 'YCA' and a '-CA' airfare, the 'YCA' airfare is used. A capacity-controlled city-pair airfare (-CA airfare) is not included when creating a policy-constructed airfare for comparison purposes.

PORT CALL. Official notification or instructions that require a traveler to report for transoceanic transportation; it designates the port of embarkation, identifies the carrier with flight number or sailing assignment, specifies the reporting time and date, and other instructions relevant to the transportation arrangements.

PORT OF DEBARKATION (POD).

1. Travel by air: the destination airport at which the traveler leaves an international/transoceanic flight.
2. Travel by ship: the place at which the traveler leaves a ship after the journey of 24 or more hours.

PORT OF EMBARKATION (POE).

1. Travel by air: the airport at which the traveler boards an international/transoceanic flight.
2. Travel by ship: the place at which the traveler boards a ship for a journey of 24 or more hours.

POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. *See TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.*

POST OF DUTY. *See PDS.*

POV, SPARE PARTS. Extra tires, wheels, tire chains, tools, battery chargers, accessories, and those small and usually-possessed parts or replacements used for repair and replacement of identical parts subject to normal use and wear (such as extra spark plugs, radiator hoses, fan belts, filters, gaskets, tune-up and repair kits). Also included are items that serve a seasonal, an emergency, or a convenience purpose, such as special seats and beds for children, bottle warmers and similar conveniences, snow and ice removal equipment, auxiliary heaters, and storage boxes.

PREMIUM-CLASS. Travel and accommodations that are:

1. First-class. Highest class available. See definition of **FIRST-CLASS**; or
2. Business-class. See definition of **BUSINESS-CLASS**.

PRIVATELY OWNED AIRCRAFT. An aircraft that is owned or leased for personal use. It is not owned, leased, chartered, or rented by a GOV'T agency, nor is it rented or leased for use in carrying out official GOV'T business.

PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILE (POA). A car or light truck (including vans and pickup trucks) that is owned or leased for personal use by an individual.

PRIVATELY OWNED CONVEYANCE (POC). Unless otherwise qualified, any transportation mode actually used for the movement of persons from place to place. ***NOTE: A common carrier, or a conveyance owned by the GOV'T, is never a POC.*** A conveyance loaned for a charge to, or rented at personal expense by, a member for transportation on PCS or TDY, when such rental conveyance has not been authorized/approved as a Special Conveyance as provided for in par. U3415 is a POC.

PRIVATELY OWNED (MOTOR) VEHICLE (POV).

1. Any motor vehicle owned by, or on a long-term lease (12 or more months) to, a member or a member's dependent for the primary purpose of providing personal transportation that:
 - a. Is self-propelled;
 - b. Is licensed to travel on the public highways;
 - c. Is designed to carry passengers or HHG; and
 - d. Has four or more wheels; or at a member's option, is a motorcycle or moped, if the member does not ship a vehicle with four or more wheels on the same authorization/order.
2. As used in Ch 6, a POV is a motor vehicle that is owned by the member (or a member's dependent) and is for the personal use of the member or the member's dependents.

NOTE 1: *In the case of a leased vehicle, the member must provide written authority from the leasing company to have the vehicle transported to the new PDS, designated place, or other authorized destination. All requirements stated in the lease are the member's responsibility.*

NOTE 2: *A trailer, airplane, or any vehicle intended for commercial use is not a POV.*

PRIVATIZED HOUSING. Housing units on or near a military facility in the U.S. and/or its territories and possessions that are acquired or constructed by private persons, under the authority of 10 USC §§2871-2885. ***Privatized housing is not GOV'T QTRS, nor is it GOV'T-controlled QTRS, nor is it private sector housing.*** See also par. U10000.

PROCEED TIME. A period of time that a member is authorized, by Service regulations, to delay in the execution of a travel authorization/order.

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) FOR MEMBER/EMPLOYEE. (*Also called PRO or PRO-Gear.*) HHG in a member's or employee's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later destination ([B-171877.03, 15 December 1976](#), [B-196994, 9 May 1980](#), and [B-251563, 14 June 1993](#)). The following items are PBP&E:

1. Reference material;

2. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;
3. Specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronauts' suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing;
4. Communication equipment used by a member in association with the MARS (see DoDD 4650.2);
5. Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment;
6. An official award given to a member by a Service (or a component thereof) for service performed by the member in the member's capacity or by a professional society/organization/U.S. or foreign Government for significant contributions ICW official duties; and
7. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for official GOV'T business (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).
8. GOV'T- or uniformed service-owned accountable Organizational Clothing and Individual Clothing (OC&IE) property issued to the employee or member by the Agency/Service for official use.

NOTE: Excluded from PBP&E is commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business, sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E.

PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) FOR A MEMBER'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE. (Also called *PRO* or *PRO-Gear*). (NOT APPLICABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE). HHG in a spouse's possession needed for the member's spouse employment or community support activities at the next or a later destination. The following items are PBP&E:

1. Reference material,
2. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;
3. Specialized clothing such as diving suit, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, nurse uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing; and
4. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for business or community support activities (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).

NOTE: Excluded from PBP&E is commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business, sports equipment, and office, household, or shop fixtures or furniture (such as bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks) of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E.

PROPORTIONAL MEAL RATE. The average of the standard [GOV'T meal rate](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/faqgovmeals.html) (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/faqgovmeals.html>) and the meals portion of the applicable [M&IE rate](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html) (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>), rounded up to the nearest dollar.

REDUCED PER DIEM. Per diem rate that is reduced when authorized by an agency when there are known reductions in lodging and meal costs or when the subsistence costs can be determined in advance and are lower than the prescribed per diem rate.

REPEAT TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER. See *BLANKET TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER*.

RESERVE COMPONENT. The

1. Army National Guard of the United States,

2. Army Reserve,
3. Naval Reserve,
4. Marine Corps Reserve,
5. Air National Guard of the United States,
6. Air Force Reserve,
7. Coast Guard Reserve, and
8. Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

RESIDENCE-TYPE QUARTERS. Quarters that are not hotel or hotel-like accommodations.

SECRETARIAL PROCESS. Action by the Per Diem Committee Principal member or a subordinate level specified by the Principal. The Secretarial Process is (or the Processes are) in administrative and/or procedural directives issued under par. U1010-B.

SECRETARY CONCERNED. As defined in 37 USC §101(5), the Secretary of:

1. The Army, with respect to matters concerning the Army;
2. The Navy, with respect to matters concerning the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard when it is operating as a Service in the Navy;
3. The Air Force, with respect to matters concerning the Air Force;
4. Homeland Security, with respect to matters concerning the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a Service in the Navy;
5. Commerce, with respect to matters concerning the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and
6. Health and Human Services, with respect to matters concerning the Public Health Service.

When this term is used in the JFTR, the Secretary Concerned may authorize action by the PDTATAC Principal, without further delegation.

SEPARATED FROM THE SERVICE. Unless otherwise qualified, all separations except relief from active duty, placement on the TDRL, retirement, or transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

SERVICE CHARGE FOR USE OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS. Cost of maid service and fee for electricity.

SERVICES. See *UNIFORMED SERVICES*.

SHORT DISTANCE MOVE. A move:

1. Involving HHG drayage or shipment for a short distance between residences;
2. To or from a NTS facility in the member's PDS area;
3. In the member's last PDS area when the member is authorized a final move during a separation or retirement;
4. Incident to reassignment or PCS to a new PDS near the old PDS;

5. Between residences within a metropolitan area; or
6. Not during a PCS, a move between residences within the daily commuting distance of the PDS.

NOTE: A short distance HHG move includes necessary packing, crating, hauling, unpacking and uncrating.

SPARE PARTS FOR A POV. See *POV, SPARE PARTS*.

SPECIAL CONVEYANCE. Commercially rented or hired vehicles other than a POC and other than those owned or under contract to an agency.

SPECIAL NEEDS. Physical characteristics of a traveler not necessarily defined under disability. Such physical characteristics could include, but are not limited to, the traveler's weight or height.

STANDARD CONUS PER DIEM RATE. The per diem rate for any CONUS location not included in a defined locality (county/area) in the CONUS [per diem rates](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/perdiemrates.html) (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/perdiemrates.html>).

STANDARD GOVERNMENT MEAL RATE. See definition of "GOV'T Meal Rate" for current rates. The daily rate established for meals in a GOV'T dining facility/mess including the operating cost.

STORAGE IN TRANSIT (SIT). Short-term storage that is part of HHG transportation. May be at any combination of the origin, in transit, or destination. Usually for 90 or fewer days, but may be extended. See par. U5375. Also referred to as temporary storage.

SUBSISTING OUT. The non-leave status of an inpatient who is no longer assigned a bed. An inpatient authorized to subsist out is not medically able to return to duty but continuing treatment does not require a bed assignment ([DoD 6015.1-M, January 1999, P19.1.19](#)).

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY).

1. Duty at one or more locations, away from the PDS, under an authorization/order providing for further assignment, or pending further assignment, to return to the old PDS or to proceed to a new PDS.
2. That period spent at a location while processing for separation from the Service, release from active duty, placement on the TDRL, or retirement, when the last PDS is different from the location at which processing is accomplished.
3. Types: There are four types of TDY travel with different allowances:
 - a. Business Travel. Conducting business at a location other than the PDS. It incorporates any type of travel not included in schoolhouse training, deployment and unit training or special circumstances travel. It also includes certain local travel, but not leave or evacuation.
 - b. Schoolhouse Training Travel. Travel ICW TDY attendance at formal course(s) of instruction by a uniformed member (other than a uniformed member who has not yet reached the first PDS).
 - c. Deployment, Personnel Traveling Together Under an Authorization/Order Directing No/Limited Reimbursement, and Unit Travel. Includes a unit traveling in support of a combat mission, peacekeeping, and disaster relief. It also includes field or maneuver training and sea duty when troops involved are not permanently assigned to a ship. The GOV'T provides all transportation, lodging, and eating facilities when personnel traveling together are under an authorization/order directing no/limited reimbursement.
 - d. Special Circumstances Travel. Those categories of travel found in JFTR, Ch 7.

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) LOCATION. See *TEMPORARY DUTY STATION*.

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) STATION. A place, away from the PDS, to which the traveler is authorized to travel.

TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY) TRAVEL. Travel to one or more places away from a PDS to perform duties for a period of time and, upon completion of assignment, return or proceed to a PDS.

TEMPORARY LODGING FACILITIES. Specifically identified Service-operated interim housing facilities that provide short-term housing accommodations for which a cash charge is levied, without direct charge against the occupants' QTRS allowances. They include guesthouses, except transient visiting officer QTRS occupied by official visitors to the facility. **NOTE: They do not include facilities used primarily for rest and recuperation purposes, or unaccompanied officer and enlisted QTRS.**

TEMPORARY STORAGE. See *STORAGE IN TRANSIT*.

TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. (As released by the Office of the Geographer and Global Issues, 1 July 1997.)

1. Commonwealth of the [Northern Mariana Islands](http://www.saipan.com) i.e., Saipan, Saipan Lagoon, Tinian, Aquijan, Rota, Farallon De Pajaros Uracas), Maug, Asuncion, Agrihan, Pagan, Alamagan, Zealandia Banks, Guguan, Sarigan, Anathath, Farallon De Medinilla, Esmeralda Banks, and Northern Islands Sanctuary. (Island names from web site <http://www.saipan.com>)
2. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
3. American Samoa
4. Baker Island
5. Guam
6. Howland Island
7. Jarvis Island
8. Johnston Atoll
9. Kingman Reef
10. Midway Islands
11. Navassa Island
12. Palmyra Atoll
13. Virgin Islands
14. Wake Island

TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES. Also see *TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES*. An incorporated or unincorporated territory over which the U.S. exercises sovereignty, an area at times referred to as a dependent area or possession, and other areas subject to U.S. jurisdiction. **NOTE: "Incorporated" territories refer to any areas that Congress has "incorporated" into the United States by making the Constitution applicable thereto. "Unincorporated" territories refer to any territories to which the Constitution has not been expressly and fully extended.**

TRANSOCEANIC TRAVEL. Travel that, if performed by surface means of commercial transportation over a usually traveled route, requires oceangoing ships.

TRANSPORTATION. The means of moving people or things (particularly HHG) from one place to another.

TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES. The costs related to transportation.

TRANSPORTATION, HHG. The shipping, packing, crating, drayage, storage in transit, uncrating, and unpacking of HHG at GOV'T expense. See Ch 5, Part D for specific regulations governing PCS HHG transportation and Ch 4, Part H for TDY HHG transportation.

TRANSPORTATION-IN-KIND. Transportation provided by the GOV'T without cost to the traveler. It includes transportation by GOV'T aircraft, ship, or vehicle, and GOV'T-procured transportation via commercial carriers.

TRANSPORTATION, POV. Transportation by ship, including port-handling charges, to, from, and between OCONUS ports.

***NOTE 1:** The term does not include land transportation to or from such ports, except when transportation of POV is authorized by 37 USC §554 and is IAW Service regulations.*

***NOTE 2:** Customs and other fees and charges required to effect entry of a POV into a country are not part of transportation. They are the member's responsibility.*

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST. A written GOV'T request (including a GTR – see definition) to procure transportation, accommodations, or other services chargeable to the GOV'T from a commercial provider, ICW official travel.

TRANSPORTATION TERMINAL. A transportation terminal is a common carrier or GOV'T transportation (air, rail, bus, or ship) terminal, station, airport, or wharf. It includes a rental car pick-up or drop-off point if rental car is the transportation mode to and from the TDY location.

TRAVEL. The term “travel” relates to movement of persons from place to place and includes authority for the use of QTRS facilities, allowances, and certain transportation and miscellaneous reimbursable expenses incidental to travel, subject to conditions and limitations in this Volume. When used ICW ‘travel allowances’, the term refers to per diem or AEA.

TRAVEL ADVANCE. Prepayment of estimated travel expense in the form of a loan.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER. A written instrument issued or approved by person(s) to whom authority has been delegated directing a member or group of members to travel. There are four basic types of authorization/order:

1. Unlimited Open. This is a form of blanket travel authorization/order allowing a member to travel anywhere on official business without further authorization for a specified period of time within a fiscal year. See NOTE below for restrictions.
2. Limited Open. This is a form of blanket travel authorization/order allowing a member to travel on official business without further authorization under certain specific conditions, i.e., travel to specific geographic area(s) for specific purpose(s), subject to trip cost ceilings, or for specific periods of time within a fiscal year. See NOTE below for restrictions.
3. Repeat. This is a form of blanket travel authorization/order allowing a member to travel on official business without further authorization to a specific destination for a specified period of time within a fiscal year. See NOTE below for restrictions.

4. **Trip-by-trip.** This is a travel authorization/order allowing an individual or group of individuals to take one or more specific official business trips, which must include specific purpose, itinerary, and estimated costs.

NOTE: Unlimited Open, Limited Open, and Repeat Travel Authorizations/Orders (also called Blanket Travel Authorizations/Orders) are not used in DTS. The blanket travel authorization/order type is restricted to economy-class travel authorization. If premium-class transportation becomes necessary for a specific trip, an amendment to the travel authorization/order for each such trip must be issued.

TRAVEL CLAIM (VOUCHER). A written request supported by applicable documentation and receipts, for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of any official travel.

TRAVEL, INVITATIONAL. Authorized travel by individuals either not employed by the GOV'T or employed (under 5 USC §5703) intermittently in the GOV'T's service as consultants or experts and paid on a daily when-actually-employed basis. It is also used for an individual serving without pay or at \$1 a year when the individual is acting in a capacity directly related to, or ICW, official GOV'T activities. Travel and transportation allowances authorized for such a person are the same as those ordinarily authorized for a civilian employee ICW TDY, except as provided by item A2m in APP E, Part I for spouse invitational travel. See APP E.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (TMC). See **(CONTRACTED) COMMERCIAL TRAVEL OFFICE/TRAVEL MANAGEMENT CENTER (CTO/TMC)** and **TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS).**

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TMS). A system to arrange travel services for Federal travelers on official travel, including reservation of accommodations and ticketing. A TMS includes a CTO/TMC, and an electronic system or other commercial method of arranging travel.

TRAVEL, OFFICIAL. Authorized travel and assignment solely ICW business of the DoD or the GOV'T.

NOTE 1: Official travel may be performed within or in the vicinity of a PDS; to or from the actual residence; to, from, or between PDSs; and to, from, at, and between TDY assignment locations.

NOTE 2: Travel and delays for personal reasons or convenience, by circuitous route, by transportation modes other than authorized/approved, for additional distances, or to places ICW personal business is not official travel. Nonofficial travel status affects allowances, reimbursements, and pay status.

TRAVEL ORDER. See **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/ORDER.**

TRAVEL STATUS. The member's status for the elapsed period of time from the beginning to the end of official travel in compliance with the authority in a travel order, including time en route waiting for transportation connections and delays en route beyond the traveler's control. ***NOTE: See par. U2200 for more detail.***

TRIP RECORD. Under DTS, this document, in either electronic or paper form, provides the vehicle on which is recorded each official travel authorization/order, initial options, modifications, and payment decisions. Prepared by the traveler, it is the single trip document that includes the travel authorization/order and fund cite, the should-cost estimate, the itinerary, updates to the itinerary made during the trip, and serves as the expense report when the traveler returns.

UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE. See **BAGGAGE, UNACCOMPANIED.**

UNACCOMPANIED MEMBER. A member whose dependents have not accompanied the member or have accompanied the member at personal expense and are not command sponsored.

UNACCOMPANIED TOUR. The authorized tour length at a specific overseas duty station for a Service member who is not accompanied by command-sponsored dependents. A tour at a location with only an unaccompanied tour authorized is a dependent-restricted tour (see definition). For JFTR allowances, an unaccompanied tour also includes a dependent-restricted tour. See [DoDI 1315.18](#), par. E2.1.50.

UNIFORMED SERVICES. The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, and Public Health Service.

UNIT. A military element whose structure is prescribed by competent authority, such as in a table of organization and equipment.

UNITED STATES (U.S.). The 50 states and the District of Columbia.

U.S. -CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER. A U.S.-certificated air carrier that holds a certificate under 49 USC §41102 and that is authorized either by the carrier's certificate or by exemption or regulation. U.S.-certificated air carrier service also includes service provided under a code share agreement with a foreign (non-U.S.-certificated) air carrier IAW Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) when the ticket, or documentation for an electronic ticket, identifies the U.S.-certificated air carrier's designator code and flight number.

U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIER. *See U.S.-CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER.*

U.S. INSTALLATION. A base, post, yard, camp or station:

1. Under the local command of a uniformed service,
2. With permanent or semi-permanent-type troop shelters and a GOV'T dining facility/mess, and
3. At which there are GOV'T operations.

NOTE: *This term includes only that area actually occupied by those operations (plus the minimum surrounding area necessary for close-in security) and excludes contracted hotels not contained on and operated by the U.S. INSTALLATION.*

UNUSUALLY ARDUOUS SEA DUTY. Duty aboard or with designated units. These units must be designated in writing and meet the criteria in [57 Comp. Gen. 266 \(1978\)](#).

WARD. A person, especially an infant, placed by authority of law under the care of a guardian.

WEIGHT ADDITIVE. *See HOUSEHOLD GOODS-WEIGHT ADDITIVE.*

YEARS OF SERVICE. Any service authorized to be credited in computation of basic pay under 37 USC §205.

PART 2: SAMPLE FORMAT INVITATIONAL TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

The sample format below may be used as a guide (for all DoD Services) to prepare an ITA. *Use of the sample format is not mandatory.*

INVITATIONAL TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Name _____ TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION NUMBER _____

Address _____

DATE APPROVED _____

You are invited to depart from _____

in sufficient time to arrive at _____ by _____ (Date)

for the purpose of _____

for approximately _____ days. Upon completion, you are funded to return to the origin point.

You are authorized to travel by: Rail Commercial Air Military Aircraft Bus
See below for travel by Privately-Owned Conveyance

The authorizing/order-issuing official has arranged Transportation.

Transportation tickets are included with this authorization.

Transportation tickets shall be provided at a later date

NOTE: PLEASE GUARD TRANSPORTATION TICKETS CAREFULLY. However, if a transportation ticket in your possession is lost or stolen, you must make an immediate report to the command sponsoring the travel. You are required to pay for a replacement ticket and will be reimbursed for the second ticket, not to exceed the cost of the first ticket, ONLY AFTER the GOV'T is refunded for the lost/stolen tickets. Unused transportation tickets must be returned with the travel claims.

To arrange transportation call: (____) _____

You may arrange your transportation. The following rules apply:

You must arrange your transportation with a (Contracted) Commercial Travel Office/Travel Management Center (CTO/TMC) when the contract with the CTO/TMC permits the CTO/TMC to arrange transportation for a traveler who is not a GOV'T employee. If you are in a foreign country, except for Canada and Mexico, you may use a travel office not under contract to the GOV'T if ticketing cannot be secured from a branch office or general agent of an American-flag carrier. If you purchase transportation from a travel office (travel agency) not under contract to the GOV'T, reimbursement is limited to the GOV'T's cost on a constructed basis, for transportation that would have been arranged by a CTO/TMC if available. If the contract between the GOV'T and the CTO/TMC does not permit the CTO/TMC to arrange transportation for a traveler who is not a GOV'T employee, reimbursement for transportation may not exceed the least expensive coach/economy class air accommodations unless otherwise permitted in Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2 (JTR), par. C2204-A.

It is DoD policy that in using regularly scheduled air transportation:

- (a) Accommodations selected must be the least costly unrestricted coach/.economy service that permits satisfactory accomplishment of your mission, and

(b) U.S. carriers must be used for all commercial foreign air transportation if service provided by a U.S. carrier is available; *otherwise reimbursement for the cost of transportation is not allowed.*

You are authorized to travel by privately owned conveyance (POC) since it's to the Government's advantage. Reimbursement is at the rate of \$0.55/mile, plus the cost of necessary parking fees and bridge, ferry, and tolls incurred, plus per diem while in travel status under this travel authorization/order.

You are authorized to travel by privately owned conveyance (POC) on a constructed basis. You would ordinarily be authorized to travel by common carrier. Reimbursement is limited to the transportation cost by the usual common carrier mode, including per diem.

Receipts: Ticket stubs/itinerary copies are required to substantiate your transportation cost. Receipts are required for all items of expense in an amount of \$75 or more plus any applicable tax.

* You are paid per diem to cover your expenses for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses. Room tax at locations in the 50 states, District of Columbia, U.S. territories and possessions and the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands is a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense. Foreign area room tax is included in the total lodging cost and is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense. While traveling under this Invitational Travel Authorization, you are authorized a per diem equal to the daily amount you pay for lodging limited to a ceiling amount, plus a fixed amount for meals and incidental expenses. That amount is limited to the applicable maximum per diem rate amount prescribed on the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee homepage: <http://defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/> for the locality concerned. If your costs, particularly for lodging, are more than the applicable maximum per diem rate prescribed, only the maximum per diem rate is payable. See JTR, Ch 4, Part B, for applicable rules.

Applicable Per Diem Rates:

Locality	Maximum Lodging Rate	Meal & Incidental Expense Rate	Total Per Diem

You are to be paid an actual subsistence expense allowance (AEA) for lodging and a per diem for meals and incidentals (M&IE). You are required to itemize your lodging expenses only.

* You are to be paid an actual subsistence expense allowance (AEA) for lodging and meals and incidental expenses (M&IE). You must itemize all your subsistence expenses. Subsistence expenses include lodgings; meals; fees and tips to waiters, bellboys, maids, porters; personal laundry, pressing, and dry cleaning (*see NOTE below*); local transportation (including usual tips) between places of lodging, duty, and places at which meals are taken; and other necessary expenses. You are to be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred, but not to exceed the maximum amount authorized for the locality concerned as indicated below. See JTR, Ch 4, Part C, for applicable rules.

Actual Subsistence Expense Allowance (AEA) Authorized:

Locality	Maximum AEA Allowance	Amount allowed for Meals & Incidental Expenses if M&IE authorized on a per diem basis.

NOTE: The cost you incur during travel (not before leaving or after returning) for laundry/dry cleaning and pressing of clothing is a separately reimbursable expense in addition to per diem/AEA when travel is within the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia and requires at least 4 consecutive nights lodging while on GOV'T-funded travel. There no separate reimbursement for laundry/dry cleaning and pressing of clothing when travel is in any other place. Those laundry/dry-cleaning and pressing costs (in the other places) are part of the per diem/AEA allowance when travel is outside the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia.

The [JTR](#) is available on the [Per Diem Committee website](#) at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/>.

Address any inquiries regarding this travel to: _____

The travel authorized in this travel authorization is in the public interest, and is chargeable to:

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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):

MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL	JFTR		JTR	
	PCS	TDY	PCS	TDY
<p>ATM Use (Civilian Employee).</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 the 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
<p>ATM Use (Uniformed Member)</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 the "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		
<p>Baggage, Excess Accompanied (Transportation Cost). 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> <p>See JFTR, par. U3015 and JTR, par. C2302.</p>	X		X	

<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</u> (with explanation). 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 not 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
<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 <i>any</i> baggage (personal and/or GOV'T) at a transportation terminal. b. <u>Lodging Establishment.</u> Reimbursement is authorized <i>only</i> for transportation-related tips for handling <i>GOV'T property</i> 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 <i>not</i> items for separate reimbursement <i>except</i> 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
<p>Birth Certificates. The cost of birth certificates or other acceptable evidence of birth for OCONUS travel.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>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 (<u>52 Comp. Gen. 73 (1972)</u>).</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>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></p>		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
<p>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.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>Clerical Assistance. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.</p>		X		X
<p>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></p>		X		X
<p>Computer Connections. Connections (e.g., Internet connection) used for computers to perform official GOV'T business is reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO. In-flight computer connections are not reimbursable unless the AO can determine they were used for official business.</p>		X		X
<p>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.</p>	X	X	X	X

Currency Conversion Fees	X	X	X	X
1. <u>Reimbursable</u> . 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. <u>Not Reimbursable</u> . Losses resulting from currency conversions (63 Comp. Gen. 554 (1984)). NOTE: A traveler is not liable for gains resulting from currency conversion.				
3. <u>Travel Claim Submission</u> . 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. <u>Supplemental Vouchers</u> . 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.				
Driver (Vehicle) Services . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
Energy Surcharge Fees	X	X	X	X
Global Positioning System (GPS) for a Rental Car . The optional Global Positioning System (GPS) for a rental car is not reimbursable unless the AO can determine it was necessary for official business.		X		X
Green Card . See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				
GTCC		X		X
1. <u>Late Payment Delinquent Fees</u> . 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. <u>Expedited Delivery</u> . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.				
Guide Services . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		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
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
Interpreter Services . Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Expenses (Civilian Employee Only)			X	X
1. <u>Reimbursable for CONUS Travel</u> . 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. <u>Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel</u> . Laundry/dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel. It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.				
Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Expenses (Uniformed Member Only)		X		
1. <u>Reimbursable for CONUS Travel</u> . 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. <u>Not Reimbursable for OCONUS Travel</u> . Laundry/dry-cleaning and/or pressing of clothing is not a separately reimbursable travel expense for OCONUS travel. It is part of the IE allowance included within the per diem rates/AEA authorized/ approved for OCONUS travel.				
Legal Service Fees . See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				

<p>License/Permit, International Driver's</p> <p>1. Reimbursable when traveling TDY to a country that requires an international driver's license/permit.</p> <p>2. The cost of license/permit photos is reimbursable.</p> <p>3. See http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html for information on driving abroad.</p> <p>4. <i>This reimbursement applies only to members/employees but not their dependents.</i></p>	X	X	X	X
<p>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.</p>		X		X
<p>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.</p>		X		X
<p>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).</p>		X		
<p>Lodging Tax (except when 'MALT-Plus' for POC travel is paid) in the CONUS and non-foreign OCONUS areas (APP A).</p> <p>1. <u>Reimbursable.</u> 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.</p> <p>2. <u>Not Reimbursable.</u> Lodging tax in foreign OCONUS areas is part of per diem/AEA and is <i>not separately reimbursable.</i></p>	X	X	X	X
<p>Medical Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.</p>				
<p>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.</p>				
<p>Nonrefundable Room Deposits, Forfeited Rental Deposits or Prepaid Rent, and Early Checkout Penalties when TDY is Curtailed/Canceled/Interrupted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. See 59 Comp. Gen. 609 (1980), 59 id. 612 (1980), 60 id. 630 (1981), and cases cited therein.</p> <p>4. The AO should consider if the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Traveler acted reasonably and prudently in incurring lodging expenses; Traveler had a reasonable expectation of completing the TDY as authorized; Assignment was changed for official purposes or for an acceptable reason beyond the traveler's control; and Traveler took reasonable steps to obtain a refund once the TDY was officially canceled/curtailed. 		X		X
<p>Packer Services. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.</p>		X		X
<p>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></p>	X	X	X	X
<p>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.</p>		X		X

<u>Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Exams, and Legal Services.</u>	X	X	X	X
<p>1. <u>Reimbursement Eligibility</u></p> <p>a. <u>General</u>. Reimbursement is authorized for a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Member, (2) Employee, and (3) Dependent (member's and/or employee's). <p>b. <u>Uniformed Member</u>. Reimbursement authority is for a member who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>c. <u>Civilian Employee</u>. Reimbursement authority is for an employee who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A U.S. citizen (<i>NOTE: An eligible dependent does not have to be a US citizen.</i>) (2) Hired locally or transported to a foreign OCONUS area at GOV'T expense, (3) Serving under a service or renewal agreement, and (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 (5) Emergency Technical Support Personnel. See item 5 below. <p>d. <u>Dependent</u> (Member's or Employee's). Reimbursement authority is for a dependent who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Authorized travel and transportation allowances to/from a foreign OCONUS area, or (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>2. <u>Acquired Dependent (Uniformed Member Only)</u>. 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. <u>Biometric Fees</u>. 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 characteristics 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. <u>Dependent Fee</u>. Dependent fee is reimbursable except ICW personal travel. Example: The United Kingdom Entry Clearance Fee is a reimbursable fee.</p> <p>5. <u>Emergency Technical Support Personnel</u>. 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. <u>Visa, Green card, and Photograph Fee for OCONUS Travel</u>. These fees are reimbursable ICW official travel.</p> <p>7. <u>Legal Service Fees</u>. 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. <u>Medical Expenses</u>. 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. <u>Passport Fees</u>. 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 use 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 for international air 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 sufficiently high to require backup travel arrangements (which cannot include city-pair reservations).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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).</p>				
<p>Personal Expenses. <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.</p>				
<p>Pet Quarantine. See JFTR and JTR, Ch 5, Part I for rules regarding pet quarantine ICW PDT.</p>	X		X	
<p>Phone Calls (Official)</p> <p>1. The AO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). <p>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.</p>		X		X
<p>Physical Examination Fees. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.</p>				
<p>Prepaid Phone Cards/Cell Phones. See Communication Services.</p>				
<p>Preparatory Travel Expense Reimbursement when the Travel Authorization/Order is Amended, Modified, Canceled or Revoked. 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.</p>	X	X	X	X
<p>*Privately Owned Conveyance (POC) Use on TDY. In addition to a TDY mileage allowance, the following official business costs are allowable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ferry fares, bridge, road and tunnel tolls; 2. Automobile parking fees; (related to official business only (except those incident to PDT)); and 3. Aircraft landing, parking, and tie-down fees. 		X		X

Registered Traveler Membership Fee. 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.				
Registration Fee. 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
Rental Car Administrative Fees. Any per-day administrative fee called for in the DTMO rental car agreements (including GARS) is authorized.		X		X
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
Resort Fees. Resort fees, <i>that are mandatory</i> , are authorized.	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
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/TMC, 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
Storage of Property Used on Official Business. Reimbursable when authorized/approved by the AO.		X		X
Technology Equipment. Use of computers, printers, faxing machines, scanners, telegrams, cablegrams, or radiograms is authorized.		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
Tips, Transportation-Related. Transportation-related tips for taxis, limousines, and courtesy transportation are authorized.	X	X	X	X
*Toll Collection Transponder Installed in a Rental Car. Activation of the Toll Collection Transponder installed in a rental car for optional use is not reimbursable unless the AO can determine it was necessary for official business.		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
Travel and Transportation Related Expenses. Travel and transportation related expenses similar to any in this table may be authorized.	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
Visa and Photograph Fees for OCONUS Travel. See Passport, Visa, Green Card, Photographs, Physical Examinations, and Legal Services.				

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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, and certain travel under special circumstances. 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. 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.

*D. PCS Move Travel. TDY, performed as part of a PCS move, continues to be paid independently of DTS.

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 IE 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 DoDFMR (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 (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 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

a. It is DoD ***mandatory policy*** that each traveler uses an available CTO/TMC to arrange official travel, including transportation and rental cars. ***A command must not permit a CTO/TMC to issue premium-class tickets purchased at GOV'T expense to a traveler without prior proper authorization.***

b. ***A command must not permit a CTO/TMC to issue a YCA airfare purchased at GOV'T expense to a traveler when a _CA airfare is available and the AO determines that a _CA airfare meets mission needs. NOTE: This does not establish the _CA as the basis for POLICY-CONSTRUCTED AIRFARE – that remains the YCA airfare.***

2. Service Regulations. See DOD COMPONENT/Service regulations for CTO/TMC use information.

3. Failure to Follow Regulations

a. A commands/unit is 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. A command/unit is expected to take appropriate action for reimbursement to the GOV'T when a traveler and/or AO allows a CTO/TMC to issue a YCA airfare when there is a _CA airfare available that meets mission needs. ([CBCA 1511-TRAV, 7 May 2009.](#))

c. 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 the 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 (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 (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 DoDFMR, 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. ***A traveler is 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 TDY. A traveler on extended TDY (other than deployment), for a continuous period of more than three weeks, may be authorized to periodically return in an official travel status to the PDS, or place of abode from which the traveler commutes daily to the PDS, on weekends or other 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 (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 (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 (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>) 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 (APP G) except when 'MALT-Plus' per diem for POC travel is paid to a uniformed member.

NOTE 2: The maximum amount allowed for lodging (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>) in foreign countries includes a lodging tax amount. Lodging tax in foreign countries is not a separate miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

NOTE 3: The TDY locality per diem rate is used for computation. However, if neither GOV'T QTRS nor commercial lodgings are available at the TDY location and lodging must be obtained in an adjacent locality at which the locality rate is higher, the AO may authorize/approve the higher locality per diem rate for the lodging location.

e. Lodging with a Friend or Relative

(1) Applicable to a Uniformed Service Member. *Reimbursement of lodging cost is not authorized when staying with a friend or relative.* A member, who lodges with a friend or relative, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.

(2) Applicable to a Civilian Employee. When a traveler lodges with a friend or relative - with or without charge - the traveler may be reimbursed for additional lodging costs the host incurs in accommodating the traveler, if the traveler can substantiate the costs, and the AO determines the costs are reasonable. *The traveler may not be reimbursed the cost of comparable conventional lodging in the area or a flat "token" amount.* See [GSBCA 16836-RELO, 5 June 2006](#). A traveler, who lodges with a friend or relative, is authorized the TDY location M&IE rate, if otherwise eligible.

NOTE 1: If the friend or relative is in the business of renting on a regular basis the lodgings involved – for example, if that individual is operating a hotel or apartment house – the "friends or relatives" provision does not apply. See [GSBCA 14398-TRAV, 24 Feb 1998](#).

NOTE 2: Shortly after being transferred to a new PDS, an employee was sent TDY to the old PDS where the employee stayed at the former residence which was not yet sold. GSBCA ruled that the employee was not authorized reimbursement for lodging at the former residence. See [GSBCA 15600-TRAV, 7 March 2002](#).

NOTE 3: A traveler assigned at Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR), Florida lives in the Avon Park area during the week at a location approximately fifteen miles from the PDS and commutes to and from the family residence near Orlando, Florida, approximately 100 miles from the AFR, on weekends. The traveler had to attend a meeting near Orlando at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 February. The meeting location was approximately twelve miles from the family residence. The meeting 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 per diem rate for the area unless an AEA (see JFTR, Ch 4, Part C/ JTR, Ch 4, Part C) 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. (IE 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 IE to the 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 GOV'T QTRS are not available and authorized the locality meal rate instead of the GMR/PMR and \$5 (in CONUS) or the locality IE rate OCONUS (unless the \$3.50 IE 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 IE 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 IE for that day are payable.

****NOTE 2: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) are a deductible meal if otherwise qualified above and served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast - 0600-0800). Light refreshments served during a break (not at a meal time) are not a deductible meal.***

d. A meal provided by a friend/relative or a common carrier does 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 \$5.00 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. 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 \$5.00. 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 IE 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 IE amount, a civilian employee receives the IE 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 IE amount. 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 TDY locality per diem rates at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>.** 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 TDY locality per diem rates at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>.

5. Contingency Operation Flat Rate Per Diem (uniformed member only). See par. U4105-I.

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JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
TABLE 1			
DEPLOYMENT - JOINT OPERATIONS TDY OPTIONS			
Subsist Ashore			
TDY OPTION	SUBSISTENCE	PER DIEM	REMARKS
Business Travel	Commercial Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/ Mess – Permanent U.S. INSTALLATION	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate 1/ for GOV'T Meals
	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals – Temporary U.S. INSTALLATION or Temporary Dining Facilities Established for JTF Operation	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and for GOV'T Meals at Discount Meal Rate 2/
	GOV'T Lodging and Commercial Meals	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Meals
	Commercial Lodging and GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess (In AOR only)	Lodging and M&IE	Member/Civilian Employee Pays for Lodging and Full Meal Rate for GOV'T Meals
EUM	GOV'T Lodging and Use of GOV'T Dining Facility/Mess is Essential for Training and Readiness Purposes	IE	Civilian Employee Pays for GOV'T Meals at Full Meal Rate
Field Duty	GOV'T Lodging, Dining Facility/Mess and Incidentals Provided	None	Civilian Employee pays for GOV'T Meals at Full Meal Rate
Subsist Aboard U.S. GOV'T Ship 3/			
TDY	GOV'T Lodging and GOV'T Meals	None	Civilian Employee Pays for Meals

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

2/ Discount Meal Rate = Food costs only.

3/ A member/civilian employee deployed who is ordered to subsist ashore – see “Subsist Ashore” (above table) for authorization/order type and payment guidelines.

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

D. Lodging Overnight Not Required

1. Transportation

a. It is mandatory that a traveler arrange transportation through an available CTO/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 GOV'T dining facility/mess are available; however, the member is authorized reimbursement for the GOV'T QTRS cost. If GOV'T QTRS and/or GOV'T 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 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 locality per diem rate (<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/pdrates.html>).

NOTES:

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 GTCC IBA. 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 IE) 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 1: 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. APP A for light refreshments definition. 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).

****NOTE: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) paid for by the GOV'T are a deductible meal if is served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast - 0600-0800).***

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 1, 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 C 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 at times that are not meal times, no deduction of the attendee's M&IE allowance is permitted.

****NOTE: 'Light refreshments' (including a continental breakfast) are a deductible meal if is served at a meal time (e.g., breakfast - 0600-0800).***

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/or 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 2: 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. C4630 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 1.
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 C. 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., Defense Travel Management Office). ([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. Government Accountability Office Guidance Concerning Reasonable Conference Costs Including Meals and Light Refreshments at a Formal Conference. Following is the Digest portion of the GAO 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 \$46 and the Standard GMR of \$10.80 to compute the PMR amount. The \$46 consists of \$41 for meals and \$5 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.

NOTE: The meal rate ONLY, and not the entire M&IE rate, is used to compute the PMR. The appropriate incidental expenses rate is added to the PMR to create the proportional M&IE rate.

Step 1	Add the locality <u>meal rate</u> and <u>GMR</u>	\$41.00 + \$10.80 = \$51.80
Step 2	Divide Step 1 total in half (rounded to the next highest dollar)	\$51.80 ÷ 2 = \$25.90 (Rounded up to \$26.00)
Step 3	Add Step 2 total to the CONUS incidental expense rate	\$26.00 + \$5.00 = \$31.00
Step 4	Proportional Meal and Incidental Expense Rate	\$31.00

2. PMR Voucher Computation Example: A traveler is TDY for 3 days to a conference at a CONUS location (Standard CONUS per diem 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 \$29.00 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 + [(\$46 (M&IE) x 75 %) = \$34.50] =	\$ 89.50
Day 2	\$55 + \$26 (PMR) + \$5 IE =	86.00
Day 3	\$46 x 75% =	34.50
TOTAL		\$ 210.00