

**Temp. Duty Travel Allowances**

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basis (e.g., weekly, monthly), the following expenses may be considered part of the lodging cost:

(a) The rental cost for a furnished dwelling; if unfurnished, the rental cost of the dwelling and the cost of appropriate and necessary furniture and appliances (e.g., stove, refrigerator, chairs, tables, bed, sofa, television, or vacuum cleaner);

(b) Cost of connecting/disconnecting and using utilities;

(c) Cost of reasonable maid fees and cleaning charges;

(d) Monthly telephone use fee (does not include installation and long-distance calls); and,

(e) If ordinarily included in the price of a hotel/motel room in the area concerned, the cost of special user fees (e.g., cable TV charges and plug-in charges for automobile head bolt heaters).

**§ 301-11.16 What reimbursement will I receive if I prepay my lodging expenses and my TDY is curtailed, canceled or interrupted for official purposes or for other reasons beyond my control that are acceptable to my agency?**

If you sought to obtain a refund or otherwise took steps to minimize the cost, your agency may reimburse expenses that are not refundable, including a forfeited rental deposit.

**§ 301-11.17 If my agency authorizes per diem reimbursement, will it reduce my M&IE allowance for a meal(s) provided by a common carrier or for a complimentary meal(s) provided by a hotel/motel?**

No. A meal provided by a common carrier or a complimentary meal provided by a hotel/motel does not affect your per diem.

**§ 301-11.18 What M&IE rate will I receive if a meal(s) is furnished at nominal or no cost by the Government or is included in the registration fee?**

Your M&IE rate must be adjusted for a meal(s) furnished to you (except as provided in § 301-11.17), with or without cost, by deducting the appropriate amount shown in the chart in this section for CONUS travel, reference Appendix B of this chapter for OCONUS travel, or any method determined by

your agency. If you pay for a meal that has been previously deducted, your agency will reimburse you up to the deduction amount. The total amount of deductions made will not cause you to receive less than the amount allowed for incidental expenses.

M&IE	\$30	\$34	\$38	\$42	\$46
Breakfast .....	6	7	8	9	9
Lunch .....	6	7	8	9	11
Dinner .....	16	18	20	22	24
Incidentals .....	2	2	2	2	2

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**§ 301-11.19 How is my per diem calculated when I travel across the international dateline (IDL)?**

When you cross the IDL your actual elapsed travel time will be used to compute your per diem entitlement rather than calendar days.

**§ 301-11.20 May my agency authorize a rest period for me while I am traveling?**

(a) Your agency may authorize a rest period not in excess of 24 hours at either an intermediate point or at your destination if:

- (1) Either your origin or destination point is OCONUS;
- (2) Your scheduled flight time, including stopovers, exceeds 14 hours;
- (3) Travel is by a direct or usually traveled route; and
- (4) Travel is by less than premium-class service.

(b) When a rest stop is authorized the applicable per diem rate is the rate for the rest stop location.

**§ 301-11.21 Will I be reimbursed for per diem or actual expenses on leave or non-workdays (weekend, legal Federal Government holiday, or other scheduled non-workdays) while I am on official travel?**

(a) In general, you will be reimbursed as long as your travel status requires your stay to include a non-workday, (e.g., if you are on travel through Friday and again starting Monday you will be reimbursed for Saturday and Sunday), however, your agency should determine the most cost effective situation (i.e., remaining in a travel status and paying per diem or actual expenses

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or permitting your return to your official station).

(b) Your agency will determine whether you will be reimbursed for non-workdays when you take leave immediately (e.g., Friday or Monday) before or after the non-workday(s).

NOTE TO §301-11.21: If emergency travel is involved due to an incapacitating illness or injury, the rules in part 301-30 of this chapter govern.

**§ 301-11.22 Am I entitled to per diem or actual expense reimbursement if I am required to return to my official station on a non-workday?**

If required by your agency to return to your official station on a non-workday, you will be reimbursed the amount allowable for return travel.

**§ 301-11.23 Are there any other circumstances when my agency may reimburse me to return home or to my official station for non-workdays during a TDY assignment?**

Your agency may authorize per diem or actual expense and round-trip transportation expenses for periodic return travel on non-workdays to your home or official station under the following circumstances:

- (a) The agency requires you to return to your official station to perform official business; or
- (b) The agency will realize a substantial cost savings by returning you home; or

For CONUS locations	For non-foreign area locations	For foreign area locations
General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Attn: Travel and Transportation, Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405.	Department of Defense, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation, Allowance Committee (PDTATAC), Hoffman Building #1, Room 836, 2461 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA 22331-1300.	Department of State, Director of Allowances, State Annex 29, Room 262, Washington, DC 20522-2902.

**§ 301-11.27 Are taxes included in the lodging portion of the Government per diem rate?**

No. Lodging taxes paid by you are reimbursable as a miscellaneous travel expense limited to the taxes on reimbursable lodging costs. For example, if your agency authorizes you a maximum lodging rate of \$50 per night, and you elect to stay at a hotel that costs \$100 per night, you can only claim the

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(c) Periodic return travel home is justified incident to an extended TDY assignment.

**§ 301-11.24 What reimbursement will I receive if I voluntarily return home or to my official station on non-workdays during my TDY assignment?**

If you voluntarily return home or to your official station on non-workdays during a TDY assignment, the maximum reimbursement for round trip transportation and per diem or actual expense is limited to what would have been allowed had you remained at the TDY location.

**§ 301-11.25 Must I provide receipts to substantiate my claimed travel expenses?**

Yes, you must provide a lodging receipt and either a receipt for any authorized expenses incurred costing over \$75, or a reason acceptable to your agency explaining why you are unable to provide the necessary receipt.

**§ 301-11.26 How do I get a per diem rate increased?**

If you travel to a location where the per diem rate is insufficient to meet necessary expenses, you may submit a request, containing pertinent lodging & meal cost data, through your agency asking that the location be surveyed. Depending on the location in question your agency may submit the survey request to:

amount of taxes on \$50, which is the maximum authorized lodging amount.

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**§ 301-11.28 As a traveler on official business, am I required to pay applicable lodging taxes?**

Yes, unless exempted by the State or local jurisdiction.