

§ 591.307 Payment of allowance rate.

(a) An authorized allowance rate is earned on a daily basis; however, where appropriate for administrative convenience, the rate may be averaged taking into consideration the number of non-commuting days over a period of time, and paid for each workday, excluding days in a nonpay status and period of extended absence.

(b) The transportation allowance is paid only when expense is incurred and at the lowest rate consistent with available transportation.

(c) The inconvenience or hardship allowance is paid regardless of eligibility for the transportation expense part of the allowance rate when the employee is otherwise eligible.

(d) Except as provided under § 591.305(b)(4)(ii), when the necessity for remaining at the post of duty for the workweek is the basis for the allowance under § 591.304(a)(2), the allowance rate is paid for each full day, or prorated for each part of a day, that the employee remains at the duty post.

(e) The transportation allowance prescribed by paragraph (b)(1)(i) of § 591.305, or other allowance as may be prescribed for commuting by private motor vehicle, may not be paid unless the officially approved work schedule of the employee precludes use of the transportation services that may be available at lower cost.

(f) An employee, who normally commutes on a daily basis, will not be disqualified from receiving an authorized allowance when he or she is officially required to remain overnight at the remote duty post, for one or more days on a temporary basis, because of the schedule of operations or the nature of assigned work.

(g) When a remote duty post is determined by the Office of Personnel Management under paragraph (a)(3) or (c) of § 591.304 as being basically eligible for an allowance, the Office of Personnel Management will determine the basis for payment of the allowance rate taking into consideration the facts and circumstances associated with commuting to the remote duty post.

§ 591.308 Relationship to additional pay payable under other statutes.

An allowance authorized under this subpart is in addition to any additional pay or allowances payable under other statutes. It shall not be considered part of the employee's rate of basic pay in computing additional pay or allowances payable under other statutes.

§ 591.309 Effective date for payment of allowances.

When an allowance is authorized for a remote duty post, the authorization shall specify the effective date that an agency shall begin paying the allowance to its employees, except that a date earlier than January 8, 1971, may not be specified.

§ 591.310 Effect of regulations in this subpart on allowances established under previous statutes.

Regulations in this subpart do not require a reduction in the allowance rates authorized under previous statutes unless an adjustment is determined to be warranted on the basis of a change in facts and circumstances on which that previous allowance was established.

APPENDIX A OF SUBPART C—DAILY
TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE
SCHEDULE, COMMUTING OVER LAND
BY PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE TO RE-
MOTE DUTY POSTS

SCHEDULE I—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 1971,
THROUGH JULY 12, 1975

Round trip distance in excess of 50 miles	Degree A commuting conditions	Degree B commuting conditions	Degree C commuting conditions
up to 9 miles	\$0.20	\$0.22	\$0.24
10 to 1970	.77	.84
20 to 29	1.20	1.32	1.44
30 to 39	1.70	1.87	2.04
40 to 49	2.20	2.42	2.64
50 to 59	2.70	2.97	3.24
60 to 69	3.20	3.52	3.84
70 to 79	3.70	4.07	4.44
80 to 89	4.20	4.62	5.04
90 to 99	4.70	5.17	5.64
100 to 109	5.20	5.72	6.24
110 to 119	5.70	6.27	6.84
120 to 129	6.20	6.82	7.44
130 to 139	6.70	7.37	8.04
140 to 149	7.20	7.92	8.64
150 to 159	7.70	8.47	9.24
160 to 169	8.20	9.02	9.84
170 and over	8.70	9.57	¹ 10.00

¹ See footnote at end of Schedule II.

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SCHEDULE II—EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER JULY 13, 1975

Round trip distance in excess of 50 miles	Degree A commuting conditions	Degree B commuting conditions	Degree C commuting conditions
up to 9 miles	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.34
10 to 19	1.05	1.12	1.19
20 to 29	1.80	1.92	2.04
30 to 39	2.55	2.72	2.89
40 to 49	3.30	3.52	3.74
50 to 59	4.13	4.32	4.68
60 to 69	4.80	5.12	5.44
70 to 79	5.55	5.92	6.29
80 to 89	6.30	6.72	7.14
90 to 99	7.05	7.52	7.99

SCHEDULE II—EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER JULY 13, 1975—Continued

Round trip distance in excess of 50 miles	Degree A commuting conditions	Degree B commuting conditions	Degree C commuting conditions
100 to 109	7.80	8.32	8.84
110 to 119	8.55	9.12	9.69
120 to 129	9.30	9.92	¹ 10.00
130 to 139	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00
140 to 149	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00
150 to 159	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00
160 to 169	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00
170 and over	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00	¹ 10.00

¹ Under the statute, \$10 a day is the maximum allowance.

SCHEDULE III—EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 28, 1980

Round-trip distance in excess of 80 kilometers (50 miles)	Degree A commuting conditions	Degree B commuting conditions	Degree C commuting conditions
Up to 15 km (up to 9 mi)	\$0.40	\$0.42	\$0.44
16 to 31 km (10 to 19 mi)	1.40	1.47	1.54
32 to 47 km (20 to 29 mi)	2.40	2.52	2.64
48 to 63 km (30 to 39 mi)	3.40	3.57	3.74
64 to 79 km (40 to 49 mi)	4.40	4.62	4.84
80 to 95 km (50 to 59 mi)	5.40	5.67	5.94
96 to 111 km (60 to 69 mi)	6.40	6.72	7.04
112 to 127 km (70 to 79 mi)	7.40	7.77	8.14
128 to 144 km (80 to 89 mi)	8.40	8.82	9.24
145 to 160 km (90 to 99 mi)	9.40	9.87	10.00
161 to 176 km (100 to 109 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
177 to 192 km (110 to 119 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
193 to 208 km (120 to 129 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
209 to 224 km (130 to 139 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
225 to 240 km (140 to 149 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
241 to 256 km (150 to 159 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
257 to 272 km (160 to 169 mi)	10.00	10.00	10.00
273 km and over (170 mi and over)	10.00	10.00	10.00

Under the statute, \$10 a day is the maximum allowance.

Degree A Commuting Conditions

Good paved roads; climatic conditions cause intermittent driving difficulty.

Degree B Commuting Conditions

Roads typically fair but may be good for part of distance or may be unpaved for short distances; climatic conditions during part of a season, in relation to terrain, contribute to additional cost.

Degree C Commuting Conditions

Fair to poor roads; unpaved for part of distance, or travel over range; hilly or mountainous terrain; climatic conditions during most of a season contribute to additional cost.

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APPENDIX B OF SUBPART C—DAILY INCONVENIENCE OR HARDSHIP ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE, COMMUTING OVER LAND BY MOTOR VEHICLE TO REMOTE DUTY POSTS

Round trip distance in excess of 2 hours	Degree A commuting conditions	Degree B commuting conditions	Degree C commuting conditions
up to 15 minutes	\$0.50	\$0.63	\$0.75
16 to 30	1.00	1.25	1.50
31 to 45	1.50	1.88	2.25
46 to 60	2.00	2.50	3.00
61 to 75	2.50	3.13	3.75
76 to 90	3.00	3.75	4.50
91 to 105	3.50	4.38	5.25
106 to 120	4.00	5.00	6.00
121 to 135	4.50	5.63	6.75
136 to 150	5.00	6.25	7.50
151 to 165	5.50	6.88	8.25
166 to 180	6.00	8.13	9.00

Degree A Commuting Conditions

Good paved roads; climatic conditions, in relation to type and quality of vehicle, cause minimal discomfort during trip.

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Degree B Commuting Conditions

Roads typically fair, but may be good for part of distance and possibly unpaved for short distances; climatic conditions during part of a season, in relation to type and quality of vehicle, result in moderate discomfort during trip.

Degree C Commuting Conditions

Fair to poor roads, unpaved for part of distance, climatic conditions during most of a season, in combination with such factors as type and quality of vehicle and terrain, result in unusual discomfort during trip.

Subpart D—Separate Maintenance Allowance for Duty at Johnston Island

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 5942a(b); E.O. 12822, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 325

SOURCE: 58 FR 51566, Oct. 4, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

§ 591.401 Purpose and applicability.

(a) *Purpose.* This subpart prescribes the regulations required by section 5942a of title 5, United States Code, to authorize payment of a separate maintenance allowance to assist an employee assigned to Johnston Island to meet the additional expenses of maintaining family members elsewhere who would normally reside with him or her because they cannot accompany the employee to Johnston Island. This subpart provides rules for determining which employees are eligible to receive the separate maintenance allowance, who qualifies as family members under the program, the method of payment, and payment amounts.

(b) *Applicability.* This subpart applies to an employee (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 2105) in an executive department (as defined in section 101 of title 5, United States Code) or an independent establishment (as defined in section 104 of title 5, United States Code) who is assigned to a post of duty at Johnston Island.

[58 FR 51566, Oct. 4, 1993, as amended at 61 FR 27244, May 31, 1996]

§ 591.402 Definitions.

Adult, a term used in the Department of State *Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas)*, means

a family member who is 21 years of age or older.

Family member means one or more of the following relatives of an employee who would normally reside with the employee except for circumstances warranting the granting of a separate maintenance allowance, but who does not receive from the Government an allowance similar to that granted to the employee and who is not deemed to be a family member of another employee for the purpose of determining the amount of a separate maintenance allowance or similar allowance:

(1) Children who are unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, are incapable of self-support, including natural children, step and adopted children, and those under legal guardianship or custody of the employee or the spouse when they are expected to be under such legal guardianship or custody at least until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;

(2) Parents (including step and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse when such parents are at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;

(3) Sisters and brothers (including step or adoptive sisters and brothers) of the employee or of the spouse, when such sisters and brothers are at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, are incapable of self-support; or

(4) Spouse, excluding a spouse independently entitled to and receiving a similar allowance.

Johnston Island, also called Johnston Atoll, is a possession of the United States located 717 nautical miles southwest of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Separate maintenance allowance means an allowance to assist an employee assigned to Johnston Island who is compelled by reason of dangerous, notably unhealthful, or excessively adverse living conditions at Johnston Island, or for the convenience of the Government, to meet the additional expense of maintaining family members at a location other than Johnston Island.

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