

Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel Allowances

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en-route travel and househunting trip expenses are not covered by this requirement.

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§301-70.705 What methods of payment for official travel expenses may we authorize when an exemption from use of the Government contractor-issued travel charge card is granted?

When you grant an exemption from use of the Government contractor-issued travel charge card, you may authorize one or a combination of the following methods of payment:

- (a) Personal funds, including cash or personal charge card;
- (b) Travel advances; or
- (c) Government Transportation Request (GTR).

NOTE TO §301-70.705: City pair contractors are not required to accept payment by the methods in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

§301-70.706 May an employee use the Government contractor-issued travel charge card for purposes other than those associated with official travel?

No, the Government contractor-issued travel charge card may be used only for official travel related expenses.

§301-70.707 What are the consequences of using the Government contractor-issued travel charge card for non-official travel purposes?

If one of your employees uses the Government contractor-issued travel charge card for purposes other than official travel, you may take appropriate disciplinary action.

§301-70.708 What can we do to reduce travel charge card delinquencies?

To reduce travel charge card delinquencies by your employees, you should consider implementing one or more of the following suggestions (this list is not comprehensive; you may adopt other appropriate procedures):

- (a) Agency travel program coordinators must be trained and aware of their responsibilities and the delinquency management tools available under your agreement with the travel charge

card contractor (internet training is available for the GSA SmartPayTM) Travel Charge Card at: <http://fss.gsa.gov/training/transtrav>.

(b) Ensure that managers and supervisors are provided monthly delinquency and questionable charges report.

(c) Periodically, but at least once a year, verify that cardholders are still current employees.

(d) For inactive accounts (cards not used within 6 months, one year, etc., reduce card limit to \$1, increase dollar limit when necessary).

(e) Work with the charge card contractor to block certain high-risk category codes (e.g. department stores, automobile dealerships, specialty stores), etc.

(f) Review ATM cash withdrawals for reasonableness and association with official travel.

(g) Implement a salary offset program. (See part 301-76 of this chapter).

(h) Implement split disbursement in your travel vouchersing system, so that an employee may authorize you to make certain payments directly to the charge card contractor on the employee's behalf.

(i) Refer potential fraud cases to your agency IG for investigation.

(j) For some helpful do's and don'ts for travel cardholders see GSA publication (Card-F001) entitled "But I didn't know * * * —Helpful Hints for Travel Cardholders". This publication is available on the internet at <http://fss.gsa.gov/services/gsa-smartpay>, click on GSA SmartPay Agency Information, click on "But I didn't know * * * —Helpful Hints for Travel Cardholders". You may print or call for telephone numbers listed for copies.

(k) Ensure that employees turn in their travel charge card when they retire or leave the agency.

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PART 301-71—AGENCY TRAVEL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Subpart A—General

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301-71.1 What is the purpose of an agency travel accounting system?