

## Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel Allowances

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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
- (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:

For CONUS locations	For non-foreign area locations	For foreign area locations
General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Attn: Travel Management 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.

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### §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 amount of taxes on \$50, which is the maximum authorized lodging amount. This section is effective January 1, 1999, for CONUS locations and effective January 1, 2000, for non-foreign areas. For foreign areas, lodging taxes have not been removed from foreign per diem rates established by the Department of State. Separate claims for

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lodging taxes incurred in foreign areas are not allowed.

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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.

**§ 301-11.29 Are lodging facilities required to accept a generic federal, state or local tax exempt certificate?**

Exemptions from taxes for Federal travelers, and the forms required to claim them, vary from location to location. The GSA Travel Homepage (<http://policyworks.gov/travel>) lists jurisdictions where tax exempt certificates should be honored.

**§ 301-11.30 What is my option if the Government lodging rate exceeds my lodging reimbursement?**

You may request reimbursement on an actual expense basis, not to exceed 300 percent of the maximum per diem allowance.

Approval of actual expenses is usually in advance of travel and at the discretion of your agency. (See § 301-11.302.)

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**§ 301-11.31 Are laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing expenses reimbursable?**

Yes. The expenses incurred for laundry, cleaning and pressing of clothing at a TDY location are reimbursable as a miscellaneous travel expense. However, you must incur a minimum of 4 consecutive nights lodging on official travel to qualify for this reimbursement. Laundry and dry cleaning expenses have not been removed from foreign per diem rates established by the Department of State, or from non-for-

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foreign area per diem rates established by the Department of Defense. Separate claims for laundry and dry cleaning expenses incurred in foreign areas and non-foreign areas are not allowed.

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**§ 301-11.32 May I be reimbursed for an advance room deposit in situations where a lodging facility requires the payment of a deposit, prior to the beginning of my scheduled official travel?**

Yes, your agency may reimburse you for an advance room deposit, when such a deposit is required by the lodging facility to secure a room reservation, prior to the beginning of your scheduled official travel. However, if you are reimbursed the advance room deposit, but fail to perform the scheduled official travel for reasons not acceptable to your agency, resulting in forfeit of the deposit, you are indebted to the Government for that amount and must repay it in a manner prescribed by your agency.

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**Subpart B—Lodgings-Plus Per Diem**

**§ 301-11.100 What will I be paid for lodging under Lodgings-plus per diem?**

When travel is more than 12 hours and overnight lodging is required you are reimbursed your actual lodging cost not to exceed the maximum lodging rate for the TDY location or stop-over point.

**§ 301-11.101 What allowance will I be paid for M&IE?**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, your allowance is as shown in the following table:

When travel is	Your allowance is
More than 12 but less than 24 hours .....	75 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.
24 hours or more, on .....	The day of departure .....
	75 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.
	Full days of travel .....
	100 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.
	The last day of travel .....
	75 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.