

Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel Allowances

§ 301-10.106

Subpart A—General

§ 301-10.1 Am I eligible for payment of transportation expenses?

Yes, when performing official travel, including local travel.

§ 301-10.2 What expenses are payable as transportation?

Fares, rental fees, mileage payments, and other expenses related to transportation.

§ 301-10.3 What methods of transportation may my agency authorize me to use?

Your agency may authorize:

(a) Common carrier transportation (e.g., aircraft, train, bus, ship, or local transit system) under Subpart B;

(b) Government vehicle under Subpart C;

(c) POV under Subpart D; or

(d) Special conveyance (e.g., taxi or commercial automobile) under Subpart E.

§ 301-10.4 How does my agency select the method of transportation to be used?

Your agency must select the method most advantageous to the Government, when cost and other factors are considered. Under 5 U.S.C. 5733, travel must be by the most expeditious means of transportation practicable and commensurate with the nature and purpose of your duties. In addition, your agency must consider energy conservation, total cost to the Government (including costs of per diem, overtime, lost worktime, and actual transportation costs), total distance traveled, number of points visited, and number of travelers.

§ 301-10.5 What are the presumptions as to the most advantageous method of transportation?

(a) *Common carrier.* Travel by common carrier is presumed to be the most advantageous method of transportation and must be used when reasonably available.

(b) *Government automobile.* When your agency determines that your travel must be performed by automobile, a Government automobile is presumed to

be the most advantageous method of transportation.

§ 301-10.6 What is my liability if I do not travel by the selected method of transportation?

If you do not travel by the method of transportation required by regulation or selected by your agency, any additional expenses you incur will be borne by you.

§ 301-10.7 How should I route my travel?

You must travel to your destination by the usually traveled route unless your agency authorizes or approves a different route as officially necessary.

§ 301-10.8 What is my liability if, for personal convenience, I travel by an indirect route or interrupt travel by a direct route?

Your reimbursement will be limited to the cost of travel by a direct route or on an uninterrupted basis. You will be responsible for any additional costs.

Subpart B—Common Carrier Transportation

§ 301-10.100 What types of common carrier transportation may I be authorized to use?

You may be authorized to use airline, train, ship, bus, or local transit system.

AIRLINE

§ 301-10.106 What are the basic requirements for using airlines?

The requirements for using airlines fall into three categories:

(a) Using contract carriers, when available;

(b) Using coach class service, unless business-class or first-class service is authorized;

(c) Using U.S. flag air carrier or (ship) service, unless use of foreign air carrier or (ship) is authorized.

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§ 301-10.107

USE OF CONTRACT CITY-PAIR FARES

§ 301-10.107 When must I use a contract city-pair fare?

You must always use a contract city-pair fare for scheduled air passenger transportation service, (an Internet list of city-pairs is available at <http://pub.fss.gsa.gov/services/citypairs>), if you are a civilian employee of an agency (see § 301-1.1 of this chapter), unless one or more of the following conditions exist(s):

(a) Space or a scheduled contract flight is not available in time to accomplish the purpose of your travel, or use of contract service would require you to incur unnecessary overnight lodging costs which would increase the total cost of the trip; or

(b) The contractor's flight schedule is inconsistent with explicit policies of your Federal department or agency with regard to scheduling travel during normal working hours; or

(c) A non-contract carrier offers a lower fare available to the general public, the use of which will result in a lower total trip cost to the Government, to include the combined costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and related expenses.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (c): This exception does not apply if the contract carrier offers a comparable fare and has seats available at that fare, or if the lower fare offered by a noncontract carrier is restricted to Government and military travelers on official business and may only be purchased with a GTR, contractor-issued charge card, or centrally billed account (e.g., YDG, MDG, ODG, VDG, and similar fares); or

(d) Rail service is available and such service is cost effective and consistent with mission requirements; or

(e) Smoking is permitted on the contract flight and the nonsmoking section of the aircraft for the contract flight is not acceptable to you.

NOTE 1 TO § 301-10.107: Employees of the Government of the District of Columbia are not eligible to use the contract city-pair fares, even though they may otherwise be covered by the Federal Travel Regulation.

NOTE 2 TO § 301-10.107: Department of Defense (DoD) groups of 21 or more passengers may request contract service on an optional

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basis. Contract carriers may, but are not required, to furnish service to such groups.

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§ 301-10.108 What requirements must be met to use a non-contract fare?

Before purchasing a non-contract fare—

(a) You must—

(1) Meet one of the requirements for exceptions listed in § 301-10.107; and

(2) If the non-contract fare is non-refundable, restricted or has specific eligibility requirements, you must know or reasonably anticipate, based on your planned trip, that you will use the ticket.

(b) Your agency must determine that the proposed non-contract transportation is practical and cost effective for the Government.

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§ 301-10.109 What is my liability for unauthorized use of a non-contract carrier when contract service is available and I do not meet one of the exceptions for required use?

Any additional costs or penalties incurred by you resulting from unauthorized use of non-contract service are borne by you.

§ 301-10.110 May I use contract passenger transportation service for personal travel?

No.

§ 301-10.111 When may I use a reduced group or charter fare?

You may use a reduced group or charter fare when your agency has determined, on an individual case basis prior to your travel, that use of such a fare is cost effective. Chartered aircraft are subject to the same rules as Government aircraft, and agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government are subject to the requirements of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-126 and 41 CFR part 101-37 in making such cost effectiveness determinations.

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