§ 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 by the Government or is included in the registration fee?

(a) Except as provided in § 301–11.17 or in paragraph (b) of this section, your M&IE allowance must be adjusted for meals furnished to you by the Government (including meals furnished under the authority of chapter 304 of this title) by deducting the appropriate amount shown in the chart in this section for travel within CONUS and the chart in appendix B of this chapter for meal deductions for OCONUS and foreign travel. The total amount of deductions made will not cause you to receive less than the amount allowed for incidental expenses.

(b) Your agency, at its discretion, may allow you to claim the full M&IE allowance if:

1. You are unable to consume the furnished meal(s) because of medical requirements or religious beliefs;
2. In accordance with administrative procedures prescribed by your agency, you requested specific approval to claim the full M&IE allowance prior to your travel;
3. In accordance with administrative procedures prescribed by your agency, you have made a reasonable effort to make alternative meal arrangements, but were unable to do so; and
4. You purchase substitute meals in order to satisfy your medical requirements or religious beliefs.

(c) In your agency’s discretion, and in accordance with administrative procedures prescribed by your agency, you may also claim the full M&IE allowance if you were unable to take part in a Government-furnished meal due to the conduct of official business.


§ 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 coach-class.

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