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However, if the employee has not submitted a proper travel claim within the timeframe requirements of §301-52.7 of this chapter, and there are no extenuating circumstances, you may collect the undisputed delinquent amounts.

§301-76.103 What is the maximum amount we may deduct from the employee’s disposable pay?

As set forth in Public Law 105-264, 112 Stat. 2350, October 19, 1998, the maximum amount you may deduct from the employee’s disposable pay is 15 percent per pay period, unless the employee consents in writing to deduction of a greater percentage.

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APPENDIX A TO CHAPTER 301—PRESCRIBED MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATES FOR CONUS

For the Continental United States (CONUS) *per diem* rates, see applicable FTR *Per Diem* Bulletins, issued periodically and available on the Internet at <https://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>.

[FTR Amdt. 2003-03, 68 FR 22314, Apr. 28, 2003, as amended at 85 FR 39850, July 2, 2020]

APPENDIX B TO CHAPTER 301—ALLOCATION OF M&IE RATES TO BE USED IN MAKING DEDUCTIONS FROM THE M&IE ALLOWANCE

For the meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) deduction amounts for localities in CONUS, non-foreign areas, and foreign areas, visit <https://www.gsa.gov/mie>. Any updates to the amounts will be noted in FTR *Per Diem* Bulletins, issued periodically and available on the internet.

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APPENDIX C TO CHAPTER 301—STANDARD DATA ELEMENTS FOR FEDERAL TRAVEL [TRAVELER IDENTIFICATION]

Group name	Data elements	Description
Travel Authorization	Authorization Number	Assigned by the appropriate office.
Employee Name	First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name.	Agency guidelines may specify the order, e.g., last name first.
Employee Identification	Employee Number	Must use a number, e.g., SSN, vendor number, or other number that identifies the employee.
Travel Purpose Identifier.	Employee Emergency	Travel related to an unexpected occurrence/event or injury/illness that affects the employee personally and/or directly that requires immediate action/attention. <i>Examples:</i> Traveler is incapacitated by illness or injury, death or serious illness of a family member (as defined in §300-3.1 or §301-30.2), or catastrophic occurrence or impending disaster that directly affects the employee’s home. Emergency travel also includes travel for medical care while employee is TDY away from the official station (part 301-30), death of an employee/immediate family member when performing official duties away from the official station or home of record (part 303-70), medical attendant transportation (part 301-30), assistance travel for an employee with special needs (part 301-13), as well as travel for threatened law enforcement/investigative employees (part 301-31).
	Mission (Operational)	Travel to a particular site in order to perform operational or managerial activities. Travel to a conference to serve as a speaker, panelist, or provide information in one’s official capacity. Travel to attend a meeting to discuss general agency operations, review status reports, or discuss topics of general interest. <i>Examples:</i> Employee’s day-to-day operational or managerial activities, as defined by the agency, to include, but not be limited to: hearings, site visit, information meeting, inspections, audits, investigations, and examinations.
	Special Agency Mission.	Travel to carry out a special agency mission and/or perform a task outside the agency’s normal course of day-to-day business activities that is unique or distinctive. These special missions are defined by the head of agency and are normally not programmed in the agency annual funding authorization. <i>Examples:</i> These agency-defined special missions may include details, security missions, and agency emergency response/recovery such as civil, natural disasters, evacuation, catastrophic events, technical assistance, evaluations or assessments.

Group name	Data elements	Description
	Conference—Other Than Training.	Travel performed in connection with a prearranged meeting, retreat, convention, seminar, or symposium for consultation or exchange of information or discussion. Agencies have to distinguish between conference and training attendance and use the appropriate identifier (see Training below). <i>Examples:</i> To engage in a planned program as a host, planner, or others designated to oversee the conference or attendance with no formal role, or as an exhibitor.
	Training	Travel in conjunction with educational activities to become proficient or qualified in one or more areas of responsibility. 5 USC 4101(4) states that "training" means the process of providing for and making available to an employee, and placing or enrolling the employee in a planned, prepared, and coordinated program, course, curriculum, subject, system, or routine of instruction or education, in scientific, professional, technical, mechanical, trade, clerical, fiscal, administrative, or other fields which will improve individual and organizational performance and assist in achieving the agency's mission and performance goals." The term "conference" may also apply to training activities that are considered to be conferences under 5 CFR 410.404, which states that "agencies may sponsor an employee's attendance at a conference as a developmental assignment under section 4110 of title 5, United States Code, when: (a) The announced purpose of the conference is educational or instructional; (b) More than half of the time is scheduled for a planned, organized exchange of information between presenters and audience which meets the definition of training in section 4101 of title 5, United States Code; (c) The content of the conference is germane to improving individual and/or organizational performance, and (d) Development benefits will be derived through the employee's attendance." Agencies have to distinguish between conference and training attendance and use the appropriate identifier (see Conference—Other Than Training above). <i>Examples:</i> Job required training, Internships, Intergovernmental Personnel Act, and forums.
	Relocation	Travel performed in connection with a transfer from one official station to another for employees/immediate family members, as applicable. <i>Examples:</i> Permanent change of station (PCS) moves for domestic and international transferees/new appointees, tour renewal, temporary change of station (TCS), and last move home.
Travel Period	Start Date, End Date ..	Month, Day, Year according to agency guidelines.
Travel Type	CONUS/Domestic	Travel within continental United States.
	OCONUS/Domestic	Travel outside the continental United States.
	Foreign	Travel to other countries.
Leave Indicator	Annual, Sick, Other	Identifies leave type as the reason for an interruption of per diem entitlement.
Official Station	City, State, Zip	The location where the employee regularly performs his or her duties or an invitational traveler's home or regular place of business. If the employee's work involves recurring travel or varies on a recurring basis, the location where the work activities of the employee's position of record are based is considered the employee's official station.
Residence	State, Zip, City	The geographical location where employee resides, if different from official station.
Payment Method	EFT	Direct deposit via electronic funds transfer.
	Treasury Check	Payment made by Treasury check.
	Imprest Fund	Payment made by Imprest Fund.
Mailing Address	Street Address, City, State, Zip.	The location designated by the traveler based on agency guidelines.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Group name	Data elements	Description
Transportation Payment	Method employee used to purchase transportation tickets.
Method Indicator	GTR	U.S. Government Transportation Request.
	Central Billing Account ..	A contractor centrally billed account.
	Government Charge Card.	In accordance with and as provided by agency guidelines.
	Cash	
Transportation Payment Identification Number	Payment ID Number	A number that identifies the payment for the transportation tickets, according to agency guidelines, e.g., GTR number, Govt. contractor-issued charge card number.
Transportation Method Indicator	Air (other than coach-class).	Common carrier used as transportation to TDY location.
	Air (coach-class)	

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Group name	Data elements	Description
Transportation in Performance of TDY or While at the TDY Location	Non-contract Air, Train, Other. POV, Car rental, Taxi, TNC, Innovative mobility technology company, Other.	Identifies transportation used while in the performance of TDY or while at the TDY location.

TRAVEL EXPENSE INFORMATION

Group name	Data elements	Description
Per Diem	Total Number of Days ...	The number of days traveler claims to be on per diem status, for each official travel location.
	Total Amount Claimed ...	The amount of money traveler claims as per diem expense.
Travel Advance	Lodging, Meals & Incidentals. Advance Outstanding ...	The amount of travel advance outstanding, when the employee files the travel claim.
	Remaining Balance	The amount of the travel advance that remains outstanding.
Subsistence	Actual Days	Total number of days the employee charged actual subsistence expenses. The number of days must be expressed as a whole number.
	Total Actual Amount	Total amount of actual subsistence expenses claimed as authorized. Actual subsistence rate, per day, may not exceed the maximum subsistence expense rate established for official travel by the Federal Travel Regulation.
Transportation Method Cost	Air (other than coach-class). Air (coach-class). Non-contract Air, Train. Other	The amount of money the transportation actually cost the traveler, entered according to method of transportation. Bus or other form of transportation.
	Transportation in Performance of TDY or While at the TDY Location	POV mileage
Constructive cost	POV mileage expense ..	Total number of miles driven in POV. Total amount claimed as authorized based on mileage rate. Different mileage rates apply based on type and use of the POV.
	Car rental, Taxi, TNC, Innovative mobility technology company, Other. Constructive cost	The difference between the amount authorized to spend versus the amount claimed.
Reclaim	Reclaim amount	An amount of money previously denied as reimbursement for which additional justification is now provided.
Total Claim	Total claim	The sum of the amount of money claimed for per diem, actual subsistence, mileage, transportation method cost, and other expenses.

STANDARD DATA ELEMENTS FOR FEDERAL TRAVEL

[Accounting & Certification]

Group name	Data elements	Description
Accounting Classification	Accounting Code	Agency accounting code.
Non-Federal Source Indicator ..	Per Diem, Subsistence, Transportation.	Indicates the type of travel expense(s) paid, in part or totally, by a non-Federal source.
Non-Federal Source Payment Method.	Check, EFT, Payment "in-kind".	Total payment provided by non-Federal source according to method of payment.
Signature/Date Fields	Claimant Signature	Traveler's signature, or digital representation. The signature signifies the traveler read the "fraudulent claim/responsibility" statement.
	Date	Date traveler signed "fraudulent claim/responsibility" statement.

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Group name	Data elements	Description
	Claimant Signature	Traveler's signature, or digital representation. The signature signifies the traveler read the "Privacy Act" statement.
	Date	Date traveler signed "Privacy Act" statement.
	Approving Officer Signature	Approving Officer's signature, or digital representation. The signature signifies the travel claim is approved for payment based on authorized travel.
	Date	Date Approving Officer approved and signed the travel claim.
	Certifying Officer Signature	Certifying Officer's signature, or digital representation. The signature signifies the travel claim is certified correct and proper for payment.
	Date	Date Certifying Officer signed the travel claim.

NOTE TO APPENDIX C: Agencies must ensure that a purpose code is captured for those individuals traveling under unlimited open authorizations.

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APPENDIX D TO CHAPTER 301 [RESERVED]

APPENDIX E TO CHAPTER 301—SUGGESTED GUIDANCE FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING

TERMS

Conference: A meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium or event that involves attendee travel. The term "conference" also applies to training activities that are considered to be conferences under 5 CFR 410.404.

Milestone schedule: Deadlines, which need to be reached in a progressive and orderly manner.

Planner: The person designated to oversee the conference.

Planning committee: Operational group significantly contributing to a conference's overall success and able to fully reflect the needs of both the agency and the attendees.

GETTING STARTED

Depending on the size, type, and intended effect of the conference, start planning a minimum of one year in advance. Designate a planner and a planning committee.

Planning Committee

Functions typically include, but are not limited to:

- Establishing a set of objectives.
- Developing a theme.
- Making recommendations for location, agenda, dates, and logistics, e.g., schedule, exhibits, speaker.

- Making suggestions as to who should attend.
- Serving as communications link between planners and participants.
- Evaluation and follow-up.

Milestone Schedule

(a) Develop a milestone schedule, which is essential to conference planning, by working backward from the beginning date of the conference to include each major step. Examples include:

- Planning committee meetings.
- Preparation of mailing lists.
- Letters of invitation.
- Designation of speakers.
- Confirmation letters to speakers.
- Confirmation with site selection official.
- Preparation of agenda.
- Preparation of specification sheet.
- Location and date selection.
- Exhibits.
- Budget.
- Printing requirements.
- Signage.
- Conference information packages.
- Scheduling photographer (if planned).
- Use of agency seal and conference logo.
- Handicapped requirements.
- Planning of meals and refreshments, if appropriate.

(b) Establish completion dates for each major step.

(c) Update and revise the schedule as needed.