

Relocation Allowances

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Subpart A—Employee's Use of a Relocation Services Company

NOTE TO SUBPART A: Use of pronouns "I", "you", and their variants throughout this subpart refers to the employee.

§ 302-12.1 Who determines if I may use a RSC?

Your agency determines whether you may use a RSC and chooses which RSC you may use.

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§ 302-12.2 Under what conditions may I participate in my agency's homesale program?

You may participate in your agency's homesale program, through its RSC contract, blanket purchase agreement, task order, or other formal arrangement (for the remainder of this part, all of these will be referred to as the contract with the RSC) provided you meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) You are authorized to relocate;
- (b) Your relocation includes at least one residence transaction;
- (c) You have signed a relocation service agreement;
- (d) Your agency authorizes you to use a RSC with which your agency has a contract;
- (e) Your residence is within RSC contract scope for type, size, condition, and other contractual requirements;

(f) You meet all conditions established by this Chapter for the services that the RSC will provide to you; and

(g) You have signed an agreement with your agency to enter the agency's homesale program and to abide by all terms of the agency's contract with the RSC (*see* § 302-12.4 for contract term examples).

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§ 302-12.3 Am I required to participate in homesale counseling?

Yes, you are required to participate in homesale counseling if you are going to use the RSC. The RSC and/or your agency must provide counseling to help you understand the process, select a broker, prepare your home for sale, identify an appropriate selling price, set realistic expectations, etc. This counseling may be in person or via an electronic medium, at your agency's discretion. Your agency should also provide you with relocation information/counseling prior to you making any decisions to relocate.

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§ 302-12.4 To what terms of the RSC contract am I required to agree?

Your agency determines the contract terms to which you will be required to agree. Examples of these contract terms may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) You will participate in counseling provided by the RSC;
- (b) You will seriously consider any bona fide offer that you receive during the minimum marketing period;
- (c) As a precondition of using its relocation services, you will complete and submit a disclosure form to the RSC to provide thorough information about the age and condition of your home and its systems.

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§ 302-12.5 For what relocation services expenses will my agency pay?

Your agency will pay the relocation services company's fees/expenses for the services you are authorized to use. If your agency pays the relocation services company for actual expenses the company incurs on your behalf, payment to the company is limited to