

Relocation Allowances

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§ 302-3.3 As a new appointee, are there any expenses that my agency will not pay?

Yes, as a new employee, your agency will not pay for expenses that are not listed in § 302-3.2 (e.g., per diem for family, cost of househunting trip, miscellaneous expense allowance, etc.).

§ 302-3.4 If my agency authorizes me allowances for relocation, must it pay all of the expenses listed in § 302-3.2?

Yes, if your agency authorizes you allowances for relocation, it must pay all of the expenses listed in § 302-3.2.

§ 302-3.5 If I travel to my first official station before I have been appointed, will I be reimbursed for my relocation expenses?

Generally, you may not be reimbursed for relocation expenses incurred before you have been appointed to a Federal position and signed an agreement to remain in Government service for 12 months after appointment. However there is an exception for appointees who have performed Presidential transition activities. Such appointees may be reimbursed allowable travel and transportation expenses incurred at any time following the most recent Presidential election once they have signed a service agreement. How-

ever, appointment must occur in the same fiscal year as the Presidential transition activities.

Subpart B—Transferred Employees and Other Relocated Employees

§ 302-3.100 What is a transferred employee?

A transferred employee is an employee who transfers from one official station to another. This may also include employees separated as a result of reduction in force or transfer of functions who are re-employed within one year after such separation.

§ 302-3.101 As a transferred employee or other relocated employee what relocation allowances must my agency pay or reimburse to me?

As a transferred employee or other relocated employee there are mandatory and discretionary relocation expenses. Once an agency decision is made to pay or reimburse relocation expenses indicated for the type of relocation in tables (A) through (I) of this section, all the mandatory allowance must be paid or reimbursed, unless otherwise stated in the applicable parts. The discretionary relocation allowances indicated in tables (A) through (I) of this section may or may not be paid by the agency.

TABLE A—TRANSFER BETWEEN OFFICIAL STATIONS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS)

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
1. Transportation & per diem for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter).	1. Househunting per diem & transportation, employee & spouse only (part 302-5 of this chapter).
2. Miscellaneous moving expense (part 302-16 of this chapter)	2. Temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE) (part 302-6 of this chapter).
3. Sell or buy residence transactions or lease termination expenses (part 302-11 of this chapter).	3. Shipment of privately owned vehicle (POV) (part 302-9 of this chapter).
4. Transportation & temporary storage of household goods (part 302-7 of this chapter).	4. Use of a relocation services company (part 302-12 of this chapter).

TABLE A—TRANSFER BETWEEN OFFICIAL STATIONS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS)—Continued

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
5. Extended storage of household goods (part 302-8 of this chapter) ¹ .	5. Property management services (part 302-15 of this chapter).
6. Transportation of a mobile home or boat used as a primary residence in lieu of the transportation of household goods (part 302-10 of this chapter) ² .	6. Home marketing incentives (part 302-14 of this chapter).
7. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter).	

¹ **Note to Column 1, Item 5:** Only when assigned to a designated isolated official station in CONUS.

² **Note to Column 1, Item 6:** Mobile homes may be shipped within CONUS, within Alaska, and through Canada en route between Alaska and CONUS or through Canada between one CONUS point and another (e.g., between Buffalo, NY, and Detroit, MI).

TABLE B—TRANSFER FROM CONUS TO AN OFFICIAL STATION OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (OCONUS)

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
1. Transportation & per diem for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter).	1. Temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE) when transfer is to a non-foreign area. In foreign areas you may be entitled to the following under the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) (Government Civilians-Foreign Areas): (a) A Foreign Transfer Allowance (FTA) for quarters occupied temporarily before departure from the 50 states or the District of Columbia for an official station in a foreign area incident to a permanent change of station and travel to first official station overseas. (b) Temporary quarters subsistence allowance (TQSA).
2. Miscellaneous expense allowance (part 302-16 of this chapter).	2. Property management services (part 302-15 of this chapter).
3. Transportation & temporary storage of household goods (part 302-7 of this chapter).	3. Shipment of a privately owned vehicle (part 302-9 of this chapter).
4. Extended storage of household goods (part 302-8 of this chapter).	4. Use of a relocation services company (part 302-12 of this chapter).
5. Sell & buy residence transaction expenses or lease termination expenses when transfer is to a non-foreign area (part 302-11 of this chapter).	5. Home marketing incentives when transfer is to a non-foreign area (part 302-14 of this chapter).
6. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter).	6. Househunting per diem & transportation, employee & spouse only when transfer is to a non-foreign area (part 302-5 of this chapter).

TABLE C—TRANSFER FROM OCONUS OFFICIAL STATION TO AN OFFICIAL STATION IN CONUS

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
1. Transportation & per diem for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter).	1. Shipment of a privately owned vehicle (part 302-9 of this chapter).
2. Miscellaneous expense allowance (part 302-16 of this chapter).	2. Temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE) (part 302-6 of this chapter). ²
3. Sell & buy residence transaction expenses or lease termination expenses (part 302-11 of this chapter) ¹ .	3. Use of a relocation services company (part 302-12 of this chapter).
4. Transportation & temporary storage of household goods (part 302-7 of this chapter).	4. Home marketing incentives when transfer is from a non-foreign area (part 302-14 of this chapter).
5. Extended storage of household goods only when assigned to a designated isolated official station in CONUS (part 302-8 of this chapter).	
6. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter).	

¹ **Note to Column 1, Item 3:** Allowed when old and new official stations are located in the United States. Also allowed when instead of being returned to the former official station in the United States, an employee is transferred in the interest of the Government to a different official station in the United States than the official station from which transferred when assigned to the foreign official station.

² **Note to Column 2, Item 2:** A TQSA under the DSSR may be authorized preceding final departure subsequent to the necessary vacating of residence quarters.

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TABLE D—TRANSFER BETWEEN OCONUS OFFICIAL STATIONS

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation & per diem for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter). 2. Transportation & temporary storage of household goods (part 302-7 of this chapter). 3. Miscellaneous expense allowance (part 302-16 of this chapter). 4. Extended storage of household goods (part 302-8 of this chapter). 5. Sell & buy residence transaction expenses or lease termination expenses when transfer is between non-foreign areas (part 302-11 of this chapter). 6. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shipment of a privately owned vehicle (POV) (part 302-9 of this chapter). 2. Property management services (part 302-15 of this chapter). 3. Househunting per diem & transportation for employee & spouse only when transfer is between non-foreign areas (part 302-5 of this chapter). 4. Temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE) when transfer is to or between non-foreign areas (part 302-6 of this chapter).¹ 5. Use of a relocation services company (part 302-12 of this chapter). 6. Home marketing incentives when transfer is between non-foreign areas (part 302-14 of this chapter).

¹ **Note to Column 2, item 4:** TQSA may be authorized under the DSSR.

TABLE E—TOUR RENEWAL AGREEMENT TRAVEL

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter). 2. Per diem for employee only (part 302-4 of this chapter). 	

TABLE F—RETURN FROM OCONUS OFFICIAL STATION TO PLACE OF ACTUAL RESIDENCE FOR SEPARATION

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter). 2. Per diem for employee only (part 302-4 of this chapter) 3. Transportation & temporary storage of household goods (part 302-7 of this chapter). 4. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shipment of a privately owned vehicle (POV) (part 302-9 of this chapter). 2. Use of a relocation services company (part 302-12 of this chapter).

Note to Table F: This table also applies to an employee returning to the CONUS to transfer to a new duty station after completing a tour of duty OCONUS if relocation expenses have not been authorized to the new duty station. In that case, and unless otherwise agreed to, the employee is only eligible for return expenses from the OCONUS duty station to the employee's actual residence, payable by the losing agency.

TABLE G—LAST MOVE HOME FOR SES CAREER APPOINTEES UPON SEPARATION FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter). 2. Per diem for employee only (part 302-4 of this chapter) 3. Transportation & temporary storage of household goods (part 302-7 of this chapter). 4. Transportation of a mobile home or boat used as a primary residence in lieu of the transportation of household goods (part 302-10 of this chapter). 5. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shipment of privately owned vehicle (POV) (part 302-9, subpart B of this chapter). 2. Use of a relocation services company (part 302-12 of this chapter).

TABLE H—TEMPORARY CHANGE OF STATION (TCS)

Column 1—Relocation allowances that agency must pay or reimburse	Column 2—Relocation allowances that agency has discretionary authority to pay or reimburse
1. Transportation & per diem for employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter). 2. Miscellaneous expense allowance (part 302-16 of this chapter). 3. Transportation & temporary or extended storage of household goods (parts 302-7 and 302-8 of this chapter). 4. Transportation of a mobile home or boat used as a primary residence in lieu of the transportation of household goods (part 302-10 of this chapter). 5. Transportation of a privately owned vehicle (POV)(part 302-9 of this chapter). 6. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter).	1. Househunting trip expenses (part 302-5 of this chapter). 2. Temporary quarters subsistence expense (TQSE) (part 302-6 of this chapter). 3. Storage of one privately owned vehicle (POV) when assigned in support of a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 1482a (c)(2) (part 302-9 of this chapter). 4. Property management services (part 302-15 of this chapter).

TABLE I—ASSIGNMENT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TRAINING ACT

[5 U.S.C. 4109]¹

1. Transportation of employee & immediate family member(s) (part 302-4 of this chapter).
2. Per Diem for employee (part 302-4 of this chapter).
3. Movement of household goods & temporary storage (part 302-7 of this chapter).
4. Relocation income tax allowance (RITA) (part 302-17 of this chapter).

¹ **Note to Table I:** The allowances listed in Table I may be authorized in lieu of per diem or actual expense allowances. This is not considered a permanent change of station.

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Subpart C—Types of Transfers

RELOCATION OF TWO OR MORE EMPLOYED IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS

§ 302-3.200 When a member of my immediate family who is also an employee and I are transferring to the same official station, may we both receive allowances for relocation?

Yes, if you and an immediate family member(s) are both employees and are transferring to the same official station in the interest of the Government, the allowances under this chapter apply either to:

- (a) Each employee separately and the other is not eligible as an immediate family member(s); or
- (b) Only one of the employees considered as head of the household and the other is eligible as an immediate family member(s) on the first employee's TA.

§ 302-3.201 If my immediate family member and I both transfer to the same official station in the interest of the Government, may we both claim the same relocation expenses?

No, when separate allowances are authorized under this § 302-3.201, the employing agency or agencies shall not make duplicate reimbursement for the same claimed expenses.

§ 302-3.202 If my immediate family member and I both transfer to the same official station, may we both claim the same relocation allowances for the same non-employee family member?

No, when both you and your immediate family member transfer in the interest of the Government, you must provide your agency with the name(s) of non-employee family member(s) who will receive allowances under each of your TA. Only one of you may claim allowances for a non-employee member(s) of your immediate family (non-employee members may only be on one TA).