

Relocation Allowances

§ 302-3.410

§ 302-3.402 When am I eligible for a TCS?

You are eligible for a TCS when you are directed to perform a TCS at a long-term duty location, and you otherwise would be eligible for payment of temporary duty travel allowances authorized under chapter 301 of this title. For exceptions, see § 302-3.403.

§ 302-3.403 Who is not eligible for a TCS?

The following individuals are not eligible for a TCS:

- (a) A new appointee;
- (b) An employee assigned to or from a State or local Government under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5 U.S.C. 3372 *et seq.*);
- (c) An individual employed intermittently in the Government service as a consultant or expert and paid on a daily when-actually-employed (WAE) basis;
- (d) An individual serving without pay or at \$1 a year; or
- (e) An employee assigned under the Government Employees Training Act (5 U.S.C. 4109).

§ 302-3.404 Under what circumstances will my agency authorize a TCS?

Your agency will authorize a TCS when:

- (a) It is necessary to accomplish the mission of the agency effectively and economically, and
- (b) You are directed to perform a long-term assignment at another official station; or
- (c) Your agency otherwise could authorize temporary duty travel and pay travel allowances, including payment of subsistence expenses, under chapter 301 of this title for the long-term assignment; or
- (d) Your agency determines it would be more advantageous, cost and other factors considered, to authorize a long-term assignment; and
- (e) You meet any additional conditions your agency has established.

§ 302-3.405 If my agency authorizes a TCS, do I have the option of electing payment of per diem expenses under part 301-11 of this title?

No, you do not have the option of electing payment of per diem expenses

under part 301-11 of this title if your agency authorized a TCS.

§ 302-3.406 How long must my assignment be for me to qualify for a TCS?

To qualify for a TCS, your assignment must be not less than 6 months, nor more than 30 months.

§ 302-3.407 What is the effect on my TCS reimbursement if my assignment lasts less than 6 months?

Your agency may authorize a TCS only when a TCS is expected to last 6 months or more. If your assignment is cut short for reasons other than separation from Government service, you will be paid TCS expenses.

§ 302-3.408 What is the effect on my TCS reimbursement if my assignment lasts more than 30 months?

If your assignment exceeds 30 months, your agency:

- (a) Must permanently assign you to your temporary official station or return you to your previous official station;
- (b) May not pay for extended storage or property management services incurred after the last day of the thirtieth month; and
- (c) Must pay the expenses of returning you and your immediate family and household goods to your previous official station unless you are permanently assigned to your temporary official station.

§ 302-3.409 Is there any required minimum distance between an official station and a TCS location that must be met for me to qualify for a TCS?

No, there is no required minimum distance between an official station and a TCS location that must be met for you to qualify for a TCS. However, your agency may establish the area within which it will not authorize a TCS.

§ 302-3.410 Must I sign a service agreement to qualify for a TCS?

No, you do not need to sign a service agreement to qualify for a TCS.