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### Subpart A—General Rules

NOTE TO SUBPART A: Use of pronouns “I”, “you”, and their variants throughout this subpart refers to the employee, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 302-11.1 What is the purpose of an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with residence transactions?

The purpose of an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with residence transaction is to reimburse you when you transfer from an old official station to a new official station for expenses that you incur due to:

(a) The sale of one residence at your old official station, and/or the purchase of a residence at your new official station; or

(b) The settlement expenses for a lease which has not expired on your residence or mobile home lot which is used as your permanent residence at your old official station.

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#### § 302-11.2 Am I eligible to receive an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with my residence transactions?

(a) You must meet four basic conditions to be eligible to receive an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with your residence transactions:

(1) You must be transferring from one official station to another;

(2) Your relocation must be incidental to the transfer (*i.e.*, not for the convenience of the employee);

(3) Your relocation must meet the distance test conditions of § 302-2.6; and

(4) Your new official station must be within the United States.

(b) If you previously transferred from an official station in the United States to a foreign area and you are now transferring back to the United States, then, in addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, you must have completed the time period specified in your service agreement for your overseas tour of duty.

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#### **§ 302-11.3 Must I sign a service agreement before receiving residence transaction allowances?**

Yes, you must sign a service agreement before receiving residence transaction allowances.

#### **§ 302-11.4 Who is not eligible to receive an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with residence transactions?**

You are not eligible to receive an allowance for expenses incurred in connection with residence transactions under this subpart if you are:

- (a) A new appointee; or
- (b) An employee assigned under the Government Employees Training Act (5 U.S.C. 4109).

#### **§ 302-11.5 To be reimbursed for expenses incurred in my residence transactions, must I occupy the residence at the time I am notified of my transfer?**

Yes, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in your residence transactions, you must occupy the residence at the time you are notified of your transfer, unless your transfer is from a foreign area to an official station within the United States other than the one you left when you transferred out of the United States, as specified in § 302-11.2(b).

#### **§ 302-11.6 For which expenses will I be reimbursed if I qualify for a residence transaction expense allowance?**

If you qualify for a residence transaction expense allowance, you may be reimbursed for the:

- (a) Expenses of selling your old residence and purchasing a new residence in the United States; or
- (b) Settlement of an unexpired lease at your old official station in the United States from which transferred to another official station in the United States or when assigned to a foreign post of duty; and
- (c) Expenses of purchasing a new residence in the United States upon return to the United States upon completion of the foreign tour of duty and the return is to a different official station, and is 50 miles distance from the official station which you transferred from.

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#### **§ 302-11.7 When are expenses for my settlement of an unexpired lease reimbursable?**

When your unexpired lease (including month to month) is for residence quarters at your old official station, you may be reimbursed for settlement expenses for an unexpired lease, including but not limited to broker's fees for obtaining a sublease or charges for advertising if:

- (a) Applicable laws or the terms of the lease provide for payment of settlement expenses; or
- (b) Such expenses cannot be avoided by sublease or other arrangement; or
- (c) You have not contributed to the expenses by failing to give appropriate lease termination notice promptly after you have definite knowledge of your transfer; or
- (d) The broker's fees or advertising charges are not in excess of those customarily charged for comparable services in that locality.

#### **§ 302-11.8 Must I sell a residence at the old official station to be eligible to purchase a residence at the new official station?**

No, you do not have to sell the residence at your old official station to be eligible for residence purchase transactions at your new official station.

#### TIME LIMITATIONS

#### **§ 302-11.21 How long do I have to submit my claim for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with my residence transactions?**

Your claim for reimbursement should be submitted to your agency as soon as possible after the transaction occurred. However, the settlement dates for the sale and purchase or lease termination transactions for which reimbursement is requested must occur not later than 1 year after the day you report for duty at your new official station. (See § 302-11.23.)

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#### **§ 302-11.22 May the 1-year time limitation be extended by my agency?**

Yes, your agency may extend the 1-year limitation for up to one additional

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year for reasons beyond your control and acceptable to your agency.

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### **§ 302–11.23 When must I request to have my initial time period extended?**

To have your initial time period extended, you must submit a request to your agency not later than 30 calendar days after the expiration date unless this 30-day period is specifically extended by your agency.

## **Subpart B—Title Requirements**

### **§ 302–11.100 For which residence may I receive reimbursement for under this subpart?**

You may receive reimbursement for the one residence from which you regularly commute to and from work on a daily basis and which was your residence at the time you were officially notified by competent authority to transfer to a new official station.

### **§ 302–11.101 Must the title to the property for which I am requesting an allowance for residence transactions be in my name?**

The title to the property for which you are requesting an allowance for residence transaction must be:

- (a) Solely in your name; or
- (b) Solely in the name of one or more of your immediate family members; or
- (c) Jointly in your name and in the name of one or more of your immediate family members.

### **§ 302–11.102 How will the Government determine who holds title to my property?**

The Government will determine who holds title to your property based on:

- (a) Whose name(s) actually appears on your title document (e.g., the deed); or
- (b) Who holds equitable title interest in your property as specified in § 302–11.105.

### **§ 302–11.103 How will I be reimbursed if I or a member of my immediate family do not hold full title to the property for which I am requesting reimbursement?**

If you or a member of your immediate family do not hold full title to

the property for which you are requesting reimbursement, you will be reimbursed on a pro rata basis to the extent of your actual title interest plus your equitable title interest in the residence.

### **§ 302–11.104 When must I and/or a member(s) of my immediate family have acquired title interest in my residence to be eligible for the allowance for expenses incurred in connection with the sale of my residence?**

To be eligible for the allowance for expenses incurred in connection with the sale of your residence, you and/or a member(s) of your immediate family must have acquired title or equitable title interest in the residence as illustrated in the following table:

Type of transfer	Date
1. Between official stations in the United States.	1. Prior to the date first notified of the transfer.
2. Returning from completion of any foreign tour of duty to a different official station in the United States, which is 50 miles distance from the official station from which transferred to the foreign official station.	2. Prior to the date notified that you would be transferred to a different location in the United States, which is 50 miles distance from the official station you transferred from the foreign area.

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### **§ 302–11.105 How is it determined if I hold “equitable title interest” in my residence?**

“Equitable title interest” in your residence is determined by your agency if:

- (a) The title is held in trust, and:
  - (1) The property is your residence;
  - (2) You and/or a member(s) of your immediate family are the only beneficiary(ies) of the trust during either of your lifetimes;
  - (3) You and/or a member(s) of your immediate family retain the right to distribute the property during your lifetimes;
  - (4) You and/or a member(s) of your immediate family retain the right to manage the property;
  - (5) You and/or a member(s) of your immediate family are the only grantor/settlor of the trust, or retain the right to direct distribution of the property upon dissolution of the trust or death; and