

Subpart E—Agency Responsibilities

NOTE TO SUBPART E: Use of pronouns “we”, “you”, and their variants throughout this subpart refers to the agency.

§ 302–11.400 What policies and procedures must we establish?

You must establish internal policies and procedures to implement this part.

§ 302–11.401 Under what conditions may we authorize or approve a residence transaction expense allowance?

You may authorize or approve a residence transaction expense allowance when an employee is performing a permanent change of station in the interest of the Government and has signed a service agreement (other than a new appointee or an employee assigned under the Government Employees Training Act (5 U.S.C. 4109.); and

- (a) The old and new official stations are located in the United States; or
- (b) The employee has completed an agreed upon tour of duty overseas and is returning to the United States to an official station that is at least 50 miles away from the employees last official station in the United States; or
- (c) When the employee has been permanently assigned to a temporary official station.

§ 302–11.402 Who is not eligible to receive residence transaction expense allowances?

The following are not eligible to receive residence transaction expense allowances:

- (a) New appointees; and
- (b) Employees assigned under the Government Employee’s Training Act (5 U.S.C. 4109).

§ 302–11.403 What policies must we establish before accepting documentation from an employee for reimbursement of residence transaction expenses?

You must establish policies that will define what documentation is acceptable from an employee when requesting reimbursement of residence transaction expenses.

§ 302–11.404 What controls must we establish for paying allowances for expenses incurred in connection with residence transactions?

When paying allowances for expenses incurred in connection with residence transactions, you must:

- (a) Determine who will authorize and approve residence transactions expenses on the employee’s travel authorization;
- (b) Determine who will review applications for reimbursement of residence transaction expenses;
- (c) Determine who will authorize extensions beyond the 1-year limitation for completing sales and purchase or lease termination transactions, under §§ 302–11.420 and 302–11.421;
- (d) Prescribe a claim application form which meets your internal administrative requirements;
- (e) Require employees to submit a travel claim with appropriate documentation to support the payment of the expenses claimed, which must include as a minimum:
 - (1) The sales agreement,
 - (2) The purchase agreement,
 - (3) Property settlement documents,
 - (4) Loan closing statements, and
 - (5) Invoices or receipts for other bills paid; and
- (f) Require employees to submit travel claims to the employee’s old official station for review and approval of the claim unless agency review and approval functions are performed elsewhere except as provided in § 302–11.405.

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§ 302–11.405 Which agency must review and approve the employee’s application when the employee transfers between agencies?

The hiring agency in the locality of the employee’s old official station must review and approve the employee’s application when the employee transfers between agencies, unless the hiring agency does not have an appropriate installation there. In that case, the losing agency at the old official station must review and approve the expenses.