

Relocation Allowances

§ 302-6.202

NOTE 1 TO §302-6.101: Under TQSE-AE, separate amounts for temporary quarters lodging and M&IE may be combined to produce a single maximum daily amount to allow some of the M&IE rate to offset the lodging cost. Examples of TQSE calculations are published in an FTR bulletin at <https://gsa.gov/ftrbulletins>.

NOTE 2 TO §302-6.101: That is, when your spouse or domestic partner necessarily occupies temporary quarters in lieu of yourself or in a location separate from you.

§ 302-6.102 What am I paid under the TQSE-LS reimbursement method?

(a) For you or your unaccompanied spouse or domestic partner (see Note 1 to §302-6.102), if you are receiving a lump sum for TQSE, multiply the number of days (up to 30 days) your agency authorizes TQSE-LS by 75 percent of the applicable per diem rate (see §302-6.23) for the locality at the old or new official station or combination thereof, wherever temporary quarters will be occupied.

(b) For each member of your immediate family (excluding your unaccompanied spouse or domestic partner), multiply the same number of days by 25 percent of the same per diem rate, as referenced in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Your lump sum payment will be the sum of the calculations in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

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§ 302-6.103 May my agency reduce my TQSE allowance below the “maximum allowable amount”?

Yes, if the estimated daily amount of your TQSE is determined in advance to be lower than the maximum daily amount, your agency may reduce the maximum allowable amount to your expected expenses provided the new applicable amount is annotated on the relocation authorization before you occupy temporary quarters. However, see §302-6.30 regarding househunting trips.

Subpart C—Agency Responsibilities

NOTE 1 TO SUBPART C: Use of pronouns “we”, “you”, and their variants throughout this subpart refers to the agency.

§ 302-6.200 How should we administer the TQSE allowance?

Temporary quarters should be authorized only if, and only for as long as necessary until the employee and the employee’s immediate family can move into permanent residence quarters. You must administer the TQSE allowance to minimize or avoid other relocation expenses.

§ 302-6.201 What governing policies must we establish for the TQSE allowance?

You must establish policies and procedures governing:

(a) When you will authorize temporary quarters for employees;

(b) Who will determine if temporary quarters is appropriate in each situation;

(c) What method of TQSE will be authorized;

(d) Who will determine the appropriate period of time for which TQSE reimbursement will be authorized, including approval of extensions and interruptions of temporary quarters occupancy;

(e) Who will determine whether quarters were indeed temporary; and

(f) Who will determine, and in what instances, to issue the authorizations at §302-6.24, including a blanket authorization for actual expenses.

§ 302-6.202 Under what circumstances may we authorize the TQSE allowance?

You may authorize a TQSE allowance on an individual-case basis when use of temporary quarters is justified in connection with an employee’s transfer to a new official station, including upon assignment to a temporary official station and permanent assignment to a temporary official station. You may not authorize a TQSE allowance for vacation purposes or other reasons unrelated to the transfer.