

Relocation Allowances

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equitably for subsistence expenses incurred when it is necessary to occupy temporary quarters incident to an official relocation or temporary change of station.

§ 302-6.3 What are “temporary quarters”?

The term “temporary quarters” refers to lodging obtained for the purpose of temporary occupancy from a private or commercial source incident to an official relocation or temporary change of station.

§ 302-6.4 Am I eligible for a TQSE allowance?

You are eligible for a TQSE allowance if you are an employee who is authorized to transfer to a new official station, including upon assignment to a temporary official station (see FTR 302-3.413(b)) and permanent assignment to a temporary official station (see FTR 302-3.427(e)); and

(a) Your new official station is located within the United States; and

(b) Your old and new official stations are at least 50 miles apart (as measured by map distance) via a usually traveled surface route; and

(c) Your new official station meets the 50-mile distance test (see § 302-2.6(a)).

§ 302-6.5 Who is not eligible for a TQSE allowance?

(a) New appointees;

(b) Employees assigned under the Government Employees Training Act (5 U.S.C. 4109);

(c) Senior Executive Service (SES) employees making their last move home for the purpose of separation from Government service;

(d) Employees returning from an overseas assignment for the purpose of separation from Government service; and

(e) Employees who were granted a waiver to the 50-mile distance test under § 302-2.6(b).

§ 302-6.6 Am I eligible for a TQSE allowance if I transfer to or from a foreign area?

(a) You may not receive a TQSE allowance under this part when you transfer to a foreign area. However,

you may qualify for a comparable allowance under the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas) (see § 302-3.101 of this chapter).

(b) You may receive a TQSE allowance under this part when you transfer from a foreign area and occupy temporary quarters in the United States. You may also be authorized a comparable allowance, prescribed by the Department of State, at the foreign area preceding final departure subsequent to the necessary vacating of residence quarters (see § 302-3.101 of this chapter).

§ 302-6.7 Must my agency authorize payment of a TQSE allowance?

No, TQSE is a discretionary allowance. Your agency determines whether it is in the Government’s interest to pay TQSE.

§ 302-6.8 Under what circumstances will I receive a TQSE allowance?

You will receive a TQSE allowance if:

(a) Your agency authorizes it before you occupy the temporary quarters;

(b) Your relocation authorization specifies the TQSE method and the number of days allowed for you to receive TQSE;

(c) You have signed a service agreement; and

(d) You meet any additional conditions your agency has established.

§ 302-6.9 Who may occupy temporary quarters at Government expense?

Only you and/or your immediate family, as annotated on the relocation authorization, may occupy temporary quarters at Government expense.

§ 302-6.10 Where may I/we occupy temporary quarters at Government expense?

You and/or your immediate family may occupy temporary quarters in the United States at Government expense within reasonable proximity (approximately 50 miles) of the geographical area of your old and/or new official stations. Neither you nor your immediate family may be reimbursed for occupying temporary quarters at any other