

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****41 CFR Chapter 301**

[FTR Amendment 110]

RIN 3090-AH73

**Federal Travel Regulation; Maximum
Per Diem Rates for Indiana, Kansas,
Minnesota, Missouri, and Pennsylvania**

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to improve the ability of the *per diem* rates to meet the lodging demands of Federal travelers to high cost travel locations. GSA has integrated the contracting mechanism of the new Federal Premier Lodging Program (FPLP) into the *per diem* rate-setting process. An analysis of FPLP contracting actions and the lodging rate survey data reveals that the maximum *per diem* rate for the State of Indiana, city of Indianapolis, including Marion County and Fort Benjamin Harrison; State of Kansas, cities of Kansas City/Overland Park, including Wyandotte and Johnson Counties; State of Minnesota, cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, including Hennepin County and Fort Snelling Military Reservation and Navy Astronautics Group (Detachment BRAVO), and Ramsey County; State of Missouri, city of Kansas City, including Jackson and Clay Counties and Kansas City International Airport, and city of Platte, including Platte County (except Kansas City International Airport); and State of Pennsylvania, cities of King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, including Montgomery County, and city of Philadelphia, including Philadelphia County, should be changed to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' lodging expenses covered by the *per diem*. This final rule amends the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2002, by changing the maximum lodging amounts in the prescribed areas. It also eliminates seasonal rates for the cities of King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

DATES: This final rule is effective November 8, 2002, and applies to travel performed on or after that date.

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Garner, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Travel Management Policy, at (202) 501-4857. Please cite FTR Amendment 110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

In the past, properties in high cost travel areas have been under no obligation to provide lodging to Federal travelers at the prescribed *per diem* rate. Thus, GSA established the FPLP to contract directly with properties in high cost travel markets to make available a set number of rooms to Federal travelers at contract rates. FPLP contract results along with the lodging survey data are integrated together to determine reasonable *per diem* rates that more accurately reflect lodging costs in these areas. In addition, the FPLP will enhance the Government's ability to better meet its overall room night demand and allow travelers to find lodging close to where they need to conduct business. After an analysis of this additional data, the maximum lodging amounts published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2002 (67 FR 56160), are being changed in Indianapolis, Indiana; Kansas City/Overland Park, Kansas; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Kansas City and Platte, Missouri; and King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

B. Executive Order 12866

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule is not required to be published in the **Federal Register** for notice and comment; therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, does not apply.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FTR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or the collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

**E. Small Business Regulatory
Enforcement Fairness Act**

This final rule is also exempt from congressional review prescribed under 5

U.S.C. 801 since it relates solely to agency management and personnel.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Chapter 301

Government employees, Travel and transportation expenses.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Stephen A. Perry,

Administrator of General Services.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, under 5 U.S.C. 5701-5709, GSA amends 41 CFR chapter 301 as set forth below:

**CHAPTER 301—TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY)
TRAVEL ALLOWANCES**

1. Amend the table in appendix A to chapter 301 as follows:

a. Under the State of Indiana, city of Indianapolis, including Marion County and Fort Benjamin Harrison, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "70" and adding "83" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "116" and adding "129" in its place;

b. Under the State of Kansas, cities of Kansas City/Overland Park, including Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "85" and adding "84" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "127" and adding "126" in its place;

c. Under the State of Minnesota, cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, including Hennepin County and Ft. Snelling Military Reservation and Navy Astronautics Group (Detachment BRAVO), and Ramsey County, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "95" and adding "110" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "145" and adding "160" in its place;

d. Under the State of Missouri, city of Kansas City, including Jackson and Clay Counties and Kansas City International Airport, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "85" and adding "84" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "131" and adding "130" in its place;

e. Under the State of Missouri, city of Platte, including Platte County (except Kansas City International Airport), amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "61" and adding "84" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "99" and adding "122" in its place;

f. Amend the entry under the State of Pennsylvania, cities of King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, including Montgomery County, by removing the two rows of season rates and adding "124" under maximum lodging amount; "46" under M&IE rate; and "170" under maximum *per diem* rate; and

g. Under the State of Pennsylvania, city of Philadelphia, including Philadelphia County, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "118" and adding "124" in its place;

and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "168" and adding "174" in its place.

The revised pages containing the amendments to the table set forth above read as follows:

**Appendix A to Chapter 301—
Prescribed Maximum Per Diem Rates
for CONUS**

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| Per diem locality: | Maximum lodging amount (room rate only—no taxes) (a) | + | M&IE rate (b) | = | Maximum per diem rate ⁴ (c) |
|-----------------------|--|---|---------------|---|--|
| Key city ¹ | County and/or other defined location ^{2, 3} | | | | |

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|-----------------------------|---|-----|----|--|-----|
| (April 16-December 14)) | | 59 | 34 | | 93 |
| GEORGIA | | | | | |
| Albany | Dougherty | 57 | 38 | | 95 |
| Athens | Clarke | 69 | 38 | | 107 |
| Atlanta | Fulton | 112 | 42 | | 154 |
| Clayton County | Clayton | 89 | 34 | | 123 |
| Cobb County | Cobb | 112 | 42 | | 154 |
| Columbus | Muscogee | 63 | 38 | | 101 |
| Conyers | Rockdale | 69 | 38 | | 107 |
| DeKalb County | DeKalb | 112 | 42 | | 154 |
| Dublin | Laurens | 57 | 34 | | 91 |
| Gwinnett County | Gwinnett | 69 | 42 | | 111 |
| Savannah | Chatham | 89 | 42 | | 131 |
| IDAHO | | | | | |
| Boise | Ada | 61 | 42 | | 103 |
| Coeur d'Alene | Kootenai | 56 | 38 | | 94 |
| Ketchum | Blaine (except Sun Valley) | | | | |
| (May 1-November 30) | | 84 | 42 | | 126 |
| (December 1-April 30) | | 74 | 42 | | 116 |
| McCall | Valley | 62 | 42 | | 104 |
| Sun Valley | City limits of Sun Valley (see Blaine County) | 149 | 42 | | 191 |
| ILLINOIS | | | | | |
| Aurora | Kane (except Elgin) | 66 | 34 | | 100 |
| Chicago | Cook and Lake | 155 | 50 | | 205 |
| Du Page County | Du Page | 89 | 42 | | 131 |
| Elgin | City limits of Elgin (see Kane County) | 60 | 34 | | 94 |
| Rockford | Winnebago | 60 | 34 | | 94 |
| INDIANA | | | | | |
| Carmel | Hamilton | 65 | 42 | | 107 |
| Ft. Wayne | Allen | 58 | 34 | | 92 |
| Indianapolis | Marion County; Fort Benjamin Harrison | 83 | 46 | | 129 |
| Lafayette | Tippecanoe | 59 | 34 | | 93 |
| Michigan City | La Porte | 65 | 38 | | 103 |
| Nashville | Brown | | | | |
| (April 1-November 15) | | 75 | 42 | | 117 |
| (November 16-March 31) | | 59 | 42 | | 101 |
| South Bend | St. Joseph | 61 | 38 | | 99 |
| Valparaiso/Burlington Beach | Porter | 89 | 38 | | 127 |
| IOWA | | | | | |
| Cedar Rapids | Linn | 60 | 30 | | 90 |
| Des Moines | Polk | 67 | 34 | | 101 |
| KANSAS | | | | | |
| Kansas City/Overland Park | Wyandotte and Johnson | 84 | 42 | | 126 |
| Wichita | Sedgwick | 59 | 42 | | 101 |

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| Midland | Midland | 72 | 38 | 110 |
| Mount Pleasant | Isabella | 65 | 38 | 103 |
| Muskegon | Muskegon | | | |
| (May 1-August 31) | | 79 | 34 | 113 |
| (September 1-April 30) | | 59 | 34 | 93 |
| Ontonagon | Ontonagon | 65 | 34 | 99 |
| Petoskey | Emmet | | | |
| (June 1-October 31) | | 65 | 42 | 107 |
| (November 1- May 31) | | 55 | 42 | 97 |
| Pontiac/Troy/Auburn Hills | Oakland | 94 | 42 | 136 |
| Sault Ste Marie | Chippewa | | | |
| (May 15-October 15) | | 63 | 38 | 101 |
| (October 16-May 14) | | 55 | 38 | 93 |
| South Haven | Van Buren | 76 | 38 | 114 |
| Traverse City | Grand Traverse | 125 | 46 | 171 |
| Warren | Macomb | 79 | 38 | 117 |
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| MINNESOTA | | | | |
| Anoka County | Anoka | 65 | 38 | 103 |
| Dakota County | Dakota | 80 | 38 | 118 |
| Duluth | St. Louis | | | |
| (June 1-October 31) | | 85 | 42 | 127 |
| (November 1-May 31) | | 56 | 42 | 98 |
| Minneapolis/St. Paul | Hennepin County and Fort Snelling Military Reservation and Navy Astronautics Group (Detachment BRAVO), and Ramsey County | 110 | 50 | 160 |
| Rochester | Olmsted | 73 | 38 | 111 |
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| MISSISSIPPI | | | | |
| Bay St. Louis | Hancock | | | |
| (April 1-October 31) | | 69 | 38 | 107 |
| (November 1-March 31) | | 55 | 38 | 93 |
| Biloxi/Gulfport | Harrison | 61 | 42 | 103 |
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| Robinsonville | Tunica | 59 | 34 | 93 |
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| MISSOURI | | | | |
| Branson | Taney | | | |
| (April 1-December 31) | | 62 | 38 | 100 |
| (January 1-March 31) | | 55 | 38 | 93 |
| Hannibal | Marion | 57 | 34 | 91 |
| Jefferson City | Cole | 60 | 34 | 94 |
| Kansas City | Jackson, Clay and Kansas City International Airport | 84 | 46 | 130 |
| Osage Beach | Camden | 89 | 34 | 123 |
| Platte | Platte (except Kansas City International Airport) | 84 | 38 | 122 |
| Springfield | Greene | 63 | 34 | 97 |
| St. Louis | St. Louis and St. Charles | 90 | 50 | 140 |
| St. Robert/Ft. Leonardwood | Pulaski | 74 | 34 | 108 |
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| Geneva | Ashtabula | 59 | 38 | 97 |
| Hamilton | Butler | 59 | 38 | 97 |
| Lancaster | Fairfield | 66 | 34 | 100 |
| Port Clinton/Oak Harbor | Ottawa | | | |
| (June 1-September 5) | | 95 | 38 | 133 |
| (September 6-May 31) | | 69 | 38 | 107 |
| Sandusky | Eric | | | |
| (May 1-September 5) | | 85 | 42 | 127 |
| (September 6-April 30) | | 55 | 42 | 97 |
| Toledo | Lucas | 69 | 34 | 103 |
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| OKLAHOMA | | | | |
| Oklahoma City | Oklahoma | 65 | 42 | 107 |
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| OREGON | | | | |
| Ashland | Jackson | 59 | 46 | 105 |
| Beaverton | Washington | 59 | 42 | 101 |
| Bend | Deschutes | | | |
| (June 1-September 30) | | 69 | 42 | 111 |
| (October 1-May 31) | | 59 | 42 | 101 |
| Clackamas | Clackamas | 66 | 38 | 104 |
| Crater Lake | Klamath | 74 | 34 | 108 |
| Eugene | Lane (except Florence) | 62 | 42 | 104 |
| Florence | City limits of Florence (see Lane County) | 80 | 38 | 118 |
| Gold Beach | Curry | 58 | 34 | 92 |
| Lincoln City/Newport | Lincoln | 65 | 38 | 103 |
| Portland | Multnomah | 91 | 42 | 133 |
| Seaside | Clatsop | | | |
| (July 1-August 31) | | 79 | 38 | 117 |
| (September 1-June 30) | | 59 | 38 | 97 |
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| PENNSYLVANIA | | | | |
| Allentown | Lehigh | 62 | 34 | 96 |
| Chester/Radnor/Essington | Delaware (except Wayne) | 75 | 38 | 113 |
| Easton | Northampton | 69 | 34 | 103 |
| Eric | Eric | 65 | 34 | 99 |
| Gettysburg | Adams | | | |
| (May 1-October 31) | | 82 | 38 | 120 |
| (November 1-April 30) | | 55 | 38 | 93 |
| Harrisburg | Dauphin (except Hershey) | 79 | 46 | 125 |
| Hershey | City limits of Hershey (see Dauphin County) | | | |
| (June 1-September 15) | | 125 | 42 | 167 |
| (September 16-May 31) | | 55 | 42 | 97 |
| King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd | Montgomery | 124 | 46 | 170 |
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| Lancaster | Lancaster | | | |
| (May 1-October 31) | | 70 | 42 | 112 |
| (November 1-April 30) | | 60 | 42 | 102 |
| Malvern/Downington/Valley Forge | Chester | 83 | 42 | 125 |

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| Mechanicsburg | Cumberland | 74 | 34 | 108 |
| Philadelphia | Philadelphia | 124 | 50 | 174 |
| Pittsburgh | Allegheny | 79 | 46 | 125 |
| Reading | Berks | 75 | 42 | 117 |
| Scranton | Lackawanna | 60 | 34 | 94 |
| Warminster | Bucks County; Naval Air Development Center | 75 | 38 | 113 |
| Wayne | City limits of Wayne (see Delaware County) | 100 | 46 | 146 |
| RHODE ISLAND | | | | |
| East Greenwich | Kent County; Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville | 79 | 42 | 121 |
| Newport | Newport | | | |
| (April 1-December 31) | | 111 | 46 | 157 |
| (January 1-March 31) | | 79 | 46 | 125 |
| North Kingstown | Washington | 89 | 30 | 119 |
| Providence | Providence | 89 | 46 | 135 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | |
| Aiken | Aiken | 65 | 34 | 99 |
| Charleston/Berkeley County | Charleston and Berkeley | 106 | 42 | 148 |
| Columbia | Richland | 65 | 34 | 99 |
| Greenville | Greenville | 65 | 42 | 107 |
| Hilton Head | Beaufort | | | |
| (March 15-September 30) | | 95 | 46 | 141 |
| (October 1-March 14) | | 75 | 46 | 121 |
| Myrtle Beach | Horry County; Myrtle Beach AFB | | | |
| (March 1-November 30) | | 99 | 46 | 145 |
| (December 1-February 28) | | 59 | 46 | 105 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | | | | |
| Custer | Custer | | | |
| (June 15-August 19) | | 70 | 34 | 104 |
| (August 20-June 14) | | 55 | 34 | 89 |
| Hot Springs | Fall River | | | |
| (June 15-October 15) | | 108 | 34 | 142 |
| (October 16-June 14) | | 79 | 34 | 113 |
| Rapid City | Pennington | | | |
| (May 15-September 30) | | 99 | 34 | 133 |
| (October 1-May 14) | | 55 | 34 | 89 |
| Sturgis | Meade | | | |
| (June 15-August 15) | | 79 | 30 | 109 |
| (August 16-June 14) | | 55 | 30 | 85 |
| TENNESSEE | | | | |
| Alcoa/Townsend | Blount | 63 | 34 | 97 |
| Gatlinburg | Sevier | | | |
| (May 1-October 31) | | 78 | 42 | 120 |
| (November 1-April 30) | | 70 | 42 | 112 |
| Memphis | Shelby | 75 | 42 | 117 |
| Murfreesboro | Rutherford | 57 | 34 | 91 |

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