

Computing Per Diem for PCS when Crossing the International Date Line (IDL) Traveling in a Westward Direction (JTR, par. 0503)

Note: Rates used in these examples may not be current and are for illustrative purposes only. These examples illustrate the per diem for the Service member. See JTR par. 050303 for per diem for dependents.

Scenario 1: A traveler departs the old PDS (Quantico, VA) heading west on August 18 and arrives at the new PDS (Camp Foster, Okinawa Japan) on August 20. When crossing the International Date Line (IDL) in a westward direction, the dates August 18 through August 19 are treated as 1 day for per diem computation purposes because the traveler did not arrive at the new PDS until August 20. This scenario assumes that there was no lodging required at the port of embarkation (POE) of Seattle, WA since the traveler arrived and departed the POE on 8/18. The new PDS' M&IE rate is \$116.

Itinerary Location	Date	M&IE Calculation	M&IE Allowed
Depart PDS <i>Crossed IDL-Westbound</i>	8/18	75% of \$116.00	\$87.00
<i>Crossed IDL-Westbound (Lost Day)</i>	8/19	No Per Diem	\$0.00
Arrive at new PDS	8/20	75% of \$116.00	\$87.00
Total Per Diem Allowance			\$174.00

Scenario 2: A traveler departs the old PDS (Quantico, VA) heading west on August 18 and arrives at the new PDS (Camp Foster, Okinawa Japan) on August 20 with an overnight stay at the port of embarkation (POE) of Seattle, WA. Since the traveler stayed overnight and lodging was required at the POE, per diem for August 18 is at the POE rate since that was the next official point where lodging was required. The second leg of travel began on August 19, therefore there is no "lost day" in this scenario. The POE's (Seattle, WA) per diem rate is \$311 (\$232/\$79) the new PDS' M&IE rate is \$116.

Itinerary Location	Date	Daily Lodging Cost	Lodging Calculation	Lodging Allowed	M&IE Calculation	M&IE Allowed	Total Per Diem
Depart PDS arrive at POE	8/18	\$232.00	1 Day x \$232.00	\$232.00	75% of \$79.00	\$59.25	\$291.25
Depart POE <i>Crossed IDL-Westbound</i>	8/19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$116.00	\$116.00
Arrive at new PDS	8/20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	75% of \$116.00	\$87.00	\$87.00
Total Per Diem Allowance				\$232.00		\$262.25	\$494.25