

Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Per Diem for Service Member and Dependents through Ports of Embarkation and Debarkation (JTR, par. 050303)

Scenario: A Service member, spouse, and 3 year-old dependent perform a PCS from Fort Benning, Georgia, to Vicenza, Italy. They depart Fort Benning on July 15, traveling 269 miles by privately owned vehicle to the port of embarkation at Savannah, Georgia. Savannah’s per diem rate is \$179 (\$118 for lodging and \$61 for meals and incidentals). They arrive at Savannah the evening of July 15 and paid \$225 for lodging at a hotel. According to the JTR, the Lodging Plus method is used, so although the Service member is authorized up to \$265.50, the reimbursement must be limited to the actual lodging cost of \$225. In this case MALT & lodging plus per diem are paid for the same day (July 15).

In this scenario, July 15 is a travel day because the family is driving to the port of embarkation that day, so the Service member is paid 75 percent of Savannah’s full per diem rate for meals and incidentals. The spouse is authorized 75 percent of the Service member’s payment. The 3 year-old dependent is authorized 50 percent of the Service member’s payment because the child is under 12 years old. For mileage, the Service member is paid a monetary allowance in lieu of transportation at the “other mileage rate” of 0.17 cents per mile. See the JTR, Table 5-4, Rule 4, and Table 5-6.

On July 16, the family boards a commercial flight to Vicenza. The per diem rate for Vicenza is \$233 (\$157 for lodging and \$93 for meals and incidentals). The Service member is paid Vicenza’s meal and incidental rate of \$93. The spouse is authorized 75 percent of the Service member’s payment and the child is authorized 50 percent of the Service member’s payment. See the JTR, Tables 5-5 and 5-6.

MALT Reimbursement					
269 miles x \$0.17 = \$45.73					
Service Member’s Per Diem					
Date	Lodging Allowance Calculation	Lodging Cost Incurred	M&IE Allowance	M&IE Payment	Total Per Diem Payments
7/15	$\$118 \times 1.0 = \118	\$118	\$61	$0.75 \times \$61 = \45.75	$\$118 + \$45.75 = \$163.75$
7/16	N/A	N/A	\$93	$0.75 \times \$93 = \69.75	= \$69.75
					$\$163.75 + \$69.75 = \mathbf{\$233.50}$
Spouse’s Per Diem					
Date	Lodging Allowance Calculation	Lodging Cost Incurred	M&IE Allowance	M&IE Payment	Total Per Diem Payments
7/15	$\$118 \times 0.75 = \88.50	\$88.50	\$45.75	$0.75 \times \$45.75 = \34.32	$\$88.50 + \$34.32 = \$122.82$
7/16	N/A	N/A	\$69.75	$0.75 \times \$69.75 = \52.32	= \$52.32
					$\$122.82 + \$52.32 = \mathbf{\$175.14}$
3-Year-Old Child’s Per Diem					
Date	Lodging Allowance Calculation	Lodging Cost Incurred	M&IE Allowance	M&IE Payment	Total Per Diem Payments
7/15	$\$118 \times 0.50 = \59	\$18.50	\$45.75	$0.50 \times \$45.75 = \22.88	$\$18.50 + \$22.88 = \$41.38$
7/16	N/A	N/A	\$69.75	$0.50 \times \$69.75 = \34.88	= \$34.88

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	$\$41.38 + \$34.88 = \mathbf{\$76.26}$
Total amount paid to the Service member	
$\$45.73 \text{ (MALT)} + \$233.50 \text{ (Service member)} + \$175.14 \text{ (spouse)} + \$76.26 \text{ (3 year old child)} = \mathbf{\$530.63}$	