

Awaiting Transportation Allowances during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) for Service Members (JTR, Section 0503)

Scenario: A Service member, his or her spouse, and one 3 year-old child, receive a permanent change of station (PCS) order from Fort Bragg, North Carolina (NC), to Ramstein Air Base (AB) in Germany.

On March 15, the Service member signs out of the unit at the old permanent duty station (PDS) and a moving company picks up household goods. The Service member and dependents remain at Fort Bragg for personal convenience. On March 20, the Service member receives an order that the PCS travel to the new PDS in Germany is delayed due to an emergency situation. The order-issuing official directs the Service member and dependents to remain at Fort Bragg until travel to Ramstein AB is allowed. This puts the Service member in an “awaiting transportation” status. On March 20, the Service member and dependents stay at a hotel suite for \$225 per night, and continue to stay in the suite until March 25. On the morning of March 25, the Service member receives orders to report to Pope Airfield, NC, that evening for air transportation to Ramstein AB. The locality M&IE rate for Ramstein AB is \$117.

In this example, for the days in an “awaiting transportation” status, lodging is paid by applying the “Lodging Plus” per diem method. The Service member with dependents is authorized \$327 per night for lodging (\$109 x 3), but only reimbursed for the actual cost of the room, \$225. Reimbursement for the meal and incidental expenses (M&IE) is calculated by applying the PCS reduction for dependents at a rate of 75 percent for dependents age 12 or older and 50 percent for dependents under age 12 (JTR, par. 050503 and Table 5-6).

Service Member					
Date	Lodging Allowance Calculation	Lodging Cost Incurred	M&IE Allowance	M&IE Payment	Total Per Diem Payments
3/20	$\$109 \times 1.0 = \109	\$109	\$56	$\$56 \times 0.75 = \42	$\$109 + \$42 = \$151$
3/21-3/24	$\$109 \times 1.0 = \109	4 days x \$109 = \$436	\$56	4 days x \$56 = \$224	$\$436 + \$224 = \$660$
3/25	N/A	N/A	\$117	$\$117 \times 0.75 = \87.75	$\$0 + \$87.75 = \$87.75$
					$\$151 + \$660 + \$87.75 = \mathbf{\$898.75}$
Spouse					
Date	Lodging Allowance Calculation	Lodging Cost Incurred	M&IE Allowance	M&IE Payment	Total Per Diem Payments
3/20	$\$109 \times 0.75 = \81.75	\$81.75	\$42	$\$42 \times 0.75 = \31.50	$\$81.75 + \$31.50 = \$113.25$
3/21-3/24	$\$109 \times 0.75 = \81.75	4 days x \$81.75 = \$327	\$42	4 days x \$42 = \$168	$\$327 + \$168 = \$495$
3/25	N/A	N/A	\$87.75	$\$87.75 \times 0.75 = \65.82	$\$0 + \$65.82 = \$65.82$
					$\$113.25 + \$495 + \$65.82 = \mathbf{\$674.07}$
Child Under 12 Years Old					
Date	Lodging Allowance Calculation	Lodging Cost Incurred	M&IE Allowance	M&IE Payment	Total Per Diem Payments
3/20	$\$109 \times 0.50 = \54.50	\$34.25	\$42	$\$42 \times 0.50 = \21	$\$34.25 + \$21 = \$55.25$

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3/21-3/24	$\$109 \times 0.50 = \54.50	4 days \times $\$34.25 = \137	\$56	4 days \times $\$56 \times 0.50 = \112	$\$137 + \$112 = \$249$
3/25	N/A	N/A	\$87.75	$\$87.75 \times 0.50 = \43.88	$\$0 + \$43.88 = \$43.88$
					$\$55.25 + \$249 + \$43.88 = \mathbf{\$348.13}$
Total amount paid to the Service member					
$\$898.75$ (Service member) + $\$674.07$ (Spouse) + $\$348.13$ (Child Under 12 Years Old) = $\\$1,920.95$					