

Computing Per Diem when POV is NOT Authorized to the Government's Advantage and Excess Travel Time is Involved due to Leave, Permissive Travel or an Administrative Absence (020302.A)

Scenario: A traveler is authorized travel by air for 2 travel days, September 4 and September 9, for round-trip travel between his or her permanent duty station (PDS) and a TDY location in the CONUS. The locality per diem rate at the TDY location is \$141 (\$85/\$56). The traveler chooses to travel by POV though it is *not* to the Government's advantage. Official mileage between the PDS and the TDY location is 790 miles. The traveler leaves the PDS on September 1 and drives 790 miles by POV, arriving on September 4. The actual lodging cost at the TDY location is \$60.00 a day. The current TDY mileage rate used in this example is \$0.535. He or she performs duty at the TDY location from September 5 to 8, 4 full days.

The traveler leaves the TDY location on September 9, staying at a stopover point 420 miles away for 1 night. He or she departs the stopover point on September 11, driving 370 miles to arrive at the PDS. The lodging cost on September 9 and 10 is not reimbursed because the stopover point on the return trip is not considered en route for authorized travel. The round-trip non-restricted government airfare (YCA, GSA contract city pair) cost is \$440.00. The Travel Management Company (TMC) fee is \$22.00. The transportation reimbursement for POV use is limited to \$462.00, the cost of the round-trip airfare and the TMC fee.

Note: For travel by POV to the Government's advantage, 1 day of travel is allowed for each 400 miles of travel. When the elapsed travel time is less than the authorized time, travel is limited to the elapsed time. The leave and liberty instruction for the traveler's Service determines whether to charge annual leave for excess travel time.

Itinerary Location (Per Diem Rate)	Date	Daily Lodging Cost	Lodging Calculation	Lodging Allowed	M&IE Calculation	M&IE Allowed	Total Per Diem
Departing the PDS and Traveling to the TDY Location							
Depart PDS	9/1	\$60.00	1 Day x \$60.00	\$60.00	75% of \$56.00	\$42.00	\$102.00
Arrive TDY Location (\$85/\$56)	9/4						
At TDY Location							
4 Full TDY Days	9/5-8	\$60.00	4 Days x \$60.00	\$240.00	4 Days x \$56.00	\$224.00	\$464.00
Departing TDY Location and Traveling to the Stopover Point							
Depart TDY Location	9/9	\$98.00	n/a	\$0.00	75% of \$56	\$42.00	\$42.00
Arrive Stopover Point	9/10				None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Departing the Stopover Point and Returning to the PDS							
Depart Stopover Point	9/11	None	n/a	\$0.00	None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arrive PDS	9/11						
Total Per Diem Allowance				\$300.00		\$364.00	\$608.00

Per Diem, Travel, and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC)

Reimbursement Computation - Cost Comparison

Date	Expense	Amount
Total Transportation by POV 9/1- 9/11	Roundtrip TDY mileage for 1580 miles	$790 \times 2 \times \$0.535 = \845.30
Total Transportation by Air 9/1- 9/11	Non-restricted Government Air Cost \$440.00 and TMC Fee \$22.00	$\$440.00 + \$22.00 = \$462.00$
Costs Allowed		Amount
Total Transportation Expense by Air – Traveler is reimbursed the lesser of the transportation cost by POV or air cost		\$462.00
Total Per Diem – Is constructed based on the travel time allowed for the authorize mode of transportation (air). In this example, the traveler is reimbursed one day of per diem on 9/9.		\$608.00
Total Per Diem (\$608.00) Plus Transportation (\$462.00)		$\\$462.00 + 608.00 = \\$1,070.00$