



Defense Travel Management Office



Allowances Overview

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Agenda

- DTMO Allowances Program Management Overview
- Allowance Programs
- Program Partners



DTMO and PDTATAC Merger

- The staff of the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) merged with the Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) on October 1, 2008, streamlining central management of commercial travel policy for the Department of Defense (DoD)
- The Allowances Branch and the Regulatory Implementation Team of DTMO are now responsible for the support previously handled by the PDTATAC Staff, and provide administrative and technical support to the Per Diem Committee in the areas of uniform travel, transportation and allowance regulations
- New web address: www.defensetravel.dod.mil



DTMO Allowances Program Management

Acquires data, performs analysis, and prescribes rates for:

- Overseas Cost of Living Allowance
- Overseas Housing Allowance
- CONUS Cost of Living Allowance
- Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)
- Per Diem rates for all Federal travelers for all locations that are within the United States but outside CONUS
- Currency Adjustments for Overseas Allowances



Program Partners

- All programs
 - Major Commands, country points of contact (POCs), and Military Advisory Panel
 - Each country has an allowance point of contact responsible for all allowance reporting & issues
 - Selected by the Senior Officer in country
- OCOLA
 - Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), Department of State (DoS), Defense Management Data Center (DMDC), RZI, Defense Commissary Agency (DECA), Army Air Force Exchanges Service, Navy Exchange, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- CCOLA
 - same as OCOLA, excluding the State Department
- OHA
 - DMDC, DFAS, DoS (Allowances Staff, Overseas Business Office, Embassies), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Per Diem Rates
 - MACOMS & POCs, DoS, outside agencies



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

- The Committee
 - Deputy Assistant Secretary level
 - Seven principals with Department of the Navy representing Navy and Marine Corps
- Service Staff levels
 - Military Advisory Panel (MAP) – one representative per each of the seven Services
 - Civilian Advisory Panel (CAP) – one representative per each DoD service plus one representative for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and DoD agencies



Governing Laws and Regulations

- Uniformed Service Members: Titles 37 & 10 of the U.S. Code (statute law)
 - Case law from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Defense Department Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) with some impact from the General Services Administration (GSA) Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA) and DoD (and non-DoD) policies in Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), Vol. 1
- Uniformed Service Members **ALWAYS** follow the JFTR Service regulations



Governing Laws and Regulations (continued)

- DoD Civilian Employees: Title 5 of the U.S. Code
 - Case law from GAO and GSA CBCA, GSA's Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), State's Standardized Regulations (DSSR), and DoD policies in Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Volume 2
- JFTR, Volume 1 is NOT applicable to DoD civilian employees
- The federal civilian employee follows the regulations of appropriated payment for travel (except for Fly America)
- Service regulations "supplement" the JTR but cannot authorize expenditures not allowed in the JTR

JFTR and JTR can be accessed at: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem>



Additional Information

- Website:

www.defensetravel.dod.mil

- Service points of contact:

www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/phdir.html

- Contact us: PDTATAC@dtmo.pentagon.mil

