

Our Enduring Duty to America's Service Members and Their Families

MAKING MOVES EASIER

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INITIATIVE: The Defense Department will continue to ease the burden of PCS moves by increasing the number of days service members and their families may spend in temporary lodging while they transition from their permanent residence at the old duty station to a permanent residence at the new duty station. The department will also initiate a study to review and evaluate household goods weight allowances for service members.

- › **WHAT IS IT?** This initiative directs DOD to work with interagency partners to:
 - ›› Increase the Temporary Lodging Expense, or TLE, allowance from a maximum 14 days to 21 days for CONUS moves
 - ›› Authorize Temporary Lodging Allowance, or TLA, for a period that ordinarily will not exceed 60 days when departing from an OCONUS permanent duty station
 - ›› Initiate a study on increasing the maximum weight allowance for shipment of household goods for the force
- › **WHAT DOES IT DO?** The change to TLE and TLA will authorize additional days of these allowances for service members and their families who occupy temporary lodging while transitioning to or from a permanent residence during a PCS move. The increase in the number of TLE days applies to service members and their families who occupy temporary lodging at old or new CONUS duty stations. For TLA, the increase in the number of days applies only when service members and their families are leaving an OCONUS duty station. The change simply aligns the number of days of TLA at departure from an OCONUS duty station with the standard number of days of TLA already available for eligible service members and their families upon arrival at an OCONUS duty station. The study will evaluate the sufficiency of the maximum weight allowances for shipment of household goods for the force to determine if any increases are necessary.
- › **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Service members on active duty and their families who are moving in conjunction with a PCS and who need to occupy temporary lodging at the new or old CONUS duty stations (for TLE), or the old OCONUS duty station (for TLA), are eligible. The study evaluating household goods weight allowances will encompass allowances applicable to enlisted service members and officers.
- › **WHEN WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?** Changes to TLE and TLA policies will be made as soon as possible in coordination with the eight uniformed services. The study's results will be available in 2025.

- > **HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM AUTHORIZED THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TLE OR TLA DAYS, AND HOW WILL I BE PAID?** Once the TLE and TLA policies are updated, service members will be able to find information on how the new policies may apply to them and their particular PCS moves in the following locations:
 - » Read the Joint Travel Regulations, Chapter 5 (with respect to current TLE policies): <https://media.defense.gov/2022/Jan/04/2002917147/-1/-1/1/JTR.PDF>.
 - » Read the DOD Financial Management Regulations, Volume 7A, Chapter 68 (regarding current TLA policies): https://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/current/07a/07a_68.pdf.
 - » Visit the local finance office for information and guidance.
 - » Consult with the chain of command for information and guidance.

Processes for payment of TLE or TLA have not changed. Service members should follow existing procedures for filing a claim for payment of TLE and/or TLA.