

## Temporary Lodging Expense

Temporary Lodging Expense can help your service members and families with partial reimbursement of costs for temporary lodging and meals due to a permanent change of station move.

- TLE is usually payable for up to 10 days for a PCS move within CONUS.
- TLE is available for up to five days for moves between CONUS and OCONUS locations.
- **As of September 2021, the secretary of defense directed a temporary extension of the authorized duration of TLE beyond 10 days for locations where housing shortages exist.**

### TLE extensions

- Your service secretaries can temporarily increase the period for up to 60 days when there is a housing shortage in a military housing area in a presidentially declared disaster area (ie COVID pandemic).
- The extension would apply to members of all eight uniformed services who PCS to a military housing area and cannot be applied to individuals or specific services.
- Extensions can only be granted based on a documented shortage of available housing appropriate for a service member's grade and dependency status.
- TLE extensions cannot be granted based on an increase in housing costs or lack of available housing within service members' current Basic Allowance for Housing rates.

### Requesting a TLE increase

The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee has published information on how installation commanders can request an increase in TLE for their military housing area at [https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Expedited\\_TLE\\_Extension\\_Approval\\_Process.pdf](https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Expedited_TLE_Extension_Approval_Process.pdf).

Local installation commanders must complete, document and certify the housing shortage using [https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/TLE\\_Extension\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/TLE_Extension_Request_Form.pdf) before making any requests. These requests must be coordinated with all services with service members stationed in the military housing area, including uniformed service members from the Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Certified requests, including all required documentation, should be submitted through command channels to the services' representatives to the Military Advisory Panel of the PDTATAC. Contact information for the MAP members can be found at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/perdiem/pdcContacts.pdf>.