

and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 481. Travel and transportation allowances: administrative provisions**

(a) For the administration of sections 474(a), (b), and (d)–(f), 474a, 475, 475a, 476(a)–(f), 477, 479, and 480 of this title, the Secretaries concerned shall prescribe regulations that are, as far as practicable, uniform for all of the uniformed services.

(b) In establishing the rates and kinds of allowances authorized by the sections of this title designated by subsection (a), the Secretaries concerned shall—

- (1) consider the average cost of common carrier transportation when prescribing a monetary allowance in place of transportation;
- (2) consider the current economic data on the cost of subsistence, including lodging and other necessary incidental expenses related thereto, when prescribing per diem rates and designating areas as high cost areas; and
- (3) consider the average cost of transportation and current economic data on the cost of subsistence, including lodging and other necessary incidental expenses relating thereto, when prescribing mileage allowances.

(c) The Secretaries concerned shall determine what constitutes a travel status for the purposes of the sections of this title designated by subsection (a).

(d) The Secretary concerned shall define the term “permanent station” for the purposes of the sections of this title designated by subsection (a). The definition shall include a shore station or the home yard or home port of a vessel to which a member of a uniformed service who is entitled to basic pay may be ordered. An authorized change in the home yard or home port of such a vessel is a change of permanent station.

(e) The regulations prescribed under this section shall cease to be in effect as of the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Pub. L. 87–649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 476, § 411; Pub. L. 89–26, § 1(5), May 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 96–343, § 5(b), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1126; Pub. L. 96–513, title V, § 516(12), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2938; Pub. L. 97–60, title I, § 122(b), Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 102–25, title VII, § 702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; renumbered § 481 and amended Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, § 631(d)(2), (e)(14), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463, 1465; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
411(a) .....	37:253(h).	Oct. 12, 1949, ch. 681, § 303(c) (10th sentence).
411(b) .....	37:253(f).	(f), (g), (h), 63 Stat. 814.
411(c) .....	37:253(g).	
411(d) .....	37:253(c) (10th sentence).	

In subsection (a), section 253(h) (provisos) of existing title 37 is omitted, since the regulations to which ref-

erence is made have been issued. The exceptions to sections 404(c) and 406(g) are inserted, since the source text for those subsections require regulations prescribed thereunder to be uniform.

In subsections (c) and (d), the words “for the purposes of the sections of this title designated by subsection (a) of this section” are inserted to clarify the coverage of the source statute.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112–239, § 1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112–81, § 631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, § 631(d)(2), renumbered section 411 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112–81, § 631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112–239, § 1076(a)(9), substituted “474” for “404”, “474a” for “404a”, “475” for “405”, “475a” for “405a”, “476” for “406”, “477” for “407”, “479” for “409”, and “480” for “410”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112–81, § 631(e)(14), added subsec. (e).

1991—Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 102–25 struck out “of this section” after “subsection (a)”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97–60 inserted reference to section 404a.

1980—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 96–343, § 5(b)(1), substituted “common carrier transportation” for “first-class transportation, including sleeping accommodations”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 96–343, § 5(b)(2), inserted “and designating areas as high cost areas” after “rates”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 96–343, § 5(b)(3), substituted “transportation” for “first-class transportation, including sleeping accommodations” and “allowances” for “rates”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 96–513 substituted “term” for “words”.

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89–26 inserted reference to section 405a.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–81 as enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97–60 effective Apr. 1, 1982, see section 122(c) of Pub. L. 97–60, set out as an Effective Date note under section 474a of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96–513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–343 effective with respect to travel and transportation performed after Aug. 31, 1980, see section 5(c) of Pub. L. 96–343, set out as a note under section 474 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89–26 effective Feb. 1, 1965, see section 2 of Pub. L. 89–26, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 475a of this title.

**§ 481a. Travel and transportation allowances: travel performed in connection with convalescent leave**

(a) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, a member of a uniformed service is entitled to travel and transportation allowances for travel from his place of medical treatment in the continental United States to a place selected by him and approved by the Secretary concerned, and return, when

the Secretary concerned determines that the member is traveling in connection with authorized leave for convalescence from illness or injury incurred while the member was eligible for the receipt of hostile fire pay under section 310 of this title.

(b) The allowances prescribed under this section may not be at rates more than the rates authorized under section 474(d)(1) of this title. Authorized travel under this section is performed in a duty status.

(c) No travel and transportation allowance may be provided under this section for travel that is authorized after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Added Pub. L. 90-207, §9(1), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 655, §411a; renumbered §481a and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(15), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411a of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), substituted “474” for “404”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(15), added subsec. (c).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112-81 as enacted.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1967, see section 7 of Pub. L. 90-207, set out as an Effective Date of 1967 Amendment note under section 203 of this title.

### § 481b. Travel and transportation allowances: travel performed in connection with leave between consecutive overseas tours

(a) ALLOWANCES AUTHORIZED.—Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, a member of a uniformed service stationed outside the continental United States who is ordered to a consecutive tour of duty at the same duty station or who is ordered to make a change of permanent station to another duty station outside the continental United States may be paid travel and transportation allowances in connection with authorized leave from his last duty station to a place approved by the Secretary concerned and from that place to his designated post of duty. Such allowances may be paid for the member and for the dependents of the member who are authorized to, and do, accompany him at his duty stations.

(b) AUTHORITY TO DEFER TRAVEL; LIMITATIONS.—(1) Under the regulations referred to in subsection (a), a member may defer the travel for which the member is paid travel and transportation allowances under this section until any time before the completion of the consecutive tour at the same duty station or the com-

pletion of the tour of duty at the new duty station under the order involved, as the case may be.

(2) If a member is unable to undertake the travel before expiration of the deferral period under paragraph (1) because of duty in connection with a contingency operation, the member may defer the travel until not more than one year after the date on which the member's duty in connection with the contingency operation ends.

(c) LIMITATION ON ALLOWANCE RATE.—The allowances prescribed under this section may not exceed the rate authorized under section 474(d) of this title. Authorized travel under this section is performed in a duty status.

(d) TERMINATION.—No travel and transportation allowance may be provided under this section for travel that is authorized after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Added Pub. L. 93-213, §1(1), Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 910, §411b; amended Pub. L. 97-60, title I, §125, Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §615(a), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 641; Pub. L. 100-26, §8(d)(8), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title VI, §614(d)(1), (2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1095; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §624, Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1379; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §623(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2548; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, §637, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1146; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, §§621(a), (b), 654(b)(4), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2570, 2571, 2582; renumbered §481b and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(16), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411b of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), substituted “474” for “404”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(16), added subsec. (d).

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-314, §§621(b)(1), 654(b)(4), inserted heading, struck out par. (1) designation before “under uniform”, substituted “the continental United States” for “the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia” in two places, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “Under the regulations referred to in paragraph (1), a member may defer the travel for which the member is paid travel and transportation allowances under such paragraph until not more than one year after the date on which the member begins the consecutive tour of duty at the same duty station or reports to another duty station under the order involved, as the case may be. If the member is unable to undertake the travel before the end of such one-year period as a result of duty in connection with a contingency operation, the member may defer the travel for one additional year beginning on the date the duty of the member in connection with the contingency operation ends.”

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 107-314, §621(a), (b)(2), added subsec. (b), redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c), and inserted heading.

2001—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-107 struck out “, or his designee, or to a place no farther distant than his