

(2) Dislocation or relocation allowances paid in connection with a change in a member's temporary or permanent duty assignment location.

(3) A partial dislocation allowance paid to a member ordered to occupy or vacate housing provided by the United States.

(4) Passport and visa fees required for foreign travel.

(5) Other related miscellaneous expenses.

(d) **MODE OF PROVIDING TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES.**—Any authorized travel and transportation may be provided—

(1) as an actual expense;

(2) as an authorized allowance;

(3) in-kind; or

(4) using a combination of the authorities under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).

(e) **TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES WHEN TRAVEL ORDERS ARE MODIFIED, ETC.**—An authorized traveler whose travel and transportation order or authorization is canceled, revoked, or modified may be allowed actual and necessary expenses or travel and transportation allowances in connection with travel performed pursuant to such order or authorization.

(f) **ADVANCE PAYMENTS.**—An authorized traveler may be allowed advance payments for authorized travel and transportation allowances.

(g) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED EXPENSES.**—Any unauthorized travel or transportation expense is not the responsibility of the United States.

(h) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.**—The administering Secretary may not provide payment under this section for an expense for which payment may be provided from any other appropriate Government or non-Government entity.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1455; amended Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title VI, §607(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1425; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title VI, §605, title XII, §1299N, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3672, 4016.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116-283, §605, inserted “(including fares and tolls, without regard to distance travelled)” after “transportation”.

Subsec. (c)(4), (5). Pub. L. 116-283, §1299N, added par. (4) and redesignated former par. (4) as (5).

2019—Subsec. (c)(3), (4). Pub. L. 116-92 added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

§ 453. Allowable travel and transportation: specific authorities

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to any other authority for the provision of travel and transportation allowances, the administering Secretaries may provide travel and transportation allowances under this subchapter in accordance with this section.

(b) **AUTHORIZED ABSENCE FROM TEMPORARY DUTY LOCATION.**—An authorized traveler may be paid travel and transportation allowances, or reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses of travel, incurred at a temporary duty location during an authorized absence from that location.

(c) **MOVEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.**—(1) A member of a uniformed service may be allowed moving expenses and transportation allowances for self and dependents associated with the movement of personal property and household goods, including such expenses when associated with a self-move.

(2) The authority in paragraph (1) includes the movement and temporary and non-temporary storage of personal property, household goods, and privately owned vehicles (but not to exceed one privately owned vehicle per member household) in connection with the temporary or permanent move between authorized locations.

(3) For movement of household goods, the administering Secretaries shall prescribe weight allowances in regulations under section 464 of this title. The prescribed weight allowances may not exceed 18,000 pounds (including household goods in temporary storage, but excluding packing and crating), except that the administering Secretary may, on a case-by-case basis, authorize additional weight allowances as necessary.

(4) The administering Secretary may prescribe the terms, rates, and conditions that authorize a member of the uniformed services to ship or store a privately owned vehicle.

(5) No carrier, port agent, warehouseman, freight forwarder, or other person involved in the transportation of property may have any lien on, or hold, impound, or otherwise interfere with, the movement of baggage and household goods being transported under this section.

(d) **UNUSUAL OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.**—An authorized traveler may be provided travel and transportation allowances under this section for unusual, extraordinary, hardship, or emergency circumstances, including circumstances warranting evacuation from a permanent duty assignment location.

(e) **PARTICULAR SEPARATION PROVISIONS.**—The administering Secretary may provide travel-in-kind and transportation-in-kind for the following persons in accordance with regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title:

(1) A member who is retired, or is placed on the temporary disability retired list, under chapter 61 of title 10.

(2) A member who is retired with pay under any other law or who, immediately following at least eight years of continuous active duty with no single break therein of more than 90 days, is discharged with separation pay or is involuntarily released from active duty with separation pay or readjustment pay.

(3) A member who is discharged under section 1173 of title 10.

(f) **ATTENDANCE AT MEMORIAL CEREMONIES AND SERVICES.**—A family member or member of the uniformed services who attends a deceased member's repatriation, burial, or memorial ceremony or service may be provided travel and transportation allowances to the extent provided in regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title.

(g) **REIMBURSEMENT OF QUALIFYING SPOUSE RELICENSING COSTS INCIDENT TO A MEMBER'S PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION OR ASSIGNMENT.**—(1) From amounts otherwise made available for a

fiscal year to provide travel and transportation allowances under this chapter, the Secretary concerned may reimburse a member of the uniformed services for qualified relicensing costs of the spouse of the member when—

(A) the member is reassigned, either as a permanent change of station or permanent change of assignment, between duty stations located in separate jurisdictions with unique licensing or certification requirements and authorities; and

(B) the movement of the member's dependents is authorized at the expense of the United States under this section as part of the reassignment.

(2) Reimbursement provided to a member under this subsection may not exceed \$1000 in connection with each reassignment described in paragraph (1).

(3) No reimbursement may be provided under this subsection for qualified relicensing costs paid or incurred after December 31, 2024.

(4) In this subsection, the term “qualified relicensing costs” means costs, including exam, continuing education courses, and registration fees, incurred by the spouse of a member if—

(A) the spouse was licensed or certified in a profession during the member's previous duty assignment and requires a new license or certification to engage in that profession in a new jurisdiction because of movement described in paragraph (1)(B) in connection with the member's change in duty location pursuant to reassignment described in paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) the costs were incurred or paid to secure or maintain the license or certification from the new jurisdiction in connection with such reassignment.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1457; amended Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title VI, §621(c)(1), (h), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 783, 784; Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title V, §522(c), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2116; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title VI, §622(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3676.)

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 116–283 added subsec. (g).

2016—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 114–328 struck out subsec. (g). Text read as follows: “A member may be reimbursed as specified in regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title for travel and related expenses incurred by the member as a result of the cancellation of previously approved leave when the leave is cancelled in conjunction with the member's participation in a contingency operation and the cancellation occurs within 48 hours of the time the leave would have commenced. The settlement for reimbursement under this subsection is final and conclusive.”

2013—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 113–66, §621(h), substituted “(including household goods in temporary storage, but excluding packing and crating)” for “(including packing, crating, and household goods in temporary storage)”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 113–66, §621(c)(1), added subsec. (g).

§ 454. Travel and transportation: pilot programs

(a) PILOT PROGRAMS.—Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the Secretary of Defense may

conduct pilot programs to evaluate alternative travel and transportation programs, policies, and processes for Department of Defense authorized travelers. Any such pilot program shall be designed to enhance cost savings or other efficiencies that accrue to the Government and be conducted so as to evaluate one or more of the following:

(1) Alternative methods for performing and reimbursing travel.

(2) Means for limiting the need for travel.

(3) Means for reducing the environmental impact of travel.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) Not more than three pilot programs may be carried out under subsection (a) at any one time.

(2) The duration of a pilot program may not exceed four years.

(3) The authority to carry out a pilot program is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

(c) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than 30 days before the commencement of a pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program. The report on a pilot program under this paragraph shall set forth a description of the pilot program, including the following:

(A) The purpose of the pilot program.

(B) The duration of the pilot program.

(C) The cost savings or other efficiencies anticipated to accrue to the Government under the pilot program.

(2) Not later than 60 days after the completion of a pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program. The report on a pilot program under this paragraph shall set forth the following:

(A) A description of results of the pilot program.

(B) Such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Secretary considers appropriate in light of the pilot program.

(d) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense committees” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16) of title 10.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1458.)

§ 455. Appropriations for travel: may not be used for attendance at certain meetings

Appropriations of the Department of Defense that are available for travel may not, without the approval of the Secretary concerned or his designee, be used for expenses incident to attendance of a member of an armed force under that department at a meeting of a technical, scientific, professional, or similar organization.

(Pub. L. 87–649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 476, §412; renumbered §455, Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(1), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460.)