

subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 14, 1986] and shall apply only to moves which commence on or after that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §611(b), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 639, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to moves begun after September 30, 1985.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-207 effective Oct. 1, 1967, see section 7 of Pub. L. 90-207, set out as a note under section 203 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.

§ 478. Travel and transportation allowances: travel within limits of duty station

(a) A member of a uniformed service may be directed, by regulations of the head of the department or agency in which he is serving, to procure transportation necessary for conducting official business of the United States within the limits of his station. Expenses so incurred by the member for train, bus, streetcar, taxicab, ferry, bridge, and similar fares and tolls, or for the use of privately owned vehicles at a fixed rate a mile plus parking fees, shall be defrayed by the department or agency under which he is serving, or the member is entitled to be reimbursed for the expense.

(b)(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, a member of a uniformed service who performs emergency duty described in paragraph (2) is entitled to travel and transportation allowances under section 474 of this title for that duty.

(2) The emergency duty referred to in paragraph (1) is duty that—

(A) is performed by a member under emergency circumstances that threaten injury to property of the Federal Government or human life;

(B) is performed at a location within the limits of the member’s station (other than at the residence or normal duty location of the member);

(C) is performed pursuant to the direction of competent authority; and

(D) requires the member’s use of overnight accommodations.

(c) No travel or transportation allowance, payment, or reimbursement may be provided under this section for travel that begins after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 475, §408; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §619(a), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 642; Pub. L. 100-26, §8(d)(6), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 285; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §623, Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1379; renumbered §478 and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(11), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1462, 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)
408	40:491(m).	June 30, 1949, ch. 288, §211(m); added Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1211, §2 (13th par.), 68 Stat. 1126.

The words “(as defined in the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended)” and “so directed” are omitted as surplusage. The words “official business of the United States” are substituted for the words “official Government business”.

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AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (b)(1). 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 408 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b)(1). 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)(11), added subsec. (c).

1991—Pub. L. 102-190 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1987—Pub. L. 100-26 substituted “privately owned” for “privately-owned”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145 inserted “plus parking fees” after “fixed rate a mile”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §619(b), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 642, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to parking fees incurred after September 30, 1985.”

§ 478a. Travel and transportation allowances: inactive duty training outside of normal commuting distances

(a) ALLOWANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may reimburse an eligible member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve for travel expenses for travel to an inactive duty training location to perform inactive duty training when the member is required to commute a distance from the member’s permanent residence to the inactive duty training location that is outside the normal commuting distance (as determined under the regulations prescribed under subsection (d)) for that commute.

(b) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—To be eligible for reimbursement under subsection (a), a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve must be—

(1) qualified in a skill designated as critically short by the Secretary concerned;

(2) assigned to a unit of the Selected Reserve with a critical manpower shortage or in a pay grade in the member’s reserve component with a critical manpower shortage; or

(3) assigned to a unit or position that is disestablished or relocated as a result of defense

base closure or realignment or another force structure reallocation.

(c) **MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.**—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), the amount of reimbursement provided a member under subsection (a) for each round trip to a training location may not exceed \$300.

(2) The Secretary concerned may authorize, on a case-by-case basis, a higher reimbursement amount for a member under subsection (a) when the member—

(A) resides—

(i) in the same State as the training location; and

(ii) outside of an urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more, as determined by the Bureau of the Census; and

(B) is required to commute to a training location—

(i) using an aircraft or boat on account of limited or nonexistent vehicular routes to the training location or other geographical challenges; or

(ii) from a permanent residence located more than 75 miles from the training location.

(d) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary concerned shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Regulations prescribed by the Secretary of a military department shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

(e) **TERMINATION.**—No reimbursement may be provided under this section for travel that occurs after December 31, 2018.

(Added Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title VI, §631(a)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 153, §408a; amended Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title VI, §621, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4238; renumbered §478a and amended Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §§621, 631(d)(2), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1452, 1460; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VI, §611(7), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1776; Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title VI, §611(7), title X, §1091(b)(3), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 780, 876; Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title VI, §611(7), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3399; Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title VI, §611(7), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 837; Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title VI, §§611(7), 621, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2157, 2161; Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title VI, §611(7), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1421.)

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AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115–91 substituted “December 31, 2018” for “December 31, 2017”.

2016—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114–328, §621, substituted “(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), the amount” for “The amount” and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114–328, §611(7), substituted “December 31, 2017” for “December 31, 2016”.

2015—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114–92 substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

2014—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113–291 substituted “December 31, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113–66, §611(7), substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 2013”.

Pub. L. 112–239, §611(7), as amended by Pub. L. 113–66, §1091(b)(3), substituted “December 31, 2013” for “December 31, 2012”.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 408a of this title as this section.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112–81, §621, substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 31, 2011”.

Pub. L. 111–383 substituted “December 31, 2011” for “December 31, 2010”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title X, §1091(b), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 876, provided in part that the amendment made by section 1091(b)(3) is effective as of Jan. 2, 2013, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–239 as enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 154, as amended by Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, provided that: “No reimbursement may be provided under section 478a of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), for travel costs incurred before the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 28, 2008].”

§479. Travel and transportation allowances: house trailers and mobile homes

(a)(1) A member, or in the case of a member’s death, the member’s dependent, who would otherwise be entitled to transportation of baggage and household effects under section 476 of this title, may be provided transportation of a house trailer or mobile home dwelling within the continental United States, within Alaska, or between the continental United States and Alaska (or reimbursement for such transportation), if the house trailer or mobile home dwelling is intended for use as a residence by such member or dependent. Such transportation may be limited to such modes and maximum costs as may be prescribed by regulations under subsection (d).

(2) Except as provided in subsection (c), transportation of a house trailer or mobile home dwelling under paragraph (1) is in place of the transportation of baggage and household effects the member or member’s dependent would otherwise be entitled to have provided.

(3) The cost of transportation of a house trailer or mobile home dwelling under paragraph (1) may not be more than the total cost of transportation (including packing, pick-up, line-haul or drayage, delivery, and unpacking) of baggage and household effects of the member or dependent having the maximum weight authorized for the member or dependent under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned.

(4) A house trailer or mobile home dwelling in transit under this section may be stored up to 180 days in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned.

(b) Any payment authorized by this section may be made in advance of the transportation concerned.

(c) A member or member’s dependent who is entitled to the transportation of baggage or household effects from a place inside the continental United States or Alaska to a place outside the continental United States or Alaska, or from a place outside the continental United States or Alaska to a place inside the continental United States or Alaska, may be provided the transportation of a house trailer or mobile