Travel Rates

INTRODUCTION

This section is comprised of rate schedules applicable to travel for University business. Review other sections of the travel chapter (BPPM Chapter 95) for definitions of the rate structure and appropriate applications. Examples or other discussions may include former rates. Use the rates in this section when preparing the Travel Expense Voucher. (See BPPM 95.20.)

VEHICLE RATES

Motor Vehicles

Effective January 1, 2019, WSU reimburses a traveler at the rate of $.580 per official travel mile when a privately-owned motor vehicle is used. (This rate does not apply to motorcycles. See below for the motorcycle rate.) See BPPM 95.11 for criteria for using a privately-owned motor vehicle.

Motor Pool Vehicles

Refer to the Motor Pool Rates website for the rate schedule, at:

facilities.wsu.edu/motor-pool-rates/

Private Aircraft

Effective January 1, 2017, the private aircraft reimbursement rate is $1.15 per nautical air mile. See also BPPM 95.30.

Motorcycles

Effective January 1, 2017, WSU reimburses a traveler at the rate of $0.505 per official travel mile when a privately-owned motorcycle is used.

MEALS AND LODGING

PER DIEM RATES

Daily (per diem) rates include the total of the lodging rate plus the meals and incidentals (M&IE) rate. The rates are set by various federal departments based on the travel locations.

- The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) sets the per diem rates for the continental U.S. (CONUS) found at:
  
gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates

- The U.S. Department of Defense sets the outside continental U.S. (OCONUS) per diem rates for Alaska, Hawaii, and the U.S. territories and possessions found at:
  
defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm

- The U.S. Department of State sets foreign location per diem rates found at:
  
aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp

Lodging

For lodging rates by location, refer to the applicable per diem websites listed above.

Standard Continental USA (Not High Cost)

The maximum lodging amount applicable to non-high cost continental U.S. (CONUS) locations (also referred to as the standard per diem rate) is $94 per night plus tax.
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Meals

For meal rates by location, refer to the applicable per diem websites listed above. To determine or verify the reimbursable amount for individual meals, use the following calculations rounded to the nearest dollar:

Breakfast
- 25 percent of the total daily meals and incidentals (M&IE) rate

Lunch
- 30 percent of the total daily M&IE rate.

Dinner
- 45 percent of the total daily M&IE rate.

Continental USA

The rates listed on the following table are the maximum reimbursement allowed for specified meals in continental U.S. (CONUS) locations. Refer to the CONUS per diem website to determine which daily meal rate to apply.

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(daily meal rate)

Additional Information

The following websites contain additional information on per diem rates.

- Per Diem FAQs
  
gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/frequently-asked-questions-per-diem

- Washington State Per Diem Maps
  
ofm.wa.gov/accounting/administrative-accounting-resources/travel