



Two Service Members With Dependents Occupying Two Rooms without Meal Preparation Facilities for Both Service Members (POV Travel)

Refer to the paragraph references for clarification when computing TLA. The Service member must be advised upon reporting to aggressively seek permanent Government quarters or private sector housing, to keep an accurate lodging expense record (including lodging receipts), and to register with and inform the TLA Approving Official of progress in obtaining permanent quarters or housing at least every 15 days (par. 680402-C2).

Note: Rates used in these examples may not be current and are for illustrative purposes only.

TLA: Daily M&IE and Lodging Ceiling Percentages (Effective 1 October 2020)

Number of Eligible Persons Occupying Temporary Lodging	Lodging Percentage	M&IE Percentage
Service member or one dependent (total one person)	100	65
Service member couples (total two persons - percentage each when lodging together)	65	65
Service member and one dependent, or two dependents (total two persons – percentage together)	100	100
Each additional dependent age 12 and older	35	35
Each additional dependent under age 12	25	25

Scenario: Two Service members married to each other with four dependents—two children age 12 or older and two dependents under age 12—are assigned to the same location OCONUS. They arrived at the new PDS OCONUS on April 1 by POV and moved into the same temporary lodging on the same day. TLA status is effective the following date, April 2. Since each Service member is considered single when lodging separately, each Service member is entitled to 65 percent of the locality rate, plus the applicable rate for the dependents, which is 35 percent for each dependent over 12 and 25 percent for each dependent under 12. Preparation and cooking facilities are not available in the temporary lodging (par. 680603-D2). The locality [per diem rate](#) is \$200 (\$125/\$75). The actual lodging expense is \$120 a night for each Service member, including lodging tax and other authorized fees (par. 680602-B) such as the GTCC currency conversion fee or value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost, if applicable. Itemized lodging receipts are provided as required.

Action During TLA Period

Date	Action
April 1	TLA is not payable for April 1 since MALT plus per diem was paid for the official travel arrival date to the new PDS location OCONUS for each Service member and each child as specified in par. 680601-D2.
April 2- 10	TLA has already been paid for the initial period.
April 11	Each Service member submits a separate lodging expense report of \$1,200 (\$120 a day including tax) for shared temporary lodging. The Service members' progress in obtaining permanent quarters or housing is reviewed and TLA is extended for another 10-day period by the TLA Approving Official as specified in par. 680403-B. The Service members and dependents moved into the same permanent quarters on April 21.

TLA Computation

Step	Action	Calculation	
		First Service Member, two dependents over 12	Second Service Member, two dependents under 12
1	Determine the maximum rates (applicable percentage times the locality rate) for:	$100\%+35\%=135\%$	$100\%+25\%=125\%$
	Lodging	$135\% \text{ of } \$125=\168.75	$125\% \times \$125=\156.25
	M&IE	$135\% \text{ of } \$75=\101.25	$125\% \text{ of } \$75=\93.75
	Total	$\$101.25+\$168.75=\$270$	$\$93.75+\$156.25=\$250$
2	For the first Service Member with two dependents age 12 or older: Multiply the Step 1 M&IE by 100% since preparation and cooking facilities are not available.	$100\% \text{ of } \$101.25=\101.25	N/A
3	For the second Service Member with two dependents under age 12: Multiply the Step 1 M&IE by 100% since preparation and cooking facilities are not available.	N/A	$100\% \text{ of } \$93.75=\93.75
4	Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount.	$\$120.00 \text{ vs. } \168.75 $\$120.00$	$\$120.00 \text{ vs. } \156.25 $\$120.00$
5	Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 3 lodging amount.	$\$101.25+\$120.00=\$221.25$	$\$93.75+\$120.00=\$213.75$
6	Pay the lesser of Step 1 and Step 4.	$\$221.25$	$\$213.75$
7	Multiply the Step 5 amount by the number of authorized TLA days (10).	$10 \text{ days} \times \$221.25$ $=\$2,212.50$	$10 \text{ days} \times \$213.75$ $=\$2,137.50$
Total Amount Paid		\$2,212.50	\$2,137.50