



PCS Reporting Date and Authorized TLA are on the Same Day, Lodging with Friends or Relatives (Commercial 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: A Service member and spouse relocate on a PCS move from the CONUS to a new PDS OCONUS, travel by transoceanic transportation such as commercial air or ship. They arrive at the new PDS OCONUS and concurrently the TLA Approving Official authorizes TLA for 10 days starting on the PCS reporting date. The Service member and spouse elect to reside with relatives. TLA authorization is limited to the M&IE of the applicable locality per diem rate of \$377 (\$250/\$127) as specified in par. 680602-C. Lodging expense reimbursement is not authorized when staying with friends and relatives. The Service member requests M&IE of the locality per diem rate for 9 days of TLA, in this case \$1,143. The Service member and spouse moved into the same permanent quarters on day 11. When computing the first day, pay the PCS M&IE based on the PDS OCONUS location and lodging under the TLA program.

TLA Computation: PCS Reporting Date and Authorized TLA are on the Same Day, Friends or Relatives, Commercial Travel

Step	Action	Calculation
Day 1 (PCS travel day M&IE)		
1	Service member at partial travel day rate of 75%	75% of \$127.00=\$95.25
2	Spouse at 75% of member's rate	75% of \$95.25=\$71.44
3	Total for day 1	\$166.69
TLA: Days 2 through 10		
1	Lodging M&IE	Not authorized 100% of \$127=\$127
2	Multiply by the M&IE by the number of days (9)	9 days x\$127=\$1,143.00
3	Total days 2 through 10	\$1,143.00
Total TLA and PCS		
1	Add PCS travel from Day 1 to TLA for Days 2 through 10	\$166.69+\$1,143.00 =\$1,309.69
Total		\$1,309.69