



### Special Event - Two Service Members without a Dependent in the Same Room without Meal Preparation Facilities

**Scenario:** A Service member married to another Service member, each under a PCS order to the same PDS OCONUS, asks the receiving command to request TLA Special for 5 days because the lodging rate has increased beyond the locality lodging per diem rate due to a national holiday. The Service members share temporary commercial lodging facilities. The commercial lodging rate is \$200 a night (including tax). It does not contain facilities for preparing and consuming meals. Each Service member's lodging cost is \$100, half the room rate. The locality per diem rate is \$180 (\$125/\$55). The command advised OUSD P-R about the lodging cost increase before the Service member incurred the TLA expenses. OUSD P-R issued a determination that TLA Special is not authorized for 100 percent of the temporary lodging rate of \$125 because a Service member without a dependent is limited to 65 percent of the lodging cost.

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

#### TLA Special Computation: Two Service Members without a Dependent in the Same Room without Meal Preparation Facilities

Step	Action	Calculation for Each Service Member	
		First Service Member	Second Service Member
1	Determine the maximum rates (applicable percentage times the locality rate) for: Lodging M&IE	65% x \$125=\$81.25 65% of \$55=\$35.75	65% x \$125=\$81.25 65% of \$55=\$35.75
2	Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount for each Service member.	\$81.25 vs. \$100 \$81.25	\$81.25 vs. \$100 \$81.25
3	Add Step 1 M&IE to Step 2 lodging amount to get the daily rate.	\$35.75+\$81.25=\$117	\$35.75+\$81.25=\$117
4	Multiply the amount in Step 3 by the number of days.	5 days x\$117 =\$585	5 days x\$117 =\$585
<b>Total TLA</b>		<b>\$585</b>	<b>\$585</b>