

Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E) - Administratively Restricted Household Goods (HHG) Weight (JTR, par. 054309-D)

When a civilian employee is assigned to an administratively weight-restricted permanent duty station (PDS) outside of the continental United States (OCONUS), professional books, papers, and equipment (PBP&E) shipment is authorized as an administrative expense. The PBP&E weight allowance, when shipped as an administrative expense, is in addition to the restricted-weight allowance to a PDS OCONUS. If the PBP&E is not authorized to be shipped as an administrative expense, then it is considered part of the authorized weight allowance for a permanent change of station (PCS).

Scenario 1: PBP&E weight is authorized as an administrative expense. The administratively limited weight allowance for the new PDS is 4,500 pounds. The civilian employee has 2,000 pounds of PBP&E. The employee may ship 4,500 pounds of household goods (HHG) and 2,000 pounds of PBP&E.

Scenario 2: PBP&E weight is *not* authorized as an administrative expense. The administratively limited weight allowance for the new PDS is 4,500 pounds. The civilian employee has 2,000 pounds of PBP&E. Because the PBP&E is now considered HHG, the employee is allowed to ship only a total of 4,500 pounds of items. Any excess items shipped that are over the 4,500 pounds is not authorized at Government expense.