

Per Diem Rate when New Permanent Duty Station (PDS) is a Ship (JTR, par. 0509)

Scenario: A Service member travels on a permanent change of station (PCS) from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, TX, to U.S.S. Nimitz, which has its home port in Bremerton, WA. Travel is by commercial plane and takes 1 day. The per diem rate for Bremerton, WA, is used for that travel day.

Scenario: A Service member travels on a permanent change of station (PCS) from Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL, to U.S.S. Carr, which is at sea. Travel is by commercial plane to Naples, Italy, arriving the next day after midnight. The Service member then travels by Government plane to U.S.S. Carr and arrives on day 2. The per diem rate is based on the final destination location or the last place departed – in this case Naples, Italy. Since the Service member did not remain overnight, the rate for both day 1 and day 2 is the Naples rate.

Scenario: A Service member travels on a permanent change of station (PCS) from U.S.S. Enterprise to U.S.S. Normandy, each of which is away from its home port. The Service member travels directly from one ship to the other by Government helicopter in 1 day. Since there is no port of embarkation and the helicopter does not land anywhere but the ships, no per diem is paid. This does not rule out per diem payment as specified in par. 050901.