

Consecutive Overseas Tour (COT) Leave - Alternate Location (JTR, par. 050812)

Note: Costs used in these examples are not actual costs and are for illustrative purposes only.

Scenario: A Service member's permanent duty station (PDS) is in a location outside the continental United States (OCONUS) and the home of record (HOR) is in a location in the continental United States (CONUS). There is no City Pair Program airfare between the PDS and the HOR. The policy-constructed airfare between the PDS and the HOR is \$1,200, incorporating some City Pair Program airfare connections. The Service member wants to use COT leave to travel to another location in the CONUS, Location B. The City Pair Program airfare to and from Location B is \$1,400. The least expensive policy-constructed airfare to and from Location B is \$1,600. Since transportation to and from Location B is more expensive than transportation to and from the HOR, no City Pair Program airfares may be used to and from Location B. The Service member is reimbursed \$1,200. If transportation to and from Location B is authorized or approved through the Secretarial process, making the City Pair Program available, the Service member is not responsible for the additional \$200 cost of the City Pair Program airfare for Location B.

Airfare	Amount
Policy-constructed airfare between the PDS and the HOR, incorporating some City Pair Program airfare connections	\$1,200
Round trip City Pair Program airfare to and from Location B	\$1,400
Least expensive policy-constructed airfare to and from Location B	\$1,600
Reimbursement to the Service member	\$1,200

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Scenario: A Service member's PDS is in a location outside the OCONUS and the HOR is in a location in the CONUS. The round trip City Pair Program airfare cost from the PDS to and from the HOR is \$980. The Service member wants to use COT leave to travel to another location in the CONUS, Location B. The round trip City Pair Program airfare for Location B is \$840. Since transportation to and from Location B is less expensive than transportation to and from the HOR, the Service member is authorized the City Pair Program airfare to and from Location B. The authorized or approved cost is limited to the cost of travel to the HOR.

Airfare	Amount
Round trip City Pair Program airfare cost from the PDS to and from the HOR	\$980
Round trip City Pair Program airfare to and from Location B	\$840
Reimbursement to the Service member	\$840

Consecutive Overseas Tour (COT) Leave with Service Member Procured Transportation – Directed Transportation (JTR, par. 050812)

Scenario: A Service member is *directed* to use Government or Government-procured transportation for the transoceanic portion of COT leave travel. The Service member's PDS is in a non-foreign location outside of OCONUS and the HOR is in the CONUS. The one-way City Pair Program airfare for the transoceanic trip is \$775. The Service member elects not to use the Travel Management Company (TMC), which is a policy violation (refer to par. 020207), for COT leave travel from the PDS to the HOR. The Service member purchases a one-way transoceanic ticket for \$500. The transoceanic airfare reimbursement is not authorized.

Airfare	Amount
One-way City Pair Program airfare for the transoceanic trip	\$775
Service member's cost for personally procured transportation	\$500
Reimbursement to the Service member	\$0

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Scenario: A Service member's dependent is *directed* to use Government or Government-procured transportation for the transoceanic portion of COT leave travel. The Service member's PDS is in a non-foreign location outside of OCONUS and the HOR is in a location in the CONUS. The one-way cost for Government-procured transoceanic transportation is \$1,900. An eligible dependent, *directed* to use the TMC for airfare, elects not to use the TMC for COT leave travel from the PDS to the HOR. The dependent purchased a one-way transoceanic ticket for \$2,300. The transoceanic airfare reimbursement is not authorized (refer to pars. 050202-B and 020208).

Airfare	Amount
One-way cost for Government-procured transoceanic transportation	\$1,900
Cost for personally procured one-way transoceanic transportation for dependent	\$2,300
Reimbursement to the Service member	\$0

Consecutive Overseas Tour (COT) Leave with Use of a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) (JTR, par. 050812)

If the Service authorizes or approves the Service member to use a POV for COT leave transportation, a monetary allowance in lieu of transportation plus flat per diem (MALT Plus) for a PCS is authorized. If the Service does not authorize the use of a POV for COT leave transportation, and the Service member or dependent uses a POV anyway, then the reimbursement is limited to the policy-constructed airfare.

Scenario: A Service member performed COT travel from his or her old PDS OCONUS to his or her HOR in the CONUS. The Service member elected to travel by POV, accompanied by his or her spouse and their 11-year-old child, without Service authority. They arrived at the HOR 9 days after departing the PDS. The official distance between the two locations was 3,063 miles. The destination per diem rate at the time of travel was \$146 (\$100/\$46). The MALT rate authorized for the POV was 20 cents a mile. The City Pair Program airfare was \$599. The cost of ground transportation from the residence OCONUS to the airport was \$50. The standard CONUS per diem rate at the time of travel was \$149 (\$94/\$55).

To determine the Service member's reimbursement, compare the policy-constructed total for the three travelers with the actual MALT Plus amount. In this example, the City Pair Program airfare to the HOR in the CONUS is less expensive than the MALT Plus travel by POV to the HOR. The Service member's reimbursement is limited to the policy-constructed airfare since the Service did not authorize or approve POV use. The Service member is financially responsible for the additional cost.

Policy-Constructed Transportation and Per Diem			
M&IE Calculation	City Pair Program Airfare	M&IE Allowed	Total
Step 1: Calculate M&IE for the Service member and authorized dependents using the lodging plus computation method and the destination rate (\$100/\$46).			
Service member: 75% of \$46.00	\$599.00	\$34.50	\$633.50
Spouse: 75% of \$34.50	\$599.00	\$25.88	\$624.88
Accompanying child (under age 12): 50% of \$34.50	\$599.00	\$17.25	\$616.25
Total Transportation and Per Diem	\$1,797.00	\$77.63	\$1,874.63
Step 2: Add miscellaneous reimbursable expense portion to the transportation and per diem costs			
Ground transportation from the residence OCONUS to the airport			\$50.00
Total constructed travel cost:			\$1,924.63
Actual MALT Plus			
Step 1: Calculate the per diem rate at the standard CONUS per diem rate (\$94/\$55).			
Service member's authorized per diem: 100% of \$149		\$1494.00	
Accompanying spouse: 75% of \$149		\$111.75	
Accompanying child (under age 12): 50% of \$149		\$74.50	
Daily total per diem rate for all travelers:		\$335.25	
Step 2: Multiply the per diem rate by the number of days (9).			
		\$335.25 × 9 days	\$3,017.25
Total per diem:		\$3,017.25	
Step 3: Calculate MALT.			
		3,063 miles × \$0.20 a mile	\$612.60
Step 4: Add the MALT to the total per diem.			
Total actual amount:		\$3,629.85	
Compare Policy-Constructed Cost with POV MALT Plus			
		\$1,924.63 vs. \$3,629.85	
Total reimbursement:		\$1,924.63	

