



Arrival TLA - TDY Status, Vessel at Homeport or Underway (POV 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-C).

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, with a spouse, is assigned to a ship with a homeport OCONUS. The locality [per diem rate](#) is \$132 (\$66/\$66). The Service member and spouse arrive at the homeport OCONUS on September 30 by POV while the ship is away (par. 090307-B). TLA status is effective the following date, October 1. (The Member is in a TDY status drawing per diem until the ship arrives back at the homeport so he can check in. The ship is the Member’s PDS, not the homeport.) They occupy temporary Government quarters *without* facilities for preparing and eating meals (par. 680603-D2). The actual lodging expense is \$98 a night including lodging tax and other authorized fees (par. 680602-B) such as the GTCC currency conversion fee or value added tax (VAT) relief certificate cost, if applicable. Itemized lodging receipts are provided as required. The ship returns to the homeport OCONUS and the Service member reports aboard for duty at 1900 that day. The ship remains in port until November 7. The Service member and spouse move into the same permanent quarters on October 11.

Action During TLA Period: TDY Status, Vessel at Homeport or Underway

Date	Action
September 30	TLA is not payable for September 30 since MALT plus per diem was paid for the official travel arrival date to the new PDS location OCONUS for the Service member and spouse as specified in par. 680601-D2.
October 6	The Service member submits a lodging expense report of \$490 (\$98 a day) for the Service member and spouse from October 1 through October 5. The Service member submits a lodging expense report of \$490 (\$98 a day) from October 6 through October 10.

TLA Computation

Step	Action	Calculation
TLA Computation for October 1-5 – TDY Status or Vessel Underway		
1	Determine the maximum rates (applicable percentage times the locality rate) for: Lodging M&IE	100% of \$66=\$66.00 65% of \$66=\$42.90
2	Determine the lodging cost. Divide the allowable daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) by two, because the Service member is in a TDY per diem status (par. 680407-B).	\$98÷2=\$49
3	Compare the actual daily lodging cost in Step 2 (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount.	\$49 vs. \$66.00 \$49.00
4	Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 3 lodging amount.	\$49.00+\$42.90=\$91.90
5	Multiply the amount in Step 4 by the number of days.	5 days × \$91.90=\$459.50
TLA Computation for October 6-10 – Vessel At Homeport		
1	Determine the maximum rates (applicable percentage times the locality rate). Lodging M&IE	100% of \$66=\$66 100% of \$66=\$66
2	Compare the actual daily lodging cost (including lodging tax) to the Step 1 maximum lodging rate. Use the lesser amount.	\$98 vs. \$66 \$66
3	Add the Step 1 M&IE to the selected Step 2 lodging amount.	\$66+\$66=\$132
4	Multiply the amount in Step 3 by the number of days.	5 days × \$132=\$660
	\$459.50+\$660=	\$1119.50