

060205. Allowances While at the Safe Haven

A. Eligibility. See [Table 6-13](#) to determine eligibility for safe haven allowances. A dependent at the Service member's PDS OCONUS who is not command sponsored is not authorized safe haven allowances.

B. Allowances1. Transportation

Table 6-16. Transportation Allowances for a Dependent during Evacuation			
Allowance		Safe Haven or Alternate Safe Haven	Designated Place
1	Local Travel	Yes	Only if the dependent has not taken delivery of a POV or did not drive a POV to the safe haven.
2	POV Shipment	No	Yes
3	Rental Vehicle	No	Only when a POV is scheduled for delivery and arrives late.

a. A local travel allowance of \$25 per day for each family, regardless of the number of dependents, is authorized when the dependent has not taken delivery of a POV transported to a designated place or did not drive a POV to the safe haven. No receipt is required for a local travel allowance. No local travel allowance is authorized on any day that reimbursement is received for a rental vehicle.

b. Shipment of a POV at Government expense to a safe haven is not authorized. When a Service member receives a PCS order while a dependent is at a safe haven, the authorization to transport a POV from the safe haven is in the Service member's PCS order.

c. A dependent directed to go to a safe haven, who instead goes somewhere that is not authorized or approved, is authorized the [Standard CONUS rate](#) at the percentage in [Table 6-17](#).

2. Safe Haven Allowances. An evacuated dependent from the CONUS or a command-sponsored dependent OCONUS is authorized the following safe haven allowances and miscellaneous expenses at the safe haven:

a. Safe haven allowances during the first 30 days while at the safe haven location. This is paid using the computation method in [par. 020301](#) and the safe haven locality per diem rate, combined with the age of the dependent. Safe haven evacuation allowances are initially authorized for 30 consecutive days. The 30-day clock begins on the day after the dependent's arrival at the safe haven (see [par. 020301](#) for the applicable computation rules).

(1) Each dependent receives the appropriate percentage of the meals and incidental expense (M&IE) rate of the locality per diem rate. The dependent receives the M&IE allowance regardless of whether there is a lodging expense on a given day.

(2) The amount reimbursed for lodging is the actual lodging cost incurred by the dependent family, up to the maximum available to each dependent at that safe haven. Individual amounts are based on the lodging portion of the locality per diem rate and [Table 6-17](#). A dependent receives this allowance for each day in an evacuation travel status.

(3) No lodging reimbursement is authorized if a dependent stays with a friend or relative while at a safe haven, whether or not any lodging payment is made to the friend or relative. If the dependent rents a house or apartment with a valid, written lease from a friend or relative who does not jointly occupy the rental, then the evacuated dependent is authorized the lodging allowances specified in [Chapter 2](#).

(4) If a Value-Added Tax (VAT) relief certificate is used to avoid paying the lodging taxes at a location OCONUS, then the cost of the certificate is a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

(5) If the dependent moves to a different location other than the current safe haven, then he or she receives the rate authorized in [Table 6-17](#) for the first 30 days.

(6) Taxes paid on lodging while at a safe haven or designated place or traveling in CONUS or a non-foreign area OCONUS are a miscellaneous reimbursable expense.

(7) Tax paid on lodging while at a safe haven or designated place or traveling in a foreign area OCONUS are not separately reimbursable. It is part of the lodging portion of the locality per diem rate used to compute the safe haven allowances.

b. Reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the unexpired lease period up to 30 days if a dependent signs a lease for lodging at the safe haven and is then authorized to return to the PDS or to move to a designated place. A dependent should avoid signing a long-term lease or a lease without a military clause while at a safe haven. The amount reimbursed is limited to what the dependent would have received for the lodging portion of the safe haven evacuation allowance for the unexpired lease period.

c. Safe haven allowances are reduced after the initial 30 consecutive days, which may continue for up to an additional 150 consecutive days. The USD(P&R) can increase the safe haven allowances authorized in [Table 6-17](#), after 30 days for a DoD Service member's dependent up to 100 percent of the locality per diem rate and the Secretary concerned can increase the per diem rates for a non-DoD Service member's dependent. The 180-day clock starts over at a new safe haven if the dependent is directed to a new safe haven. If the dependent requests to move from one safe haven to another, then the 180-day clock continues from the previous safe haven.

(1) If the reduced safe haven evacuation allowance in [Table 6-17](#) is insufficient to cover the lodging, meals, and incidental expenses for a specific individual at a safe haven, then the dependent or the individual receiving the safe haven evacuation allowances on behalf of the dependent may request an increased rate.

(2) Send requests for an increased rate through the paying finance or disbursing office to the PDTATAC Chief.

(a) It must contain the actual daily costs incurred for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses, and the finance or disbursing officer should add any pertinent information and recommendations. The PDTATAC contact information for this request is on the front page of this regulation.

(b) If the request is granted, then PDTATAC issues an Evacuation Allowance Determination specifying the amount of a dependent's evacuation allowances at an authorized or approved safe haven. The Evacuation Allowance Determination, or the denial of the request, is sent directly to the dependent concerned, with a copy to the finance or disbursing office submitting the

request. PDTATAC provides copies of all requests and approvals or disapprovals to the applicable Service representative.

Table 6-17. Safe Haven Allowances			
Duration at Safe Haven		12 Years of Age* and Older	Less Than 12 Years of Age
1	First 30 Days	A maximum of 100 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.	A maximum of 50 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.
2	31-180 Days	Up to 60 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.	Up to 30 percent of the locality per diem rate for the area.
Computation Examples			
	safe haven computation example 1	safe haven computation example 2	safe haven computation example 3
		safe haven computation example 3	safe haven computation example 4
*The increase is effective on the 12th birthday.			

d. Government dining facility availability or use has no effect on the safe haven evacuation allowances for a dependent, even though the dependent uses or may use the dining facility without charge.

e. A dependent who arrives at the safe haven and then leaves for personal reasons receives no transportation to the personal location. He or she continues to receive safe haven allowances at the same rate as though the dependent had remained at the safe haven, provided that the dependent does not join the Service member to establish a residence or to occupy the old residence at the PDS.

f. A dependent temporarily absent from the Service member's PDS when an evacuation is ordered or authorized may receive safe haven evacuation allowances based on the locality per diem rate for the location where the dependent is delayed. The allowance begins at 0001 on the date the dependents would have begun return travel to the PDS. This date that the dependent would have begun return travel to the PDS must be confirmed from information secured from the Service member or dependents, but must be no earlier than the date the evacuation began.

g. A dependent traveling to the Service member's PDS when an evacuation is ordered or authorized may receive safe haven evacuation allowances based on the locality per diem rate for the location where the dependent is delayed and using the computation method in [par. 020301](#).

(1) The allowance begins at 0001 on the date the dependent receives official notification of port call withdrawal or suspension, or withdrawal of official authority to travel to the Service member's PDS on personally procured transportation. The safe haven evacuation allowances continue until 2400 on the date the dependent receives notification to resume travel, or to begin travel to a different safe haven or a designated place.

(2) If travel is authorized directly to the Service member's PDS, then no safe haven evacuation allowances for travel to the PDS are authorized.

(3) If the dependent moves to a different location other than the current safe haven, then he or she receives the rate authorized in [Table 6-17](#) for the first 30 days.

h. An actual expense allowance (AEA) is not authorized for an evacuation.