

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****41 CFR Chapter 301**

[FTR Amendment 110]

RIN 3090-AH73

**Federal Travel Regulation; Maximum
Per Diem Rates for Indiana, Kansas,
Minnesota, Missouri, and Pennsylvania**

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) to improve the ability of the *per diem* rates to meet the lodging demands of Federal travelers to high cost travel locations. GSA has integrated the contracting mechanism of the new Federal Premier Lodging Program (FPLP) into the *per diem* rate-setting process. An analysis of FPLP contracting actions and the lodging rate survey data reveals that the maximum *per diem* rate for the State of Indiana, city of Indianapolis, including Marion County and Fort Benjamin Harrison; State of Kansas, cities of Kansas City/Overland Park, including Wyandotte and Johnson Counties; State of Minnesota, cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, including Hennepin County and Fort Snelling Military Reservation and Navy Astronautics Group (Detachment BRAVO), and Ramsey County; State of Missouri, city of Kansas City, including Jackson and Clay Counties and Kansas City International Airport, and city of Platte, including Platte County (except Kansas City International Airport); and State of Pennsylvania, cities of King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, including Montgomery County, and city of Philadelphia, including Philadelphia County, should be changed to provide for the reimbursement of Federal employees' lodging expenses covered by the *per diem*. This final rule amends the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2002, by changing the maximum lodging amounts in the prescribed areas. It also eliminates seasonal rates for the cities of King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

DATES: This final rule is effective November 8, 2002, and applies to travel performed on or after that date.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

In the past, properties in high cost travel areas have been under no obligation to provide lodging to Federal travelers at the prescribed *per diem* rate. Thus, GSA established the FPLP to contract directly with properties in high cost travel markets to make available a set number of rooms to Federal travelers at contract rates. FPLP contract results along with the lodging survey data are integrated together to determine reasonable *per diem* rates that more accurately reflect lodging costs in these areas. In addition, the FPLP will enhance the Government's ability to better meet its overall room night demand and allow travelers to find lodging close to where they need to conduct business. After an analysis of this additional data, the maximum lodging amounts published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2002 (67 FR 56160), are being changed in Indianapolis, Indiana; Kansas City/Overland Park, Kansas; Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; Kansas City and Platte, Missouri; and King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

B. Executive Order 12866

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final rule is not required to be published in the **Federal Register** for notice and comment; therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, does not apply.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FTR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or the collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

**E. Small Business Regulatory
Enforcement Fairness Act**

This final rule is also exempt from congressional review prescribed under 5

U.S.C. 801 since it relates solely to agency management and personnel.

List of Subjects in 41 CFR Chapter 301

Government employees, Travel and transportation expenses.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Stephen A. Perry,

Administrator of General Services.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, under 5 U.S.C. 5701-5709, GSA amends 41 CFR chapter 301 as set forth below:

**CHAPTER 301—TEMPORARY DUTY (TDY)
TRAVEL ALLOWANCES**

1. Amend the table in appendix A to chapter 301 as follows:

a. Under the State of Indiana, city of Indianapolis, including Marion County and Fort Benjamin Harrison, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "70" and adding "83" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "116" and adding "129" in its place;

b. Under the State of Kansas, cities of Kansas City/Overland Park, including Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "85" and adding "84" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "127" and adding "126" in its place;

c. Under the State of Minnesota, cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, including Hennepin County and Ft. Snelling Military Reservation and Navy Astronautics Group (Detachment BRAVO), and Ramsey County, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "95" and adding "110" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "145" and adding "160" in its place;

d. Under the State of Missouri, city of Kansas City, including Jackson and Clay Counties and Kansas City International Airport, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "85" and adding "84" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "131" and adding "130" in its place;

e. Under the State of Missouri, city of Platte, including Platte County (except Kansas City International Airport), amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "61" and adding "84" in its place; and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "99" and adding "122" in its place;

f. Amend the entry under the State of Pennsylvania, cities of King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd, including Montgomery County, by removing the two rows of season rates and adding "124" under maximum lodging amount; "46" under M&IE rate; and "170" under maximum *per diem* rate; and

g. Under the State of Pennsylvania, city of Philadelphia, including Philadelphia County, amend the maximum lodging amount by removing "118" and adding "124" in its place;

and amend the maximum *per diem* rate by removing "168" and adding "174" in its place.

The revised pages containing the amendments to the table set forth above read as follows:

**Appendix A to Chapter 301—
Prescribed Maximum Per Diem Rates
for CONUS**

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Per diem locality:	Maximum lodging amount (room rate only—no taxes) (a)	+	M&IE rate (b)	=	Maximum per diem rate ⁴ (c)
Key city ¹	County and/or other defined location ^{2, 3}				

(April 16-December 14))		59	34	93
GEORGIA				
Albany	Dougherty	57	38	95
Athens	Clarke	69	38	107
Atlanta	Fulton	112	42	154
Clayton County	Clayton	89	34	123
Cobb County	Cobb	112	42	154
Columbus	Muscogee	63	38	101
Conyers	Rockdale	69	38	107
DeKalb County	DeKalb	112	42	154
Dublin	Laurens	57	34	91
Gwinnett County	Gwinnett	69	42	111
Savannah	Chatham	89	42	131
IDAHO				
Boise	Ada	61	42	103
Coeur d'Alene	Kootenai	56	38	94
Ketchum	Blaine (except Sun Valley)			
(May 1-November 30)		84	42	126
(December 1-April 30)		74	42	116
McCall	Valley	62	42	104
Sun Valley	City limits of Sun Valley (see Blaine County)	149	42	191
ILLINOIS				
Aurora	Kane (except Elgin)	66	34	100
Chicago	Cook and Lake	155	50	205
Du Page County	Du Page	89	42	131
Elgin	City limits of Elgin (see Kane County)	60	34	94
Rockford	Winnebago	60	34	94
INDIANA				
Carmel	Hamilton	65	42	107
Ft. Wayne	Allen	58	34	92
Indianapolis	Marion County; Fort Benjamin Harrison	83	46	129
Lafayette	Tippecanoe	59	34	93
Michigan City	La Porte	65	38	103
Nashville	Brown			
(April 1-November 15)		75	42	117
(November 16-March 31)		59	42	101
South Bend	St. Joseph	61	38	99
Valparaiso/Burlington Beach	Porter	89	38	127
IOWA				
Cedar Rapids	Linn	60	30	90
Des Moines	Polk	67	34	101
KANSAS				
Kansas City/Overland Park	Wyandotte and Johnson	84	42	126
Wichita	Sedgwick	59	42	101

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Key city ¹	County and/or other defined location ^{2, 3}				

Midland	Midland	72	38		110
Mount Pleasant	Isabella	65	38		103
Muskegon	Muskegon				
(May 1-August 31)		79	34		113
(September 1-April 30)		59	34		93
Ontonagon	Ontonagon	65	34		99
Petoskey	Emmet				
(June 1-October 31)		65	42		107
(November 1- May 31)		55	42		97
Pontiac/Troy/Auburn Hills	Oakland	94	42		136
Sault Ste Marie	Chippewa				
(May 15-October 15)		63	38		101
(October 16-May 14)		55	38		93
South Haven	Van Buren	76	38		114
Traverse City	Grand Traverse	125	46		171
Warren	Macomb	79	38		117
MINNESOTA					
Anoka County	Anoka	65	38		103
Dakota County	Dakota	80	38		118
Duluth	St. Louis				
(June 1-October 31)		85	42		127
(November 1-May 31)		56	42		98
Minneapolis/St. Paul	Hennepin County and Fort Snelling Military Reservation and Navy Astronautics Group (Detachment BRAVO), and Ramsey County	110	50		160
Rochester	Olmsted	73	38		111
MISSISSIPPI					
Bay St. Louis	Hancock				
(April 1-October 31)		69	38		107
(November 1-March 31)		55	38		93
Biloxi/Gulfport	Harrison	61	42		103
Robinsonville	Tunica	59	34		93
MISSOURI					
Branson	Taney				
(April 1-December 31)		62	38		100
(January 1-March 31)		55	38		93
Hannibal	Marion	57	34		91
Jefferson City	Cole	60	34		94
Kansas City	Jackson, Clay and Kansas City International Airport	84	46		130
Osage Beach	Camden	89	34		123
Platte	Platte (except Kansas City International Airport)	84	38		122
Springfield	Greene	63	34		97
St. Louis	St. Louis and St. Charles	90	50		140
St. Robert/Ft. Leonardwood	Pulaski	74	34		108

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Geneva	Ashtabula	59	38	97	
Hamilton	Butler	59	38	97	
Lancaster	Fairfield	66	34	100	
Port Clinton/Oak Harbor	Ottawa				
(June 1-September 5)		95	38	133	
(September 6-May 31)		69	38	107	
Sandusky	Eric				
(May 1-September 5)		85	42	127	
(September 6-April 30)		55	42	97	
Toledo	Lucas	69	34	103	
OKLAHOMA					
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	65	42	107	
OREGON					
Ashland	Jackson	59	46	105	
Beaverton	Washington	59	42	101	
Bend	Deschutes				
(June 1-September 30)		69	42	111	
(October 1-May 31)		59	42	101	
Clackamas	Clackamas	66	38	104	
Crater Lake	Klamath	74	34	108	
Eugene	Lane (except Florence)	62	42	104	
Florence	City limits of Florence (see Lane County)	80	38	118	
Gold Beach	Curry	58	34	92	
Lincoln City/Newport	Lincoln	65	38	103	
Portland	Multnomah	91	42	133	
Seaside	Clatsop				
(July 1-August 31)		79	38	117	
(September 1-June 30)		59	38	97	
PENNSYLVANIA					
Allentown	Lehigh	62	34	96	
Chester/Radnor/Essington	Delaware (except Wayne)	75	38	113	
Easton	Northampton	69	34	103	
Eric	Eric	65	34	99	
Gettysburg	Adams				
(May 1-October 31)		82	38	120	
(November 1-April 30)		55	38	93	
Harrisburg	Dauphin (except Hershey)	79	46	125	
Hershey	City limits of Hershey (see Dauphin County)				
(June 1-September 15)		125	42	167	
(September 16-May 31)		55	42	97	
King of Prussia/Ft. Washington/Bala Cynwyd	Montgomery	124	46	170	
Lancaster	Lancaster				
(May 1-October 31)		70	42	112	
(November 1-April 30)		60	42	102	
Malvern/Downington/Valley Forge	Chester	83	42	125	

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Mechanicsburg	Cumberland	74	34	108
Philadelphia	Philadelphia	124	50	174
Pittsburgh	Allegheny	79	46	125
Reading	Berks	75	42	117
Scranton	Lackawanna	60	34	94
Warminster	Bucks County; Naval Air Development Center	75	38	113
Wayne	City limits of Wayne (see Delaware County)	100	46	146
RHODE ISLAND				
East Greenwich	Kent County; Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville	79	42	121
Newport	Newport			
(April 1-December 31)		111	46	157
(January 1-March 31)		79	46	125
North Kingstown	Washington	89	30	119
Providence	Providence	89	46	135
SOUTH CAROLINA				
Aiken	Aiken	65	34	99
Charleston/Berkeley County	Charleston and Berkeley	106	42	148
Columbia	Richland	65	34	99
Greenville	Greenville	65	42	107
Hilton Head	Beaufort			
(March 15-September 30)		95	46	141
(October 1-March 14)		75	46	121
Myrtle Beach	Horry County; Myrtle Beach AFB			
(March 1-November 30)		99	46	145
(December 1-February 28)		59	46	105
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Custer	Custer			
(June 15-August 19)		70	34	104
(August 20-June 14)		55	34	89
Hot Springs	Fall River			
(June 15-October 15)		108	34	142
(October 16-June 14)		79	34	113
Rapid City	Pennington			
(May 15-September 30)		99	34	133
(October 1-May 14)		55	34	89
Sturgis	Meade			
(June 15-August 15)		79	30	109
(August 16-June 14)		55	30	85
TENNESSEE				
Alcoa/Townsend	Blount	63	34	97
Gatlinburg	Sevier			
(May 1-October 31)		78	42	120
(November 1-April 30)		70	42	112
Memphis	Shelby	75	42	117
Murfreesboro	Rutherford	57	34	91

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