

POINT PAPER (2009)

Servicemember's Allowances for Command Sponsored Dependent Children Attending College

PURPOSE: To clarify Servicemember's allowances for command sponsored dependent children attending college.

BLUF: Transportation, COLA and Unaccompanied Baggage (UB) is authorized for command sponsored dependents travel to and from an OCONUS Permanent Duty Station (PDS) while attending college.

AUTHORIZATION: JFTR, Chapter 5, Para. U5260 and Chapter 9, Para. U9130.A.3.

GENERAL: Throughout the year, command sponsored dependents travel from Korea back to the United States to attend college, returning periodically for summer, spring and fall breaks. Service members are authorized **one annual round-trip** for the dependent student at any time within a fiscal year (1 Oct - 30 Sep) between the member's OCONUS PDS and the dependent student's school in the U.S. ***No per diem is payable unless for extraordinary situations such as mandatory layovers, unscheduled stops, physical incapacity, and similar circumstances.*** Transportation, when possible, is by Government-owned or Government-procured transportation on a space-required basis.

Servicemember's entitlement to COLA is directly affected and requires rate changes based on the dependent student's location. When one or more dependents depart the PDS vicinity and return to CONUS to attend school, the payment of COLA is reduced to the number of dependents remaining at the PDS starting the day following the dependent's departure date. As long as the student is a command sponsored dependent, COLA will be increased effective the date the dependent returns to the PDS for periodical school breaks and decreased the day following the date the dependent departs the PDS to return to school.

Servicemembers may transport UB up to 350 pounds for each authorized trip between the school and the member's PDS. During a student's annual trip between the school and the member's PDS, or during a different period in the same fiscal year selected by the member, a member may store the student's UB (NTE 350 pounds) in the vicinity of the school in lieu of transporting the UB to a designated location.

RESPONSIBILITIES: When Air Mobility Command (AMC) service is reasonably available, transoceanic travel must be on a space-required basis by AMC unless air travel is medically inadvisable. When AMC service is not reasonably available, Government-procured air transportation through local CTO/TMC for the transoceanic travel portion is to be used.

Servicemember's S1 will complete a DA Form 4187 signed by their commander verifying dependent's arrival and departure dates to/from Korea, as soon as those dates are known. The unit S1 will submit the DA Form 4187 to the 176th Finance Company for processing.

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