

will continue to exist between surveys, but OPM may periodically review with the committee whether there is a continuing need for the committee.

**§ 591.243 How many members are on each COLA Advisory Committee?**

A COLA Advisory Committee has up to 12 members composed of OPM representatives and other agency and employee representatives, unless OPM determines that the committee should be larger. In determining the number of committee members, OPM considers the amount of work the committee is likely to be requested to do (based on the size and complexity of the local living-cost survey) and the availability of employee and agency representatives to participate as committee members.

**§ 591.244 How does OPM select COLA Advisory Committee members?**

(a) In establishing a COLA Advisory Committee, OPM invites local agencies and employee organizations to nominate committee members. OPM also invites COLA Defense Corporations and the local Federal Executive Board or Federal Executive Association each to

nominate committee members. Subject to §591.243, OPM selects committee members from these nominations in a manner designed to achieve a balanced representation that is reflective of agencies and employee organizations in the area. In consultation with the committee, OPM may select additional nominees to serve as alternates to the primary committee members. OPM designates not more than two OPM representatives to serve on each committee.

(b) Each Executive agency, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105, must cooperate and release appointed employees for committee proceedings and activities unless the agency can demonstrate that exceptional circumstances directly related to accomplishing the mission of the employee's work unit require his or her presence on the job. Executive agency employees serving as committee members are considered to be on official assignment to an inter-agency function, rather than on leave, and are eligible to receive reimbursement for authorized travel expenses from their respective agencies.

APPENDIX A TO SUBPART B TO PART 591—PLACES AND RATES AT WHICH ALLOWANCES ARE PAID

This appendix lists the places approved for a cost-of-living allowance and shows the authorized allowance rate for each. The allowance percentage rate shown is paid as a percentage of an employee's rate of basic pay. The rates are subject to change based on the results of future surveys.

Geographic coverage	Allowance rate (percent)	Geographic coverage	Allowance rate (percent)
State of Alaska:		City and County of Honolulu .....	25.00
City of Anchorage and 80-kilometer (50-mile) radius by road .....	25.00	County of Hawaii .....	16.50
City of Fairbanks and 80-kilometer (50-mile) radius by road .....	25.00	County of Kauai .....	23.25
City of Juneau and 80-kilometer (50-mile) radius by road .....	25.00	County of Maui and County of Kalawao .....	23.75
Rest of the State .....	25.00	Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands .....	25.00
State of Hawaii:		Commonwealth of Puerto Rico .....	11.50
		U.S. Virgin Islands .....	22.50

APPENDIX B TO SUBPART B TO PART 591—PLACES AND RATES AT WHICH DIFFERENTIALS ARE PAID

This appendix lists the places where a post differential has been approved and shows the differential rate to be paid to eligible employees. The differential percentage rate shown is paid as a percentage of an employee's rate of basic pay.