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This Bulletin provides notice of the FY 2006 per diem rates published by the General Services Administration.

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Introduction

The General Services Administration (GSA) establishes per diem rates for the Continental United States (CONUS), which includes the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Per diem rates include a maximum amount for lodging reimbursement and a flat meals and incidental (M&IE) rate that an employee will receive as reimbursement for subsistence expense while on official travel. Some localities have specific per diem rates applicable to a defined geographic location because of higher travel costs in that area. For locations that are not covered by a specific geographic per diem rate, the standard CONUS per diem rate applies.

Fiscal Year 2006 Per Diem Rates

The fiscal year (FY) 2006 per diem rates are applicable for days of traveling beginning October 1, 2005, and remain in affect, unless modified by GSA, for the entire FY. GSA no longer publishes the per diem rate tables in the Federal Register. GSA has designated their website as the official source for the CONUS per diem rates.

Research, Education, and Economics (REE) employees may access the per diem rates by visiting the GSA website at <http://www.gsa.gov>. To access the per diem rate table, please scroll down the GSA home page to the “Featured Topics” section, and click on “Per Diem Rates.” Once at the per diem rate page, please ensure that the proper FY is selected from the drop-down menu titled “Find Rates for Fiscal Year” then click on the state of the Temporary Duty (TDY) location to find the applicable per diem rate. If the TDY location is not listed separately, then the standard CONUS per diem rate of \$60 lodging and \$39 M&IE applies.

GSA has made changes to the per diem rates this year. REE travelers should note:

- GSA has increased the M&IE portion of the per diem rate for all locations, including an increase in the standard CONUS M&IE from \$31 to \$39. GSA has also revised the table for the mandatory deduction from the M&IE rate when meals are provided at no or nominal cost by the Government or paid by the Government as part of a conference or meeting registration fee (see Attachment 1).
- GSA has added five new location-specific per diem rates this year (see Attachment 2).
- The District of Columbia per diem rate, which includes the geographic area of Washington, District of Columbia, and also the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax, and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun, in Virginia; and the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's in Maryland, now has seasonal per diem rates (see Attachment 3).

- Many locations have been combined to produce 28 new geographic locations with specific per diem rates (see Attachment 4).
- Twenty locations that had geographic specific per diem rates in FY 2005 have been converted to the standard CONUS rate in FY 2006 (see Attachment 5).

GSA is authorized to establish CONUS per diem rates only. Foreign per diem rates are established by the Department of State and may be accessed at <http://www.state.gov/m/a/als/prdm/>. Per diem rates for non-foreign locations outside CONUS, such as Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and other United States possessions, excluding the Pacific Trust Territories, are established by the Department of Defense and may be accessed at <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html>.

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Attachment 1

Meals and Incidental Expense Breakdown

The Federal Travel Regulations, §301-11.18, requires adjustment to the per diem rates when a meal or meals are furnished at nominal or no cost by the Government or is included in a conference or meeting registration fee paid by the Government.

The FY 2006 Meals and Incidental Expense deduction table, effective October 1, 2005:

M&IE Rate:	\$39	\$44	\$49	\$54	\$59	\$64
Breakfast	7	8	9	10	11	12
Lunch	11	12	13	15	16	18
Dinner	18	21	24	26	29	31
Incidentals	3	3	3	3	3	3

Attachment 2

New Geographic Specific Per Diem Locations for FY 2006

STATE	DESTINATION	LOCATION DEFINED	FY2006 Lodging Rate	FY2006 M&IE Rate
GA	Augusta	County of Richmond	\$69	\$39
IN	Hammond/Munster/Merrillville	County of Lake	\$75	\$44
TX	Hunt County	County of Hunt	\$62	\$39
UT	Ogden	County of Weber	\$63	\$44
WI	Appleton	City of Appleton	\$73	\$44

Attachment 3

FY 2006 District of Columbia Per Diem Rate

FY 2006 Per Diem Rate for the District of Columbia, which includes Washington, District of Columbia, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax, and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun, in Virginia; and the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's in Maryland:

	Lodging	Meals and Incidental Expense	Total FY 2006 Per Diem
District of Columbia (November 1 - February 28)	\$166	\$64	\$230
District of Columbia (March 1 - July 31)	\$187	\$64	\$251
District of Columbia (August 1 - October 31)	\$145	\$64	\$209

Attachment 4

Combined in FY 2006 to Produce New Geographic Specific Per Diem Locations

STATE	DESTINATION	NEW LOCATION DEFINED (Locations listed are counties unless otherwise defined)
AZ	Grand Canyon combined w/Flagstaff	Coconino
CO	Crested Butte combined w/Gunnison	Gunnison
CO	Denver combined w/Aurora	Denver, Adams, Arapahoe and Jefferson, that portion of Westminster located in Jefferson County, and Lone Tree in Douglas County
CO	Fort Collins combined w/Loveland	Larimer
FL	Fort Walton Beach combined w/De Funiak Springs	Okaloosa/Walton
ID	Sun Valley combine w/Ketchum	Blaine
IL	Elgin combined w/Aurora	City of Elgin, Kane
MA	Boston combined w/Cambridge	Suffolk, city of Cambridge
MA	Taunton combined w/New Bedford	Bristol
MI	Traverse City combined w/Leland	Grand Traverse/Leelanau
MT	West Yellowstone combined w/Big Sky	Gallatin
NC	Atlantic Beach combined w/Morehead City	Carteret
NJ	Cape May combined w/Ocean City	Cape May
NJ	Edison combined w/Piscataway	Middlesex
NV	Incline Village/Crystal Bay combined w/Reno/Sparks	Washoe
NY	Binghamton combined w/Owego	Broome/Tioga
NY	Tarrytown combined w/White Plains	Westchester
NY	Ithaca combined w/Waterloo/Romulus	Tompkins/Seneca
OH	Sandusky combined w/Bellevue	Erie/Huron
OR	Eugene combined w/Florence	Lane
PA	Harrisburg combined w/Hershey	Dauphin
RI	East Greenwich/Warwick combined w/North Kingstown	Kent/Washington
SD	Hot Springs combined w/Custer	Fall River/Custer
TX	Arlington/Fort Worth combined w/Grapevine	Tarrant County/City limits of Grapevine
WA	Anacortes....combined w/Friday Harbor	San Juan, Skagit and Island
WA	Everett combined w/Lynnwood	Snohomish
WA	Port Angeles combined w/Port Townsend	Clallam/Jefferson
WY	Jackson combined w/Pinedale	Teton/Sublette

Attachment 5

Locations Changed to CONUS Per Diem Rate in FY 2006

STATE	DESTINATION	LOCATION DEFINED (Locations listed are counties unless otherwise defined)	FY 2006 Lodging Rate	FY 2006 M&IE
AL	Montgomery	Montgomery	\$60	\$39
AL	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa	\$60	\$39
CO	Pueblo	Pueblo	\$60	\$39
ID	McCall	Valley	\$60	\$39
LA	St. Francisville	West Feliciana Parish	\$60	\$39
MD	Hagerstown	Washington	\$60	\$39
MI	Frankfort	Benzie	\$60	\$39
MO	Jefferson City	Cole	\$60	\$39
MS	Biloxi/Gulfport	Harrison	\$60	\$39
NJ	Millville	Cumberland	\$60	\$39
OH	Geneva	Ashtabula	\$60	\$39
OH	Lancaster	Fairfield	\$60	\$39
OR	Gold Beach	Curry	\$60	\$39
TX	Amarillo	Potter	\$60	\$39
UT	Bullfrog	San Juan	\$60	\$39
VA	Petersburg	City of Petersburg	\$60	\$39
VA	Shenandoah	Page	\$60	\$39
VA	Wintergreen	Nelson	\$60	\$39
WV	Martinsburg/Hedgesville	Berkeley	\$60	\$39
WV	Berkeley Springs	Morgan	\$60	\$39