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MANPOWER & PERSONNEL FLIGHT FACT SHEET

RENEWAL AGREEMENT TRAVEL (RAT)

GENERAL: RAT is round trip travel between a civilian employee's overseas duty location and the place of residence in United States. (*Do not confuse with home leave*)

REGULATION: Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), Volume 2, Chapter 5, Part K:
<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/travelreg.cfm>

CONDITIONS:

- Must be employed with a Service Agreement (DD1617) to be eligible.
- Must complete tour of duty and sign a renewal agreement before travel.
 - Initial tours are 12, 24 or 36 months depending on duty location.
 - Renewal tours are 12 or 24 months (can be reduced up to 2 months with approved extension) depending on duty location.
- Must have an approved extension on file with 86FSS/FSPC before RAT can be granted.
- Must have 12 months remaining to end of tour upon **return** from RAT.

PROCEDURE AND EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Request RAT on "Request for Travel Order" at least 45 days in advance of travel
- (e-mail to: 86fss.civ-orders@ramstein.af.mil).
- Have orders in hand prior to travel.
- Advise 86 FSS/FSEC-R, Orders Section upon RAT return of actual travel dates.
- File travel voucher to collect funds (no advance authorized for RAT).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

(Call 86 FSS/FSEC-R, Orders Section at DSN 480-4212 for details and restriction on these items).

- Dependents are not required to travel with employee. ***Dependents may travel prior to sponsor but cannot return overseas until sponsor exercises RAT travel.***
- Dependents may delay travel up to 6 months from the date sponsor begins RAT 1.
- Replacement POV may be authorized.
- Shipment of nontemporary storage of household goods may be authorized.
- RAT may be authorized in conjunction with a PCS move, overseas to overseas, but not to CONUS. Must complete before Entrance On Duty (EOD) at new duty station.
- Alternate destination to other than actual residence may be authorized as long as the cost to the government is not more than to the actual residence (employee would be obligated for any difference)