

## Information Regarding Retirement Entitlements for Personal Property Shipping and Storage

Reference: The Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR)

When you retire from the United States military you are authorized HHG transportation from the last or any previous Permanent Duty Station, from a designated place in CONUS, from storage, or any combination thereof, to your Home of Selection (HOS).

Once a location is selected, that selection is irrevocable if transportation-in-kind is furnished and used, or travel and transportation allowances are received after the travel is completed.

A member may select a home:

- a. Any place within the U.S.;
- b. The HOR outside the U.S. or the place outside the U.S. from which the member was initially called or ordered to active duty (53 Comp. Gen. 963 (1974), 54 id. 1042 (1975)); or
- c. Any other place. ***NOTE: Allowances paid in this case must not exceed those payable had the member selected a home at a CONUS location specified by the member.***

Your **weight allowance** for your retirement is the same as on Active Duty.

You are allowed to ship PBP& E, (any item that is or was necessary for official duties) in your retirement shipment as long as it is declared during counseling, completion of the shipment application (DD Form 1299) shows the weight of PBP&E, and during pickup is identified, inventoried and weighed separately from your other household goods.

If you are required to vacate government quarters before selecting your home (Home of Selection), you are authorized a **short-distance HHG move from the government quarters** to a local temporary residence in the vicinity of the vacated quarters. You must obtain a memo from the garrison housing office giving the fund cite to be used for the move. The JFTR weight limit does not apply to this "local move" out of government quarters. This local move **does not count** as your retirement move, unless you use your retirement orders for the move.

**Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) entitlement:** You are authorized, Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) of your HHG (NTE the JFTR weight limit, excluding PBP&E) from the date your retirement orders are issued, to the 1-year anniversary of your retirement date. You may request continued storage beyond the 1-year anniversary of your retirement date but in all cases it will be at your expense, at the government rates for the extended time, so it will be much cheaper for you. You will need to make payment arrangements (with the Transportation Office that arranges your storage) by money order or certified check quarterly, semi-annually or annually for storage at your cost. If you don't request an extension of NTS it may be converted to commercial expense (at much higher rates to you, and your HHG will no longer be insured by the Government).

To emphasize, **your storage entitlement at Government expense is only for one year after your retirement date.**

You can ship items to other locations besides your HOS (split shipments) provided you pay for the excess cost (cost above what it would have cost the government to ship it all in one shipment to your HOS).

Ordinarily, **HHG must be turned over for transportation within one year following retirement.** Para U5365 does allow for **extensions to your shipping entitlement:**

- for persons undergoing hospitalization or medical treatment, an extension can be granted for the period equal to the hospitalization or medical treatment;
- for a retiree undergoing education or training to qualify for acceptable civilian employment, extension of this one year time limit can be granted, in one year increments, until one year after the education or training is completed.
- for "other deserving cases" when an unexpected event beyond the Retiree's control occurs which prevents the Retiree from moving to the HOS within the time limit.

The specific reason must be given in the request for extension. Extensions may not be approved if they extend the travel & transportation allowances more than 6-years from retirement, unless a certified on-going medical emergency exists which directly precludes movement. Such a case would have to go to the Secretary of your Service for further extension.