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Hot Topic: State Revises Travel Reimbursement Rates

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State Revises Travel Reimbursement Rates

The state of Tennessee has revised its travel reimbursement rates. If your city adopted the MTAS model travel policy and you reimburse using the state rates, then your reimbursement rates have changed, too. Your governing body doesn’t need to take any action for your city to begin reimbursing for travel at the new rates listed here.

MTAS will let you know if there are ever changes to the federal rates; we aren’t aware of any changes pending.

The new, higher state rates were effective Nov. 1, 1993. In-state travelers are now reimbursed at two different rates (Level I and Level II), depending on where they travel. Out-of-state travelers are eligible for reimbursement at one of four levels, depending on location. First, here are some general rates that have changed:

- Mileage: $ .24 per mile
- Maximum parking fees without receipt: $ 4.50 per day
- Baggage handling fee: $ 4.00 per hotel
- Fees for handling equipment/promotional material: $20.00 per hotel
- Extended travel long distance phone calls: $10.00 per week

Reimbursement Rates for In-State Travel

**Lodging Level I -- City and County Travel Sites**
- Hotel/motel per day (all locations except Level II locations): $37 + tax

**Lodging Level II -- City and County Travel Sites**
- Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby counties and Gatlinburg
  - Hotel/motel per day: $40 + tax

**Meals Per Day**

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Reimbursement Rates for Out-of-State Travel

**Lodging Level I -- Travel Sites**
Hotel/motel per day (all locations except Levels II - IV) $55 + tax

**Lodging Level II -- Travel Sites**
Hotel/motel per day $70 + tax
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Akron, OH
- Atlanta, GA
- Baltimore, MD
- Bethesda, MD
- Buffalo, NY
- Canton, OH
- Charleston, SC
- Cincinnati, OH
- Cleveland, OH
- Columbus, OH
- Denver, CO
- Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Indianapolis, IN
- Jacksonville, FL
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Detroit, MI
- Hartford, CT
- Los Angeles, CA
- Kansas City, MO
- Miami, FL
- Milwaukee, WI
- New Orleans, LA
- Orlando, FL
- Providence, RI
- Richmond, VA
- Rochester, NY
- Rockville, MD
- St. Louis, MO
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Seattle, WA
- Syracuse, NY
- Tampa, FL
- Toledo, OH
- Wilmington, DE

**Lodging Level III -- Travel Sites**
Hotel/motel per day $95 + tax
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Detroit, MI
- Hartford, CT
- Los Angeles, CA
- Minneapolis, MN
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Pittsburg, PA
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA

**Lodging Level IV -- Travel Sites**
New York City and Washington, D.C. $117 + tax

**Meals Per Day**

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