



9-18-2008

Changes in Federal and State Reimbursement Rates for Travel (2008)

Dick Phebus

Municipal Technical Advisory Service

Follow this and additional works at: http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_mtastop

 Part of the [Public Administration Commons](#)

The MTAS publications provided on this website are archival documents intended for informational purposes only and should not be considered as authoritative. The content contained in these publications may be outdated, and the laws referenced therein may have changed or may not be applicable to your city or circumstances.

For current information, please visit the MTAS website at: mtas.tennessee.edu.

Recommended Citation

Phebus, Dick, "Changes in Federal and State Reimbursement Rates for Travel (2008)" (2008). *MTAS Publications: Hot Topics*.
http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_mtastop/60

This Bulletin is brought to you for free and open access by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) at Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange. It has been accepted for inclusion in MTAS Publications: Hot Topics by an authorized administrator of Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange. For more information, please contact trace@utk.edu.

September 18, 2008

CHANGES IN FEDERAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR TRAVEL

Dick Phebus, Finance and Accounting Consultant

**FEDERAL RATES
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008**

Tennessee cities that elect to reimburse for official travel using the federal reimbursement rates should note that the federal government has increased per diem reimbursement rates effective October 1, 2008. Cities may wish to update their travel policies to reflect this change. These rates are effective until September 30, 2009.

The FY2009 standard CONUS (continental United States) rate for lodging remains unchanged at \$70. The M&IE (meals and incidental expenses) rate also remains the same at \$39.

While the standard CONUS lodging and meals and incidental rates remain unchanged, the federal rate did change for select cities in Tennessee. The table below lists those changes. Nashville again topped the list, with Brentwood/Franklin becoming the second city in Tennessee to exceed \$100 in lodging expense. Additionally, M&IE rates for the first and last days of travel are calculated at 75 percent of the authorized rates.

City or Location	County	Lodging	M & IE	Total	MIE First/ Last Day at 75%
Brentwood/Franklin	Williamson	\$101	\$49	\$150	\$36.75
Chattanooga	Hamilton	\$ 87	\$44	\$131	\$33.00
Knoxville	Knox	\$ 83	\$49	\$132	\$36.75
Memphis	Shelby	\$ 99	\$49	\$148	\$36.75
Nashville	Davidson	\$117	\$54	\$171	\$40.50
Oak Ridge	Anderson	\$ 86	\$39	\$125	\$29.25
All other Tennessee locations		\$ 70	\$39	\$109	\$29.95

September 18, 2008

CHANGES IN FEDERAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR TRAVEL

Meals and incidental expenses are broken down as shown in the following table for locations in Tennessee.

M&IE	\$39	\$44	\$49	\$54
Breakfast	7	8	9	10
Lunch	11	12	13	15
Dinner	18	21	24	26
Incidentals	3	3	3	3

These federal per diem rates apply to all locations within or entirely surrounded by the corporate limits of the key city as well as the boundaries of the county, including other municipalities within the county. Additionally, the federal standard mileage rate for reimbursements is currently \$.585 per mile until December 31, 2008.

Federal reimbursement rates for out-of-state travel vary from state to state. A complete listing of federal per diem rates for FY 2008 can be found at U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

STATE OF TENNESSEE RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

The table below lists lodging rates for Tennessee cities for use by cities that elect to use the state of Tennessee reimbursement rates. The state reimbursement policy also provides for M&IE maximum amounts similar to the federal rate. The state travel policy, revised October 1, 2008, and effective until modified or withdrawn, can be found in the *Tennessee Comprehensive Travel Regulations*.

The state also increased its standard mileage rate for reimbursements to \$.54 per mile, an increase of \$.08 per mile from the current amount.

IN-STATE TRAVEL LODGING REIMBURSEMENT RATES		
Counties and Cities	Maximum Lodging	Maximum Meals and Incidentals
Davidson (Nashville)	\$117	\$54
Shelby (Memphis)	\$ 99	\$49
Williamson (Brentwood/ Franklin)	\$101	\$49
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	\$ 87	\$44
Knox (Knoxville)	\$ 83	\$49
Anderson (Oak Ridge)	\$ 86	\$39
All locations not listed above	\$ 70	\$39

September 18, 2008

CHANGES IN FEDERAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR TRAVEL

**IN-STATE MEALS AND INCIDENTALS
 ALLOCATED BY MEAL**

Per Diem Rate	\$39	\$44	\$49	\$54
Breakfast	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10
Lunch	\$11	\$12	\$13	\$15
Dinner	\$18	\$21	\$24	\$26
Incidentals	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3

FINANCE OFFICE REVIEW

Please review your city’s travel policy to determine the applicable reimbursement rates for lodging and M&IE. If your city’s travel policy makes reimbursements based on the “state” or “federal” rate, the changes noted above may take effect without any action by your city board. If, however, your city’s policy establishes specific reimbursement rates for lodging and meals, you may need to amend the travel policy to reflect the above changes in regard to other travel expenses.

For more information, please contact the MTAS management or finance consultant in your area.

MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE

Knoxville (Headquarters)	(865) 974-0411	Jackson	(731) 423-3710
Johnson City	(423) 854-9882	Nashville	(615) 532-6827
	(423) 282-0416	Martin	(731) 881-7055

The Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) is a statewide agency of the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service. MTAS operates in cooperation with the Tennessee Municipal League to provide technical assistance services to officials of Tennessee’s incorporated municipalities. Assistance is offered in areas such as accounting, administration, finance, public works, ordinance codification, and water and wastewater management.

MTAS Hot Topics are information briefs that provide a timely review of current issues of interest to Tennessee municipal officials. Hot Topics are free to Tennessee local, state, and federal government officials and are available to others for \$2 each. Photocopying of this publication in small quantities for educational purposes is encouraged. For permission to copy and distribute large quantities, please contact the MTAS Knoxville office at (865) 974-0411.

www.mtas.tennessee.edu

The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution.

MTAS1314 • E14-1050-000-017-09