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Federal and State Reimbursement Rates for Travel

Federal Rates
For those cities that elected to reimburse for travel using the federal reimbursement rates, the federal government has increased the vehicle-cents-per-mile reimbursement rate to 32.5 cents per mile, up from 31.5 cents per mile in 1997.

Federal reimbursement rates have remained the same in most Tennessee cities. The standard federal rate is $50 per night for lodging and $30 per day for meals and incidentals (M&I). However, there are higher reimbursement rates in some of Tennessee’s larger cities. Please see the chart below for those rates.

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<th>Lodging</th>
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Federal reimbursement rates for out-of-state travel vary from state to state. For a complete listing of federal per diem rates, please reference the IRS publication #1542. Or, you can find a complete listing of federal per diem rates on the Internet at www.fss.gsa.gov.
State Rates
Reimbursement rates for the state of Tennessee remain unchanged, but for your information some of those rates are restated below.

Reimbursement Rates for In-State Travel

- Mileage
- Maximum parking fees without receipt
- Lodging Level I (general state travel)
- Lodging Level II (Gatlinburg, and Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Shelby Counties)

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
- 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

- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Detroit, MI
- Hartford, CT
- Los Angeles, CA
- Minneapolis, MN
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Pittsburgh, PA
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA

$95 + tax

Lodging Level IV -- Travel Sites

New York City and Washington, D.C.

$117 + tax

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