

## **DEPENDENT STUDENT TRAVEL FOR SERVICEMEMBERS ASSIGNED OCONUS**

[From Joint Travel Regulations](#), (paragraph 050816)

### **Eligibility for Dependent Student Travel:**

1. A Service member permanently stationed OCONUS (this does not include Hawaii or Alaska), who is authorized to have a dependent reside at or near the Permanent Duty Station (PDS) or the home port of a ship OCONUS, is eligible for transportation of the minor dependent *if either of the following apply*:
  - a. His or her minor dependent attends a dormitory school operated by the DoD or selected for the student by the appropriate Department of Defense (DoD) Education Activity Regional Director.
  - b. The dependent attends a school in the United States to obtain a formal education that is accredited by a state, regional, or nationally recognized accrediting agency or association recognized by the Secretary of Defense.
2. This DOES NOT apply to a Servicemember who is:
  - a. Assigned to a PDS in Alaska or Hawaii, or to a ship whose home port is in one of those states, who has an unmarried dependent child attending a school in Alaska or Hawaii.
  - b. Assigned to a PDS in Alaska or Hawaii, or to a ship whose home port is in one of those states, who has an unmarried dependent child attending a school in the CONUS to obtain a secondary education.
  - c. Who has an unmarried dependent child attending a Service academy as a cadet or midshipman.
  - d. Who has an unmarried dependent child attending a school in the United States to obtain a secondary education, if the:
    - i. Child is eligible to attend a secondary school for dependents that is located at or in the Service member's PDS vicinity and is operated under the Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978 (20 U.S.C. §921).
    - ii. Service member is stationed in Puerto Rico or in Guam and the child is eligible to attend a DoD Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, formerly known as Section 6, secondary school, in the PDS or home port vicinity

### **Allowances – Transportation but no per diem**

1. Transportation of the minor dependent is authorized between school and his or her residence. Authorized transportation is transportation in-kind, transportation reimbursement, or a MALT. Government or Government-procured transportation on

a space-required basis should be used when possible. See Chapter 2 for official transportation.

2. Per diem is not authorized unless otherwise indicated.

**Dependent Student Transportation to a School in the United States:**

1. A Service member who has a dependent student, who is separated from school in the United States and who has not previously traveled at Government expense to the Service member's PDS OCONUS, retains the authorization for dependent travel and transportation to the PDS OCONUS.
2. Transportation Allowances: A Service member is authorized one annual round trip for each dependent student at any time within a fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) between the Service member's PDS OCONUS and the dependent student's school in the United States when a Service member meets both of the following conditions:
  - a. Permanently stationed OCONUS.
  - b. Accompanied by a command-sponsored dependent at or in the Service member's PDS vicinity (or home port when the Service member is assigned to a ship with a home port OCONUS) unless the only dependents are unmarried dependent children under age 23 attending school in the United States to obtain a formal education.

**Dependent Student Transportation to a School OUTSIDE the United States:**

1. A dependent student who is attending a school outside the United States for 1 year or less under a program approved by the school in the United States where the dependent is enrolled is authorized one annual round trip between the OCONUS school being attended and the Service member's PDS OCONUS.
2. Reimbursement is limited to the transportation allowances for that dependent's annual round trip between the school in the United States and the Service member's PDS OCONUS.