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SUBJ/TERMINATION OF UTILITY COSTS WHEN A RESIDENCE IS PURCHASED AND USED FOR TDY LODGING/ (TRAVEL TECHNICAL MESSAGE 12-02)//

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REF A. JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS (JTR), CHAPTER 4

REF B. JOINT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS (JFTR), CHAPTER 4

REF C. TRAVEL TECHNICAL MESSAGE 11-14

1. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2011, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WHO PURCHASE A DWELLING AT A TDY LOCATION TO USE AS LODGING WHILE ON TDY ARE NOT ALLOWED REIMBURSEMENT FOR UTILITY COSTS. NO LODGING EXPENSES, TO INCLUDE MORTGAGE INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAXES (REFERENCE C), MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR A RESIDENCE THAT IS PURCHASED/PERSONALLY OWNED AND USED FOR TDY LODGING.

2. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2012, UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS WHO PURCHASE A DWELLING AT A TDY LOCATION TO USE AS LODGING WHILE ON TDY ARE NOT ALLOWED REIMBURSEMENT FOR UTILITY COSTS. THIS APPLIES TO DWELLINGS PURCHASED ON/AFTER JANUARY 01, 2012. NO LODGING EXPENSES, TO INCLUDE MORTGAGE INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAXES (REFERENCE C), MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR A RESIDENCE THAT IS PURCHASED/PERSONALLY OWNED AND USED FOR TDY LODGING. UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS UNDER ORDERS WHO PURCHASED A HOME PRIOR TO JANUARY 01, 2012, WILL BE GRANDFATHERED FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR MORTGAGE INTEREST, PROPERTY TAXES, AND UTILITY COSTS UNTIL EXPIRATION OF CURRENT ORDERS AND ANY EXTENSIONS THERETO.

3. THESE CHANGES ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN PRINT CHANGE NUMBER 557 OF THE JTR DATED JANUARY 01, 2012, AND PRINT CHANGE NUMBER 303 OF THE JFTR DATED MARCH 01, 2012.

4. POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS AND STANDARDS, TRAVEL FUNCTIONAL AREA, 317-212-3917/5090/5094.

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