

Official University Travel and Reimbursement Policy

Appendix B

Wyoming State Statutes Pertaining to Travel Reimbursement

9-3-102. Meal allowance; actual expenses; exceptions

(a) Unless otherwise provided by law, when any state officer or employee is required to travel on overnight trips for official business of the state, he is entitled to receive in addition to transportation expenses as provided by W.S. 9-3-103, lodging expenses, an allowance for meals and incidental expenses and other reimbursable expenses. The lodging and meal and incidental expense allowance shall be as determined by the governor for the state and by the governing body of any other entity using the state rate for that entity, but shall not exceed the published federal travel regulation rates in effect at the time of travel. The meal and incidental expense allowance shall be computed so as to pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination rate on the day of departure, one hundred percent (100%) on all interim days of official travel and seventy-five percent (75%) of the previous day's rate on the day of return. Lodging expenses shall be reimbursed up to the amount prescribed in the federal travel regulation as provided in this subsection. The head of the respective agency may approve lodging expenses in excess of the published rate. In addition:

(i) Meal expenses, either directly billed to the state, or included in registration, seminar and conference fees paid by the state on behalf of the state officer or employee are considered part of the meal and incidental expense allowance and shall be deducted from the allowance claim of the state officer or employee;

(ii) The head of the agency to be charged for the expense, or his designee, shall approve the claim for payment. State officers or employees shall not approve their own claims. The head of the agency is responsible to determine the veracity of each claim;

(iii) Any reimbursable expenses claimed in excess of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be supported by original vendor receipts or a sworn statement attesting to the expense, signed under penalty of false swearing by the claimant, and shall be attached to the voucher submitted to the state auditor for payment.

(b) Instead of the full meal and incidental expense allowance specified in subsection (a) of this section, the state officer or employee will be reimbursed for actual expenses for meals and gratuities while conducting official business of the state, not to exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the daily meal and incidental expense allowance for the location of the official business if the officer or employee:

(i) Is required to travel on a one (1) day trip of twenty-four (24) hours or less during which it is reasonable to assume no sleep or rest is required; or

(ii) Repealed By Laws 2001, Ch. 101, § 2.

(iii) Is required to eat a meal at an official meeting of a state committee, commission, board or council held in the community of the state officer's or employee's official domicile.

(c) Repealed by Laws 1983, ch. 102, § 2.

(d) Actual expenses in excess of the amounts specified in subsection (a) of this section may be reimbursed for in-state or out-of-state travel, with the prior approval of the agency director if:

(i) Specific prior trip approval has been given by the head of the respective agency if the agency is within the executive branch, the management council for the legislative branch and the chief justice of the supreme court for the judicial branch; and

(ii) The original itemized vendor receipts supporting amounts claimed for lodging and employee meals and gratuities where the total amount of the meal and gratuity exceeds fifteen dollars (\$15.00), accompany the claim submitted to the state auditor for payment. No reimbursement shall be claimed or paid for any alcoholic beverage.

(e) Claims for lodging and meal and incidental expense allowance or actual expense reimbursement shall be submitted to the state auditor for payment in the manner and form prescribed by him.

(f) This section does not apply to the state transportation and game and fish departments.

(g) Any voucher for reimbursement under this section or W.S. 9-3-103 shall be signed and certified under penalty of false swearing pursuant to W.S. 6-5-303.

(h) As used in the section:

(i) "Destination" means the location of the employee at midnight, or if still traveling at midnight, the location where lodging is secured;

(ii) "Incidental expense" means fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, bellhops, hotel maids, stewards or stewardesses and others on ships and hotel servants in foreign countries;

(iii) "Meal" means expenses for breakfast, lunch, dinner and related tips and taxes, but does not include expenses incurred for alcoholic beverages, entertainment or any expenses incurred for other persons;

(iv) "Reimbursable expenses" means other expenses that are inherently travel related and not included in the meal and incidental expense allowance.

9-3-103. Transportation expenses; limitation on longevity or length-of-service allowances

(a) Any state, county or precinct officer or employee required to travel in the performance of the duties of his office is entitled to receive reimbursement for all actual and necessary transportation expenses incurred as provided by one (1) of the following methods:

(i) If common carrier transportation is used, the actual expense not to exceed economy fare charged the general public is reimbursable. If deluxe accommodations are desired, the amount exceeding economy fare shall be paid personally by the officer or employee. Passenger coupons issued by the transportation company or an official fare receipt shall accompany the claim submitted to the state auditor or the board of county commissioners for audit and payment. With prior approval of the respective executive agency head, the management council or the chief justice of the supreme court, actual expenses in excess of the economy fare may be reimbursed;

(ii) If rented, chartered or contracted vehicle transportation is used, reimbursement is limited to reasonable rates determined by the administrative head of the governmental unit where claim is submitted. The vendor's official receipt for charges shall accompany the claim submitted to the state auditor or board of county commissioners for audit and payment;

(iii) If private vehicle transportation is used, reimbursement shall be as determined by the governor for the state and by the governing body of any other entity, based on a mileage allowance not to exceed the maximum nontaxable rates allowed by the internal revenue service at the time of travel.

(A) Repealed By Laws 2001, Ch. 23, § 2.

(B) Repealed By Laws 2001, Ch. 23, § 2.

(C) Repealed By Laws 2001, Ch. 23, § 2.

(b) At the discretion of the administrative head of the governmental unit in which claim is submitted, reimbursement may be authorized for actual but necessary vehicle parking fees, car wash expenses, toll fees, taxi fares and taxi driver tips.

(c) Before any claim for transportation expenses is paid, the claimant shall present to the state auditor or the board of county commissioners for audit and payment a verified claim made out in separate items properly dated. The value of each item shall be specifically described to the satisfaction of the auditing officer or board to indicate that the expense has been properly incurred for the benefit of the state or county in pursuance of the claimant's official duties.

(d) County commissioners shall at all times receive transportation expense reimbursement when engaged upon official county business. Other officers of the county shall receive transportation expense reimbursement subject to the approval of the board of county commissioners.

(e) No state official or employee shall receive transportation expense reimbursement when traveling from his residence to the place of his employment and return.

(f) A state officer, judge or employee whose salary is fixed by W.S. 9-3-101 or by any other specific act of the legislature shall not receive any additional allowance based on longevity or length of service, or any other compensation, perquisite or allowances whatever except per diem and necessary traveling and moving expenses when otherwise authorized by law. If any officer, judge or employee, or any retired officer, judge or employee, is receiving compensation or retirement benefits on the effective date of this act which include an additional allowance for longevity or length of service previously authorized, those compensation or retirement benefits shall not be immediately reduced or diminished, but that portion of the compensation or retirement benefits being received on the effective date of this act which is attributable to longevity or length of service allowance shall be reduced or disallowed to the extent it is offset by future increases in salary or retirement benefits authorized by act of the legislature. This subsection does not apply to retirement, health insurance or life insurance benefits, but only to compensation received for length of service.

9-3-104. Moving expenses

When any state officer or employee is transferred from one (1) official station to another within the state of Wyoming for permanent duty, when the transfer is made at the request of and for the benefit of the state of Wyoming, the employing agency shall pay the actual expenses of transporting the household goods and effects of the officer or employee.