

CHAPTER 5: PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL (PDT)

PART D: MOBILE HOME TRANSPORTATION (SERVICE MEMBERS)

0522 INTRODUCTION

This Part identifies mobile home transportation allowances for a Service member ordered on a permanent change of station (PCS). A mobile home may be moved by commercial or Government means between the old permanent duty station (PDS) and new PDS, when the PDSs are located within specific geographic boundaries, or to or from authorized selected points when one of the PDSs is at a location outside the continental United States (OCONUS) other than in Alaska. A selected point is a location within the continental United States (CONUS) or Alaska where the mobile home is kept while a Service member, with or without dependents, is at a PDS OCONUS other than Alaska. Transportation in this Part includes packing, pickup, line-haul or drayage, delivery, and unpacking.

0523 STANDARD ALLOWANCES

052301. Transporting a Mobile Home Instead of Household Goods (HHG)

A. Eligibility. A Service member on a PCS order may be authorized mobile home transportation allowances instead of household goods (HHG) transportation at Government expense when traveling to a new PDS that is either in the CONUS or Alaska. The Service member either has no dependent or has a dependent who travels to the new PDS at the same time as the Service member. A dependent may also be eligible for mobile home allowances when he or she is authorized to travel to or from the designated place or selected point in the CONUS or Alaska to a new PDS OCONUS. A mobile home eligible for transportation must meet all of the following conditions:

1. The mobile home is acquired on or before the PCS order's effective date to use as a residence by the Service member or a dependent at the location where it is being moved.
2. The mobile home's condition is maintained (including body, chassis, tires, and tubes) to withstand the transportation rigors. Any necessary maintenance to prepare the mobile home for transportation is at either the Service member's, dependent's, or heir's expense and to the Government's satisfaction.

B. Allowances

Table 5-57. Dependent Travel that Affects PCS Allowances for Moving a Mobile Home		
If...		Then...
1	two Service members are married to each other and both have PCS orders,	they may combine their authorized PCS HHG weight allowances. Determine the maximum amount the Government may pay is equal to the GCC of shipping the combined maximum authorized HHG weight allowances for both members between authorized locations.
2	a Service member is married to a civilian employee and both have PCS orders,	they may combine their PCS HHG weight allowances.

Table 5-57. Dependent Travel that Affects PCS Allowances for Moving a Mobile Home	
If...	Then...
3 a dependent is authorized to travel to or from the designated place or selected point in the CONUS or Alaska to a new PDS OCONUS,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Service member is authorized mobile home transportation and shipment of the HHG removed from the mobile home to the border crossing or appropriate port or designated place or selected point (see par. 052101). b. The Service member may transport unaccompanied baggage and HHG, which includes the cost of packing, pickup, line-haul or drayage, delivery and unpacking to the new PDS. c. The Government's maximum liability to transport the mobile home, any HHG removed from the mobile home, and any unaccompanied baggage or HHG transported to the new PDS for the Service member's use, limited to the Government's cost to transport the HHG at the Service member's PCS weight allowance from the old PDS to the new PDS.

C. “Best Value” Transportation. The “Best Value” Transportation methodology is used to determine the maximum cost authorization for Armed Forces and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the channel times and for the maximum HHG weight for grade and dependency status. The constructed mobile home transportation is always the “Best Value” transportation cost of the Service member's maximum PCS HHG weight allowance between the authorized points. For details on how “Best Value” costs are determined, see the [DTR 4500.9-R, Part IV, Chapter 403](#) (Best Value).

Note: U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) computes the Government's cost to transport the Service member's maximum PCS weight allowance by using the method USPHS would have selected to transport the Service member's HHG.

D. Constructed Government Cost. The constructed Government cost to transport the Service member's mobile home, plus any HHG removed from the mobile home, and any unaccompanied baggage or HHG transported is limited to the Governments “Best Value” cost to transport HHG at the maximum PCS weight allowance from the old PDS to the new PDS.

E. Delayed or Deferred Mobile Home Transportation. The Service member may choose not to move a mobile home when authorized. Mobile home transportation is authorized on a subsequent PCS to the new PDS from either of the following, whichever distance is greater:

1. The former PDS where the mobile home was not moved.
2. The Service member's most recent PDS.

F. Limitations. Mobile home transportation can be chosen instead of HHG transportation. This choice is available for PCS moves within the CONUS, within Alaska, or between the CONUS and Alaska. Selection of mobile home transportation does not allow unaccompanied baggage or HHG transportation unless the HHG was removed from the mobile home for safe transportation. The Service member may not request or accept payment for PCS HHG weight allowance transportation at Government expense when a mobile home has been moved in connection with the same PCS order.

G. Upon Separation from the Service, Relief from Active Duty, Placement on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL), or Retirement. A Service member being separated from the Service,

relieved from active duty, placed on the TDRL, or retired must turn over his or her mobile home to a Transportation Officer for shipment in accordance with the same time limits as the HHG to be authorized mobile home allowances. See [par. 052012-C](#) for time limits.

H. **Funds Advance.** Advance payment for personally procured mobile home transportation is authorized, limited to the estimated amount allowable. An advance cannot be paid directly to a carrier.

052302. Geographic Limitations

A Service member, dependent, or heir may be authorized mobile home transportation allowances between the geographic locations in [Table 5-58](#). The cost limitation for shipping a mobile home is what the cost to the Government would have been to transport the HHG at the PCS HHG weight allowance between the old PDS and new PDS.

Table 5-58. Geographic Limitations for Mobile Home Transportation Allowances		
Locations		Defined Areas
1	Origin and Destination Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within the CONUS. b. Within Alaska. c. Between the CONUS and Alaska. d. Through Canada en route between Alaska and the CONUS. e. Through Canada en route between one point in the CONUS and another, such as traveling from Buffalo, New York to Detroit, Michigan. f. From the old PDS in the CONUS or in Alaska to a border crossing point or appropriate port. g. From a border crossing point or appropriate port in the CONUS to a new PDS in the CONUS or in Alaska or from a border crossing point or appropriate port in Alaska to a new PDS in Alaska.
2	Appropriate Port	A port within CONUS or Alaska ordinarily used when a mobile home is transported at personal expense between a port in the CONUS or Alaska and a PDS neither in the CONUS nor Alaska.
3	Border Crossing Point	A border crossing point ordinarily used for mobile home movement between the CONUS, or Alaska, and either Canada or Mexico.

0524 TRANSPORTATION

052401. Government-Procured Transportation for Short-Distance Moves

The Service member or dependent or heir must own the mobile home when it is moved. When the Installation Commander orders the Service member to vacate the premises (Government or local housing) he or she is authorized Government-procured transportation or reimbursement for expenses incurred, including storage in transit (SIT), to move the mobile home to another location in the PDS vicinity. Reimbursable expenses associated with moving a mobile home are listed in [Table 5-59](#).

Table 5-59. Reimbursable Expenses for a Mobile Home Move		
1	Authorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SIT. b. Preparing the mobile home for transportation, including the preparation costs specified in par. 052403-B2. c. Installing the mobile home at the new site. d. Actual transportation.

Table 5-59. Reimbursable Expenses for a Mobile Home Move

2	Not Authorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Excess preparation fees. b. Connecting or disconnecting appliances, equipment, and utilities involved in relocation and of converting appliances for operation on available utilities. c. Special handling requested by the Service member. d. Excess transportation costs. e. Insurance or excess valuation over the carrier's maximum liability. f. Costs associated with ensuring that the body, chassis, frame, springs, wheels, brakes, and tires are in good condition and that any extra property placed in the mobile home does not constitute an overload condition that could result in damage or repair charges. g. Repairs or maintenance performed en route, including structural repairs, brake repairs, and parts or tire replacement. h. Storage accruing at any location unless caused by conditions beyond the Service member's control.

B. Cost Limitation. The transportation cost limitation in this part does not apply to short-distance moves. There is no cost constraint nor is the Service member limited to the cost of transporting 18,000 pounds of HHG.

052402. Government-Procured Transportation

The Service member may turn over their mobile home to the Government for transportation to the new PDS or authorized location. The Government pays all transportation costs up to what it would have cost the Government to transport the Service member's PCS HHG weight allowance from the old PDS to the new PDS. These costs include pickup, transportation, and delivery of the mobile home to the destination ready for occupancy. Other reimbursable expenses are listed in [Table 5-60](#).

Table 5-60. Reimbursable Expenses for Government-Procured Transportation

1	Authorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Actual transportation. b. Ferry fares. c. Bridge, road, and tunnel tolls. d. Taxes. e. Preparing the mobile home for transportation, including the preparation costs in par. 052403-B2. f. Charges or fees fixed by a municipal authority for permits to transport mobile homes in and through its jurisdiction and the carrier service charges for obtaining such permits.
2	Not Authorized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Excess preparation fees. b. Excess transportation costs. c. Special handling requested by the Service member. d. Insurance or excess valuation over the carrier's maximum liability. e. Connecting or disconnecting appliances, equipment, and utilities involved in relocation and of converting appliances for operation on available utilities. f. Costs associated with ensuring that the body, chassis, frame, springs, wheels, brakes, and tires are in good condition and that any extra property placed in the mobile home does not constitute an overload condition that could result in damage or repair charges. g. Repairs or maintenance performed en route, including structural repairs, brake repairs, and parts or tire replacement.

Table 5-60. Reimbursable Expenses for Government-Procured Transportation

		h. Storage accruing at any location unless caused by conditions beyond the Service member's control.
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A. Allowance Limitations. The Service member may not transport any HHG separately at Government expense or receive any other allowances for the transportation involved.

B. Routing. Expenses for transporting a mobile home at Government expense are limited to the usual highway routing in the CONUS and Alaska, and through Canada between origin and destination in the CONUS and Alaska.

052403. Personally Procured Transportation

The Service member is responsible for making personally procured transportation arrangements for the mobile home.

A. Commercial Transportation. A Service member or a deceased Service member's heir, is authorized mobile home allowances and may transport a mobile home at personal expense.

1. Allowances. A Service member may be reimbursed for the transportation and SIT costs, and the cost to transport the TDY HHG weight allowance, if applicable, when TDY en route is involved while using commercial transportation to move a mobile home at personal expense. The reimbursement is limited to the constructed Government cost in [par. 052301-D](#).

Table 5-61. Reimbursable Expenses for Commercial Transportation

1	Authorized	a. Pilot or flag car, or escort services, if required by law. b. The carrier's charges for the actual transportation, limited to charges approved by the Surface Transportation Board or a similar state regulatory body. c. Preparing the mobile home for transportation, including the preparation costs in par. 052403-B2 . d. Charges or fees fixed by a municipal authority for permits to transport mobile homes in and through its jurisdiction and the carrier's service charges for obtaining such permits. e. Taxes. f. Bridge, road, and tunnel tolls. g. SIT. h. Ferry fares.
		a. Special handling costs requested by the Service member. b. Insurance or excess valuation costs over the carrier's maximum liability or charges designated in the tariffs as "Special Service." c. Carrier's maintenance or repair charges to the mobile home en route, including structural repairs, brake repairs, tire replacement, and incidental charges. d. Costs of connecting or disconnecting appliances, equipment, and utilities involved in relocation and of converting appliances for operation on available utilities.

2. Paying the Carrier. When paying the carrier the Service member, dependent, or heir ensures that the carrier's preparation responsibility is known.

a. The transporter's bill or invoice includes specific cost itemization of charges.

b. The body, frame, springs, wheels, brakes, and tires are in condition to permit transportation.

c. Any extra property placed in the mobile home does not constitute an overload condition that could result in damage or repair charges that would be the financial responsibility of the Service member, dependent, or heir.

B. Personally Procured Transportation not by a Commercial Transporter. A Service member, dependent, or heir may use transportation other than a commercial transporter. Reimbursement is for the actual transportation costs subject to the limitations in this paragraph.

1. Allowances. A reimbursable allowance includes costs generally associated with mobile home preparation at an origin inside Alaska or the CONUS for transportation and resettling at the destination inside Alaska or the CONUS.

Table 5-62. Distance Determination		
Origin or Destination		Allowable Distance
1	Within the CONUS or Alaska	Compute the distance using the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) for official worldwide PCS and TDY distance information. The statute distance to and from the usual place of arrival or departure on the mainland is allowed when the origin or destination is an island within the CONUS or Alaska.
2	OCONUS	Compute the distance using the DTOD. The allowable distance is limited to the distance the mobile home is transported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Within or between any points in the CONUS. Within or between any points in Alaska. Through Canada en route between Alaska and elsewhere in the CONUS.

2. Preparation Costs Allowed. Reimbursement is for the following preparation costs:

a. Rental, installation, removal and transportation of hitches and extra axles with wheels and tires.

b. Blocking and unblocking, including anchoring and un-anchoring, labor costs at the origin and destination.

c. Blocks purchased instead of transporting blocks from old PDS and cost of replacement blocks broken while the mobile home was being transported.

d. The HHG packing and unpacking associated with the mobile home and dismantling and assembling costs for a portable room appended to a mobile home.

e. Disconnecting and connecting utilities and extension costs of existing water and sewer lines.

f. Skirting removal and installation labor costs and movement and reassembling costs of separating, preparing, and sealing each half of a double-wide mobile home.

g. Trailer towing lights installation and removal.

h. Costs for expanding, stabilizing, and sealing room expansion sections in a single-wide mobile home, also known as expando charges.

i. Transportation expenses, such as anti-sway device charges, , over-dimension charges and permits, , and wrecker service when required.

j. Travel lift fees.

k. Similar expenses.

3. Non-Reimbursable Expenses. Costs are not reimbursable for preparation of mobile homes located outside Alaska or outside the CONUS for transportation or resettling outside Alaska or the CONUS.

4. Over-Water Transportation of a House Boat, Used as a Primary Residence, that is Towed by Pulling, Pushing, or Carrying. Over-water house boat transportation is authorized from and to points in the CONUS or Alaska. Transportation costs, in this paragraph, are subject to limitations and authorized for:

a. Fuel and oil used for propulsion of the boat.

b. Harbor pilot charges.

c. Pilots and navigators in open water.

d. A crew.

e. Docking fees incurred in transit.

f. Harbor and port fees and charges relating to entry and navigation through ports.

g. Towing, in-tow, or towing by pushing from behind.

h. Similar expenses.

5. Self-propelled House Boat Driven over Water. Reimbursement is at the automobile [mileage rate](#), per overland mile, for the official distance between authorized points, subject to the limitations in this paragraph, and must not exceed the Government's constructed cost between official points. SIT is authorized.

C. Self-propelled Mobile Home Driven Overland. Reimbursement is at the automobile mileage rate for the official distance between the points authorized or for actual transportation costs subject to the limitations in this paragraph and must not exceed the Government's constructed cost between official points. SIT is authorized for a self-propelled mobile home driven overland.

D. Mobile Home Moved by Overland Towing. Reimbursement is authorized for the actual transportation costs subject to the limitations in this paragraph and limited to the Government's constructed cost to move the mobile home between official points. SIT is authorized.

052404. Storage in Transit (SIT)

SIT is authorized with mobile home transportation. It is cumulative with accrual from any combination of the origin, in transit, or at the destination. The law limits SIT to no more than 180 days. The Service member is financially responsible for all SIT costs when a mobile home is placed in storage under a PCS order but not transported, with limited exceptions. When storage facilities are unavailable at the origin or the destination, storage may be in the nearest available storage facility authorized or approved by the Transportation Officer.

A. Costs

1. In computing the storage periods, the SIT is based on actual storage dates, not on a monthly rate, regardless of billing practices.
2. When computing the authorized allowance, the SIT cost is excluded when comparing the mobile home transportation total cost with the Service member's PCS weight allowance transportation total cost.

B. Time Limits. A Service member is authorized mobile home SIT at Government expense for 90 days with any authorized mobile home transportation. All accrued storage charges after expiration of the first 90-day period are the Service member's financial responsibility unless additional storage is authorized or approved. After the first 90 days:

1. Requests for authorization or approval of additional storage must be submitted to the appropriate official or designated representative.
2. When conditions arise beyond the Service member's control and a mobile home must remain in SIT after the first 90 days, the Transportation Officer or other officer designated by the Service concerned may authorize the Service member 90 days of additional storage.

C. Order Amended or Modified. A Service member whose PCS order is amended or modified before he or she arrives at the initially directed new PDS is authorized the storage type under the original PCS order. The authorization is valid from the date the mobile home was released to a transportation service provider or the Government for shipment or SIT until the amended or modified order's effective date. On that effective date, the amended or modified PCS order establishes the storage allowance.

D. Order Canceled or Revoked. A Service member whose PCS order is canceled or revoked after the date a mobile home is released to a transportation service provider or the Government for shipment or SIT, is authorized the storage type under the original PCS order until the date of cancellation or revocation. After the PCS order is canceled or revoked, the Service member is authorized SIT with mobile home return shipment and delivery to an authorized place.

E. Another PCS Order Is Issued after the Service Member Arrives at the New PDS. A Service member who receives another PCS order after arriving at a new PDS while the mobile home is in SIT, is authorized continued SIT until either the new PCS order's effective date or for 180 days, whichever occurs first. The new PCS order establishes the subsequent storage authorization.

0525 MOBILE HOME TRANSPORTATION WHEN AN ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBER IS ILL, INJURED, OR REPORTED ABSENT FOR 30 OR MORE DAYS IN A MISSING STATUS, OR UPON DEATH

A. Authorization. A dependent otherwise authorized to transport the HHG, is authorized mobile home transportation for use as a residence when official notice is received that the Service member:

1. Died while on active duty or while authorized basic pay.
2. Is injured or ill and the anticipated period of hospitalization or treatment is expected to be of prolonged duration as shown by a statement of the receiving hospital's commanding officer.
3. Is absent for 30 or more days in a missing status.

B. Transportation. Transportation is authorized to a Service member's official HOR or to another location authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process and by one or a combination of the following:

1. Government-arranged transportation.
2. Personally arranged transportation using a commercial transporter.
3. Transportation by a means other than Government-arranged or personally arranged.

C. Reimbursement of Transportation and Incidental Costs. Transportation and incidental costs incurred while transporting a mobile home under this subparagraph are at Government expense. The limits elsewhere in this Part do not apply.

D. Additional Moves. A mobile home transported under this paragraph may again be transported when the Service member has officially been reported as absent for more than 1 year in a missing status, when, through the Secretarial Process, it is determined the circumstances justify an additional move.

E. Advance Payment. An advance of mobile home allowances is authorized and paid in accordance with the [DoD Financial Management Regulation, Vol. 9](#) (Travel Policy) for DoD Services or Agencies and Service regulations for non-DoD Services.

F. Death of a Service Member. When a Service member with a mobile home dies on active duty, one dependent of the Service member is authorized mobile home transportation allowances from the mobile home location on the date of death to a place designated by that dependent, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The mobile home is used by the dependent as a residence at the destination.
2. Mobile home transportation is completed within 1 year after the Service member's death unless an extension is authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process.
3. For Government-procured transportation, the mobile home is turned over to a Transportation Officer within 1 year after the Service member's death unless an extension is authorized or

approved through the Secretarial Process.

0526 EXCESS MOBILE HOME TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR A SERVICE MEMBER SEPARATED OR DECEASED, OR HEIRS OF A DECEASED SERVICE MEMBER

A. Financial Responsibility. The Government is obligated only for the total authorized cost to transport a mobile home. The Service member, a dependent, or heir must sign a written agreement to be financially responsible for all excess costs. This includes excess distance charges, excess HHG charges, and costs not allowed as listed in this paragraph.

B. Unique Circumstances. Transportation of a mobile home that involves excess costs may be paid initially by the Government. However, excess costs must be subsequently reimbursed by the Service member or heir when a Service member is:

1. Discharged, resigns, or separates from active duty resulting in a non-pay status.
2. Deceased.
3. Authorized by Service regulations.

0527 MOBILE HOME TRANSPORTATION UNDER UNUSUAL OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

A. Dependent Travel before the Service Member's PCS due to Official or Personal Situations. See [PDT computation example 16](#).

1. When disciplinary action is taken against a Service member stationed OCONUS, or when he or she is discharged under other than honorable conditions, or sentenced to confinement with or without discharge, the Service member is authorized mobile home transportation for one of the following moves:

- a. To a designated place in the CONUS or Alaska.
- b. From a point outside the CONUS and Alaska to a designated place in Alaska.

2. Authorized Transportation for Dependent Travel

a. Mobile home transportation under this subparagraph is instead of transporting the HHG except as authorized when a Service member is stationed OCONUS or in Alaska and both of the following occur:

(1) Dependents are returned to CONUS or Alaska under Early Return of Dependents or categories in [Chapter 5, Part B](#).

(2) The Service member chooses mobile home allowances instead of HHG allowances within or between CONUS or Alaska under this paragraph or under [section 0528](#).

b. The Service member is also authorized HHG and unaccompanied baggage transportation from the OCONUS or Alaska PDS to the designated place except for the HHG removed from the mobile home to meet safety requirements.

3. Dependent Travel before the New PDS

a. The order authorizing dependent transportation in [Chapter 5, Part B](#) or in [section 0528](#), also may authorize mobile home transportation. The order should specify the authority that justifies the special circumstances for the transportation authorization.

b. After a mobile home is transported due to dependent travel and transportation before issuance of a PCS order, no further mobile home transportation is authorized before the Service member's next PCS from the PDS OCONUS.

4. Service Member Assigned to Full PCS Weight Allowance Area. The Government's financial responsibility for mobile home and HHG transportation to the designated place is limited to the Government's cost to transport the Service member's PCS HHG weight allowance from the PDS OCONUS to the designated place.

5. Service Member Assigned to Administratively Weight-Restricted Area

a. The mobile home may be transported from a point in the CONUS or Alaska to the designated place.

b. The Government's financial responsibility for mobile home and HHG transportation is in accordance with the eligibility requirements in the beginning of this section. The authorization to transport the Service member's HHG is limited to the PCS HHG weight allowance, minus the weight of HHG transported from OCONUS, from either of the following:

(1) The Service member's last PDS in the CONUS or Alaska.

(2) The port in the CONUS or Alaska through which the Service member's HHG from OCONUS would be transported to the designated place, whichever is to the Service member's advantage.

B. Mobile Home Transportation Due to Alert Notice

1. A Service member authorized HHG transportation due to an alert notice is authorized mobile home transportation to a designated place in the CONUS or Alaska, if the eligibility requirements in [par. 052301](#) are met.

2. When a mobile home is transported after an alert notice, but the Service member's movement to the dependent-restricted PDS OCONUS is canceled, subsequent mobile home transportation is authorized to the Service member's PDS if the PDS is in the CONUS or Alaska.

3. When the PDS is in Canada, Mexico, or other parts of Central America, authorization is limited to the cost to the Government to transport the Service member's HHG PCS weight allowance between the old PDS and new PDS.

C. Mobile Home Transportation Due to Tour Extension. A Service member on a tour at a PDS for less than the specified tour length, who used the mobile home authorization when assigned to that

PDS, is authorized mobile home transportation at Government expense from the place where the mobile home is located to the PDS, limited to the authorization from the old PDS to the new PDS.

1. This authorization also applies if a Service member initially chooses not to move a mobile home to that PDS due to the anticipated short assignment.

2. The authorization is limited to that situation when the tour is extended due to unusual circumstances and the needs of the Service.

D. Breakdown, Damage, or Destruction of a Mobile Home en Route. When a mobile home delivery to the authorized destination is prevented by breakdown, damage, or destruction of the mobile home while en route under circumstances beyond the Service member's control, mobile home allowances are authorized to the point where the mobile home was transported.

1. The Service member may then transport the HHG that was removed from the mobile home to meet safety requirements.

2. Total transportation cost is limited to the Government's constructed cost, which is the total cost to transport the Service member's PCS HHG weight allowance from the old PDS to the new PDS.

E. Improper Shipments. When a mobile home is transported to an improper destination through no fault of the Service member, the mobile home may be transported from there to the proper destination upon authorization or approval from the appropriate Service's Transportation Officer. The Service member is responsible for the excess costs that would have been incurred had the shipment been transported to the proper destination by the direct route.

F. Order Amended, Modified, Canceled, or Revoked. When the Service member personally procures mobile home transportation and the PCS order is amended, modified, canceled, or revoked, the Service member is responsible for modifying the mobile home transportation arrangements. The distance is computed in accordance with the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) from the origin or destination within the CONUS or Alaska. The Service member is authorized mobile home allowances for one of the following moves:

1. To the original destination as if the transportation was completed.
2. To the point the mobile home was intercepted en route and then to the ultimate new PDS.
3. To another place authorized in this Part.
4. For return to the old PDS, as appropriate.

G. Transportation before an Order Is Issued. When required by necessity, as determined by the appropriate official of the Service concerned, a Service member's mobile home may be transported before a PCS order is issued when the Service member has personally procured transportation arrangements for the mobile home in the same manner as his or her HHG. The request for transportation must be supported by all of the following:

1. A statement from the AO or designated representative that the Service member was previously advised that the order would be issued. The Service member should retain the AO's or designated representative's written certification that the Service member was advised before the mobile home was transported that this PCS order would be issued in case finance regulations require submission

of that certification with the reimbursement voucher.

2. A signed agreement by the applicant to pay any additional costs incurred for transportation to another point required because the new PDS named in the order is different than that named in the AO's statement.

3. A signed agreement by the applicant to pay the entire transportation cost if a PCS order is not later issued to authorize the transportation. A Service member is authorized reimbursement only if a PCS order is later issued.

4. The length of time before the PCS order is issued, during which a Service member may be advised that an order will be issued, is limited to the relatively short period between the time when a determination is made to order the Service member perform a PCS and the date on which the order is actually issued.

5. General information furnished to the Service member concerning order issuance before the determination is made to actually issue the order (such as the time of eventual release from active duty, time when the service term expires, retirement eligibility date, expected rotation date from duty OCONUS) is not advice that the order will be issued.

H. Mobile Home Transportation from a Previous PDS. The Service member or dependent is responsible for notifying the AO of the mobile home's location if it is not at the current PDS. If the mobile home was not moved from a prior PDS, then mobile home allowances from the last PDS may be authorized at any combination of the point of origin, in transit, or at the destination.

0528 MOBILE HOME TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENTS (ERD)

The order granting the dependent's transportation authorization may also authorize HHG or mobile home transportation and must specify the regulatory authority. When a mobile home is transported due to an authorized Early Return of Dependents (ERD), no further mobile home transportation is authorized before the Service member's next PCS from the PDS OCONUS.

A. Mobile Home Transportation Instead of HHG Shipping. Mobile home transportation instead of shipping the HHG may be authorized to a designated place in the CONUS or from a point outside the CONUS to a designated place in Alaska.

B. Service Member Assigned to Full PCS Weight Allowance Area. The amount the Government pays for mobile home and HHG transportation to the designated place is limited to what it would have cost the Government to transport the Service member's PCS weight allowance from the PDS OCONUS to the designated place.

C. Service Member Assigned to Administrative Weight-Restricted Area. The mobile home may be transported from a point in the CONUS or Alaska to the designated place.

1. The Government's cost for transporting the mobile home is limited to what it would have cost the Government to transport the Service member's PCS weight allowance from one of the following, minus the weight of the HHG transported from OCONUS:

a. The Service member's last PDS in the CONUS or Alaska.

b. A port in the CONUS or Alaska through which the Service member's HHG from OCONUS would be shipped to the designated place, whichever is to the Service member's advantage.

2. If a Service member owned a mobile home and was authorized to move it to the last PDS in the CONUS while serving there, but chose not to do so, then the mobile home may be transported at Government expense from that location to the Service member's last PDS in the CONUS or Alaska when the dependent returns early from an administrative weight-restricted area. The Government's constructed cost for this mobile home transportation is based on the Service member's PCS weight allowance on the order's effective date from that location.