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# Rules Change on Escorting Families During Duty Station Moves

Service members traveling on indeterminate temporary duty (ITDY) orders are now authorized to escort their family members to and from an alternate location at government expense, according to NAVADMIN 227/10, which was released July 9.

The message announced the change in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) law that went into effect March 15.

The new policy adds an escort entitlement for Sailors to accompany their family during an authorized move. There is no change to family member travel.



ITDY is similar to temporary duty (TDY), which the Navy calls temporary additional duty, but there is no specified time period and no end-date in the orders. A modification or follow-on orders are required for the member to go to their permanent duty station (PDS).

To apply for escort entitlement, the member must be on ITDY orders dated March 15 or later. Orders dated prior to March 15 can be modified, but this modification does not grandfather in prior travel.

Under the new rules, service members must request approval of their itinerary prior to starting travel. Travel is either from the PDS to the ITDY location or from the ITDY location to the PDS. Service members currently on Global War on Terrorism Support Assignments (GSA) cannot be reimbursed retroactively for previous travel, but may make a request for their return travel.

Some typical scenarios:

- A service member accompanies family members from an alternate location en route to the old PDS upon return from an individual augmentee assignment when the service member does not have follow-on permanent change of station orders.
- The member escorts family members to an alternate location and returns to the Sailor's PDS prior to departing for an IA/GSA.
- When the service member has follow-on permanent change of station orders, travel from the ITDY location to the old PDS (if family members elected to stay there) and travel to new PDS when returning from a GSA.

The government will not pay for escort travel when:

- The member wants to use it to arrange for household goods or privately owned vehicle shipments, take leave or any other personal convenience.
- The member does not have ITDY orders. Any travel prior to having written orders is not reimbursable.
- The member has already reported to the new PDS.

Specific information on how to apply can be found in the message. Visit the Navy Personnel Command Web site at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) and click on "Messages."