

PCS Travel To/from Port of Embarkation (POE), Port of Debarkation (POD), and Vehicle Processing Centers For Members Traveling From/To a CONUS Permanent Duty Station (PDS) To/From an OCONUS PDS

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Designated passenger Ports of Embarkation (POE), Ports of Debarkation (POD), and Vehicle Processing Centers (VPC) are considered the closest POE, POD, and VPC servicing a member's old and new permanent duty station (PDS). However, members traveling from/to a CONUS PDS to/from an OCONUS PDS by mixed modes (POC and commercial carrier) may be authorized to travel to/from an authorized alternate CONUS POE/POD, and/or VPC. The following chart lists authorized alternate locations (some of which are the same as the designated locations) for which mixed mode travel would be authorized. Travel to/from a location other than the designated or authorized alternate location would be considered circuitous travel for which actual travel and transportation expenses would be reimbursed up to the travel and transportation costs to/from the authorized alternate location. Per the JFTR, par. U5435-B, a member is responsible for any excessive POV shipping cost beyond the cost to ship to/from the designated VPCs. A member electing POV shipment from/to a designated CONUS VPC may be authorized MALT plus to drive another vehicle (i.e., up to two POCs for a member with dependents) to/from the authorized alternate CONUS POE/POD, the circuitous travel rules above would apply for a member traveling by mixed modes to an alternate non-official location (e.g., leave location). Per the JFTR, par. U5015-B and CGS-JFTR, par. 5015, payment of MALT for more than two POCs requires authorization/approval by COMDT (CG-1332), this does not affect the POV shipping entitlement.

A member performing PCS travel solely by commercial carrier via an alternate non-official location would be authorized the costs for travel not to exceed the policy constructed airfare for the designated locations (i.e., designated POE/POD or if applicable designated VPC).

Port of Embarkation (POE)/Port of Debarkation (POD) Vehicle Processing Center (VPC)			
Traveling FROM/TO	Traveling TO/FROM	POE/POD	VPC
East Coast/Central* CONUS PDS	West/SouthWest OCONUS PDS	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles, CA
East Coast/Central* CONUS PDS	Northwest OCONUS PDSs (Other than in Alaska)	Seattle, WA	Seattle, WA
East Coast CONUS PDS	SouthEast OCONUS PDS	Closest International Airport to PDS or VPC	Closest VPC to PDS
West Coast/Central* CONUS PDS	SouthEast OCONUS PDS	Orlando, FL	Orlando, FL
West Coast/Central* CONUS PDS	East/NorthEast OCONUS PDS	Washington, DC	Baltimore, MD
West Coast CONUS PDS	West/NorthWest/SouthWest OCONUS PDS (Other than in Alaska)	Closest International Airport to PDS/VPC	Closest VPC to PDS
East/West Coast/Central* CONUS PDS	Alaska PDS	Seattle, WA	Seattle, WA

*Central CONUS PDSs are PDSs within the Central Time Zone

Examples of West/SouthWest OCONUS PDSs are PDSs in Hawaii, Guam, Japan, etc.

Examples of SouthEast OCONUS PDS are PDSs in Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Cuba, etc.

Examples of East/NorthEast OCONUS PDSs are PDSs in Sweden, Bahrain, The Netherlands, etc.