



FLAG VOICE #579

Standard Mileage Rates for Official Travel

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Colleagues, as we move into the heart of PCS transfer season, gasoline prices are at the forefront of our members' minds. Gasoline prices around the country have reached record highs, with the national average currently \$4.59 per gallon and some parts of the country reporting prices as high as \$7.69 per gallon.

We continue to stay connected to our partners in DoD as well as the rest of the government agencies regarding issues that affect pay and compensation for our members. The standard mileage reimbursement rates for vehicles used during official travel are set by the General Services Administration (GSA). GSA adopts the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard automobile mileage rate and these rates are applicable to all military members and civilian employees. The IRS updates mileage rates annually, but occasionally a special adjustment is made within the year.

I am happy to report that the IRS just announced increases to the standard mileage rates that will go into effect on 01 July 2022. These increases will directly affect the mileage reimbursement rate for PCS and TDY travel for military members and civilian employees alike. The mileage rate for PCS travel will increase from \$0.18 to \$0.22 per mile, and the mileage rate for TDY travel will increase from \$0.585 to \$0.625 per mile. Regular annual adjustments to mileage rates typically reflect an increase or decrease of one to two cents. Mid-year adjustments are rare, with the last mid-year adjustment by the IRS being in 2011. While an increase of \$0.04 per mile may not seem like a lot, it is greater than the typical adjustment, and is the largest single increase in mileage rates since 2011.

Questions regarding these efforts should be directed to CAPT Tony Williams at Anthony.w.williams@uscg.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. D. Mischell Navarro".

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Deputy Commandant for Mission Support

Issue Paper

Subject: REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR POV MILEAGE (PCS/TDY)

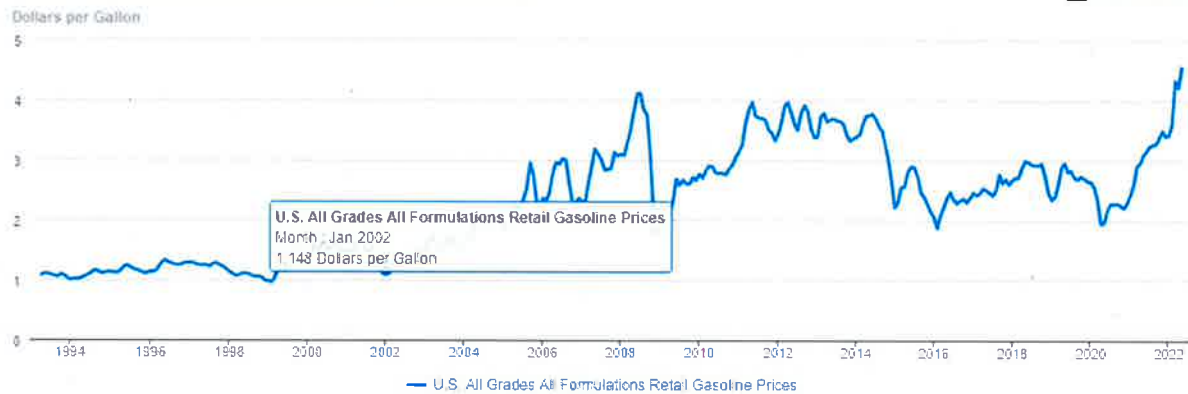
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Gasoline prices around the country have reached record highs. The current reimbursement rate for PCS claims of \$0.18 per miles results in our members paying out of pocket for PCS travel fuel expenses during PCS travel. According to the EPA, the average fuel economy for a new car in 2020 was 25.4 MPG, and the national average for fuel prices is currently \$4.59. Our members are reimbursed \$4.50 for every 25 miles driven. Some parts of the country have reported fuel prices as high as \$7.69 a gallon. For members PCSing to Alaska and traveling through Canada, fuel prices can be higher.

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Background

TDY and PCS POV mileage reimbursement rates for vehicles used during official travel are set by the General Services Administration (GSA). GSA adopts the Internal Revenue Service standard automobile mileage rate (5 USC 5707(a)(1)); these rates are applied to all military members and civilian employees.

The Internal Revenue Service updates mileage rates annually, but may make a special adjustment within the year due to cost changes.

Current Rates (effective 01 Jan 2022):

- TDY POV (Auto): \$0.585 per mile
- TDY POV (Motorcycle): \$0.565 per mile
- TDY POV (Airplane): \$1.515 per mile

- TDY/PCS (Auto): \$0.18 per mile if a government vehicle was available, but the member chose to use a POV instead (TDY) or for moving purposes (PCS).

Current Status

On 09 June 2009 the IRS announced increases to the standard mileage rates effective 01 Jul - 31 Dec 2022. These increases will directly affect the mileage reimbursement rate for PCS and TDY travel for military members and civilian employees alike. The mileage rate for PCS travel will increase from \$0.18 to \$0.22 per mile, and the mileage rate for TDY travel will increase from \$0.585 to \$0.625 per mile. Regular annual adjustments to mileage rates typically reflect an increase or decrease of one to two cents. Mid-year adjustments are rare, with the last mid-year adjustment by the IRS being in 2011. While an increase of \$0.04 per mile may not seem like a lot, it is greater than the typical adjustment, and is the largest single increase in mileage rates since 2011.

Next Steps / Action Items

1. Continued engagement with PDTATAC as we monitor fuel prices.
2. CG-1 Flag Voice to update leadership on this recent change.