



## **Permanent Memorandum 13**

### **University Travel**

#### **POLICY DIGEST**

Monitoring Unit: Office of Finance & Administration  
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#### **I. PURPOSE**

The University's travel procedures and regulations exist to ensure compliance with State requirements, provide a procedural framework for employees and students who travel on University business, and outline fiscally responsible spending practices. Detailed procedural information is appended to this Permanent Memorandum.

#### **II. GENERAL POLICY**

All University employees are required to exert responsibility when travelling on University business and to adhere to requirements established by the University. The Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration & CAO is authorized by the President to update any provisions contained in the following appendix, as required. As feasible and appropriate, the Executive Vice President for Finance & Administration & CAO will facilitate the review by administrative staff of proposed alterations to the appendix.

The provisions included herein apply to all LSU campuses:

LSU A&M  
LSU AG CENTER  
LSU ALEXANDRIA  
LSU EUNICE  
LSU SHREVEPORT  
PENNINGTON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER  
LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER NEW ORLEANS  
LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SHREVEPORT  
LSU HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Application of Regulations

The Commissioner of Administration issued revised General Travel Regulations in Policy and Procedure Memorandum No. 49 effective July 1, 2022. The General Travel Regulations do not apply to colleges and universities under the Management Authority of the Board of Supervisors for State Colleges and Universities. PPM-49, General Travel Regulations, may be used to provide guidance to this permanent memorandum, but is not meant to be all inclusive. This permanent memorandum allows for discretion or exceptions approved by the President of the University or his/her designee. All travel at the University expense is subject to the provisions of PM-13. University expense is interpreted to include all funds, including gifts and grants, which are administered by the University. Reimbursement for the cost of any travel can be obtained only as provided herein.

## II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these regulations, the following words have the meaning indicated:

- A. Allowance - Maximum amount allowed for travel expenses while traveling on official University business.
- B. Authorized Persons
  1. Advisors, consultants, or other individuals who are called upon to contribute time and services to the University who are not otherwise required to be reimbursed through a contract for a professional, specialty, or consulting services.
  2. Members of boards, commissions, and advisory councils required by Federal or State legislation or regulation. Travel allowance levels for all such members and any staff shall be those levels authorized for employees unless specific allowances are provided.
  3. The traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval is allowed to deem persons as an authorized traveler for official University Business only. Students must be deemed authorized travelers to be reimbursed for University business purposes.

Note: Contractors are not exempt from paying state sales taxes; therefore, the University may reimburse contractors for state sales taxes.

- C. Centrally Billed Account (CBA) - Credit account issued in a Department's name (no plastic card issued). These accounts are direct liabilities of the University and are paid by each Department. CBA accounts are controlled through an authorized approver(s) to provide a means to purchase airfare and conference registration only. Each Department Head determines the extent of the account's use. ***CBA accounts can be used for non-workers and students at LSU, LSUA, LSUE, LSUS, PBRC, LSU Ag Center, LSU HSC-New Orleans and LSU HSC-Shreveport.***
- D. Conference/Convention - Defined herein as an event for a specific purpose and/or objective. Non-routine events can be defined as a seminar, conference, convention, or training. Documentation required is a formal agenda, program, letter of invitation, or registration fee. Participation as an exhibiting vendor in an exhibit/trade show also qualifies as a conference. The requirement for a hotel to qualify for conference rate lodging is that the hotel is hosting or is in "conjunction with hosting" the meeting.
- E. Department Head - Person who is responsible for the administrative, financial, and management activities within the department.
- F. Emergency Travel - Under extraordinary circumstances where the best interests of the University require that travel be undertaken not in compliance with these regulations, approval after the fact by the Campus Head or his/her designee.
- G. Expense Report - Task in Workday to record travel expenses.
- H. Extended Stay - Any assignment made for a period of 31 or more consecutive days at a place other than the traveler's official domicile.
- I. Fiscal Authority - Person within or outside a unit that has authority to approve the use of funds for travel.
- J. GSA per diem rates - U.S. General Services Administration Per Diem Rates <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. The GSA rates apply to the 48 continental United States, including District of Columbia.
- K. High Risk Travel - Countries that have Travel Advisories by the U.S. Department of State identified as areas that require special efforts to mitigate risk, and when necessary, call for the avoidance of travel altogether. See FASOP: AS-18, "High Risk Travel to Restricted Regions". LSU campuses not following FASOP: AS-18, "High Risk Travel to Restricted Regions" must have procedures in place for Travel to a high risk area.
- L. In-state Travel - All travel within the borders of Louisiana or travel through adjacent states between points within Louisiana when such is the most efficient route.
- M. International Travel - All travel to destinations outside the 50 United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan.
- N. LaCarte card - The procurement card provided to employees based on their need to purchase business related goods & services and which, if allowed by the Department Head, may be used for certain travel expenses.
- O. Lowest Logical Airfare - The lowest logical airfare is the cheapest available at the time of booking without causing undo inconvenience. These types of airfare are non-refundable, penalty tickets. Penalties could include restrictions such as advanced purchase requirements,

weekend stays, etc. Prices will increase as seats are sold. When schedule changes are required for lowest logical tickets, penalty fees are added.

#### P. Official Domicile

1. Every University officer, employee, and authorized person, except those on temporary assignment, shall be assigned an official domicile.
2. Except where fixed by law, official domicile of an officer or employee assigned to an office shall be, the parish/county in which the office is located. The Department Head or his/her designee should determine the extent of any surrounding area to be included, such as a region. As a guideline, a radius of at least 30 miles is recommended. The official domicile of an authorized person shall be the parish/county in which the person resides, except when the Campus Head has designated another location (such as the person's workplace).
3. A traveler whose residence is other than the official domicile of his/her office shall not receive travel and subsistence while at his/her official domicile nor shall he/she receive reimbursement for travel to and from his/her residence.
4. The official domicile of a person located in the field shall be the parish/county where the majority of work is performed, or such area or region as may be designated by the Campus Head, provided that in all cases such designation must be in the best interest of the University and not for the convenience of the person.
5. The traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval may authorize approval for an employee to be reimbursed for lodging expenses within an employee's domicile with proper justification as to necessity and why it is in the best interest of the University and not for the convenience of the person.

Q. Out-of-state Travel - Travel to any of the other 49 states plus District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan.

R. Passport - A document identifying an individual as a citizen of a specific country and attesting to his or her identity and ability to travel freely.

S. Per Diem (Federal) - A flat rate paid by the Federal government in lieu of travel reimbursements for individuals on extended stays only. Employees may claim the U.S. Department of State federal per diem rate for Lodging and M&IE (meals and incidentals) for international travel only. U.S. Department of State federal per diem rates for Lodging and M&IE vary based on location and dates of travel. The rates are available on the U.S. Department of State website, [https://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content\\_id=184&menu\\_id=78](https://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=184&menu_id=78). Reimbursement for lodging expenses requires submission of itemized receipts. Reimbursement for Meals & Incidental expenses does not require receipts. M&IE are inclusive of fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers and hotel staff. Reimbursement may not exceed the federal per diem rate.

T. Per Diem (Meals) - A flat rate paid to employees for meals while in official University business travel status.

U. Preferred Seating - Seats for purchase on an aircraft at an additional cost. Some of the benefits preferred seating may provide are more legroom, priority boarding and/or early access to overhead bins.

- V. Receipts/Document Requirements - Supporting documentation, including original itemized receipts that must be submitted for reimbursement of travel expenses.
- W. Routine Travel - Local travel required in the course of performing an employee's job duties. This does not include conferences or out-of-state travel.
- X. Spend Authorization - Task in Workday to provide the authorization to travel.
- Y. State Office of Risk Management - Division of Administration Office of Risk Management, which administers the risk management and insurance programs for all LSU entities other than LSU A&M Baton Rouge.
- Z. Subrecipient - A non-Federal entity that receives a sub award from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal program. When LSU is the subrecipient in a grant, PM-13 travel rules and regulations must be followed. When LSU subs to another state agency, the state agency must follow PPM-49 travel rules and regulations. When LSU subs to a non-state agency, the non-state agency must follow their own travel rules and regulations.
- AA. Suburb - An immediate or adjacent location (overflow of the city) to the higher cost areas which would be within approximately 50 miles of the highest cost area.
- BB. Supervisor - Person with authority to approve travel for an employee.
- CC. Temporary Assignment - Any assignment made for a period of less than 31 consecutive days at a place other than the official domicile.
- DD. Traveler - A University officer, University employee, student employee, or authorized person when performing authorized travel.
- EE. Travel Period - A period of time between the time of departure from your domicile and the time of return to your domicile.
- FF. Travel Route - The most direct and usually traveled route must be used by official University travelers.
- GG. Travel Scholarships - If any type of scholarship for travel is offered and/or received by an employee, it is the employee's responsibility to receive/comply with all ethic laws/requirements. (See R.S. 42:1123).
- HH. University Office of Risk Management - LSU A&M Office of Risk Management, which administers the risk management and insurance programs for LSU A&M Baton Rouge campus. The University Office of Risk Management website provides relevant forms, vehicle and driver information. The website also includes a link to the State Office of Risk Management.
- II. University Official - Person deemed eligible to receive actual expense reimbursements based on position level (i.e. President, Vice President, Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor).
- JJ. Visa - A document or, more frequently, a stamp in a passport authorizing the bearer to visit a country for specific purposes and for a specific length of time.

### **III. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **A. Contract Travel Services**

The contracted travel agency is mandatory for booking airfare unless exemptions have been granted **prior to travel**. Requests for an exemption must document that the traveler saved 10% and experienced a cost savings amounting to at least \$100, not including the travel agency service fee. To request an exemption for domestic airfare, an e-mail must be sent to the person who has been delegated this authority on your campus along with the contracted travel agency and outside source proposed itineraries and complete costs. For international airfare requirements, see Section VIII, Subsection E.2. Reservations for hotel/motel accommodations and rental vehicles are not required to be made through the contracted travel agency. The contracted travel agency has an on-line booking system which is strongly recommended for booking domestic airfare. Use of the on-line booking system can drastically reduce the cost paid per transaction.

## B. Recognized Purposes

In general, the University may provide travel funds for the following purposes:

1. Authorized travel of members of the Board of Supervisors, faculty, staff (including Graduate Assistants and student workers) on behalf of the University.
2. Authorized travel of participating students to represent the University in various types of intercollegiate events.
3. Authorized travel of faculty members to attend meetings of learned or professional societies to present papers, to represent the University, or to serve as a major officer or member of a committee.
4. Authorized travel of staff members who are designated by the appropriate administrative officer as delegates to conventions or association meetings.
5. Authorized travel of guest lecturers, seminar directors, and others who are called upon to contribute time and services to the University.
6. Authorized travel of individuals invited to the campus for consideration for appointment to faculty or staff positions.
7. Authorized travel of superior undergraduate, graduate and medical students being recruited by the University.

## C. Authorization

1. Travel on official University business, regardless if at University expense by any member of the faculty or staff will be authorized only when the purpose of the travel will benefit the University and the particular Department concerned.
2. All travel on official University business, regardless if at University expense, will be under the direct control of and must have prior approval in writing by the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval. Documentation of all approvals must be maintained with the agency. If any travel expenses are paid prior to travel authorization approvals, the employee may be at risk of not being reimbursed.
3. Travel on official University business should not include personal travel. Travelers are required to self-disclose personal travel dates and travel destinations coupled with University business travel. See Section V, Subsection A.4.

4. An authorization for routine in-state travel for an employee who must travel in the course of performing his/her duties may be given prior approval once each fiscal year, and must be renewed each fiscal year. This may include domicile travel if such is a regular and necessary part of the employee's duties, but not for attendance at infrequent or irregular meetings. The required routine travel must be documented in the job description. An annual authorization for routine in-state travel shall not cover travel between an employee's home and workplace, out-of-state travel, or travel to conferences and conventions. When routine travel is within the city of domicile, the routine travel must be a part of the employee's job duties and only mileage may be reimbursed at the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile.
5. Payment of travel expenses will be subject to availability of funds in the departmental budget concerned.

#### D. Funds for Travel Expenses

Individuals traveling on official business will provide themselves with sufficient funds for all routine travel expenses not covered by the LaCarte procurement card and Centrally Billed Account (CBA). Advance of funds for travel shall be made only for extraordinary travel and should be punctually repaid when submitting the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report covering the related travel, no later than the fifteenth day of the month following the completion of travel.

If the University provides a means of payment via LaCarte or the Centrally Billed Account (CBA), those accounts should be used for airfare and conference registration. In addition, if the employees are eligible for a LaCarte card, the card should be used for reimbursable travel expenses (i.e., airfare, lodging, vehicle rentals, baggage fees, parking, etc.) and no travel advances will be granted.

Travel Advances may be allowed for:

1. Graduate student employees on business travel for the University. Any advance request for graduate students greater than \$5,000 must include the faculty members that will be held fiscally responsible in the event the student does not return to the University, provide itemized receipts, or return the funds.
2. Employees who accompany and/or are responsible for students on group or client travel.
3. Employees traveling to remote destinations within foreign countries.

#### E. Use of Centrally Billed Account (CBA)\*

1. The CBA is another source of payment for airfare and conference registration fees only.
2. The CBA is listed in the name of the department and no actual card is issued. Departments are notified by letter of their respective CBA account and expiration date.
3. The CBA expires every five years. No new account number is provided. Departments should rollover the expiration date by five years when the account expires.
4. Group travel must be paid with a CBA or a LaCarte card.

***\*CBA accounts can be used for non-workers and students at LSU, LSUA, LSUE, LSUS, PBRC, LSU Ag Center, LSU HSC-New Orleans and LSU HSC-Shreveport.***

## F. Use of LaCarte Card

1. The LaCarte card is another source of payment for travel expenses, except for meals and personal expenses.
2. The LaCarte card is a University corporate credit card and will not affect the cardholder's personal credit. All travelers should apply through their Departments and must obtain Department Head approval. The LaCarte card will be issued in the name of the employee and the card can be used as a means of payment for reimbursable travel expenses (i.e. airfare, lodging, vehicle rentals, baggage fees, parking, etc.).
3. Meals or personal expenses while in travel status are not allowed on the LaCarte card. Meal allowance will be paid to the traveler upon submission of the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report.
4. Group Travel must be paid with a CBA or a LaCarte card.

## G. Expenses Incurred on University Business

Travel expenses shall be limited to those expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of a public purpose authorized by law to be performed by the University and must be within the limitations prescribed herein.

## H. No Reimbursement When No Cost Incurred by Traveler

No claim for reimbursement shall be made for any lodging and/or meals furnished by any party at no cost to the traveler. In no case will a traveler be allowed mileage or transportation when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person.

## **IV. REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

### A. Official Domicile/Temporary Assignment

Travelers are eligible to receive reimbursement for travel only when away from "official domicile" or on temporary assignment unless an exception is granted in accordance with these regulations. Temporary assignments will be deemed to have ceased after a period of 30 calendar days and after such period the place of assignment shall be deemed to be his/her official domicile. He/she shall not be allowed travel and subsistence unless permission to extend the 30-day period has been obtained by the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus.

- B. All travel expenses must be submitted on approved Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report to the appropriate business office. A Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report must indicate the purpose of the trip, the date and hour of departure and return to domicile, along with each final destination throughout the trip clearly defined, and include a statement showing the particular relationship of the trip to the budget account to which it is charged. On the University's Travel Authorization Form/Spend Authorization, the estimated travel expenses section must be completed. When speaking at a conference for which there is no registration fee, documentation must be provided to prove attendance. The Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report must be signed/approved by the person requesting reimbursement and approved by the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval for the trip.



- C. All expenses incurred on an official trip should be paid by the traveler, except in instances in which the department's CBA is used as the means of payment for the cost of air transportation and/or conference registration or the LaCarte card is used as the payment method for reimbursable travel expenses (i.e. air transportation, lodging, vehicle rentals, etc.). The traveler's Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report should document all travel expenses in detail such that the total cost of the trip on the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report which includes the travel expenses paid directly or charged directly by the department's CBA and/or LaCarte card. A notation of the payment method should be indicated on the traveler's Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report. If LaCarte or a CBA is used as the payment method, the itemized receipts will be attached to the appropriate LaCarte or CBA entry reflecting the transaction.
- D. In all cases, under any travel status, cost of meals shall be paid by the traveler and allowance claimed on the appropriate Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report, and should not be charged to the LaCarte card.
- E. Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report should be submitted by the fifteenth day of the month following the completion of travel.
- F. Where groups of University representatives are traveling and one reimbursement request is submitted covering the party, the name of each member must be listed along with his/her position at the University and, when not self-evident, the purpose of the trip. In cases in which members of the group are given an allowance for meals, signed documentation evidencing receipt of such benefit by each of the group members should accompany the reimbursement request. Receipts must be provided in cases where one member seeks reimbursement for meals paid for the entire group. One member of the group may not request reimbursement of meal allowances for the entire group unless the meal allowances were paid over to each member of the group and the reimbursement request is supported by documentation from other members certifying the amount of meal money received.
- G. Any individual who submits a Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report pursuant to these regulations and who willfully makes and subscribes to any reimbursement request which he/she does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter, or who willfully aids or assists in, or procures, counsels or advises the preparation or presentation of a claim which is fraudulent or is false as to any material matter shall be guilty of official misconduct. Whoever shall receive an allowance or reimbursement by means of a false request shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, as well as be criminally and civilly liable within the provision of law.

## **V. METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION**

The most cost effective method of transportation that will accomplish the purpose of the travel shall be selected. Among the factors to be considered are length of travel time, cost of operation of a vehicle, cost and availability of common carrier services, etc.

### **A. Air**

1. Common carrier shall be used for out-of-state travel unless it is documented that utilization of another method of travel is more cost efficient or practical in accordance with these regulations.

2. Before travel by a chartered aircraft is authorized, the traveler shall certify that: 1) at least two hours of working time will be saved by such travel; 2) no other form of transportation, such as commercial air travel will serve this same purpose; and 3) meet the insurance requirements provided by the Office of Risk Management.
  - a. Chartering an aircraft must be in accordance with the Higher Education Procurement Code.
  - b. Reimbursement for use of a chartered aircraft under the above guidelines will be made on the following basis:
    - i. At the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile; or
    - ii. At the lowest logical coach economy airfare.

Note: If there are extenuating circumstances requiring reimbursement for expenses other than those listed above, approval must be granted by the President of the University or his/her designee.
  - c. LSU travelers may not operate any aircraft on University business.
3. All travelers including students are to purchase commercial airline tickets through the contracted travel agency. This requirement is mandatory unless prior approval is granted from the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus (See Section III, Subsection A). While University guests and state contractors are not required to use the state's contracted travel agency when purchasing airfare, it is the department's responsibility to monitor cost ensuring that the University guests and contractor(s) are purchasing the lowest, most logical airfare.

Commercial air travel will not be reimbursed in excess of lowest logical coach/economy class rates when it has been determined to be the best value. The difference between coach/economy class rates and first class or business class rates will be paid by the traveler. Upgrades at the expense of the University are not permitted unless there is a medical accommodation on file with the Office of Civil Rights & Title IX for employees, Office of the Dean of Students Disability Services for students, or documentation from the contracted travel agency indicating the higher class ticket is the lowest priced airfare available. If space is not available in less than first or business class air accommodations in time to carry out the purpose of the travel, the traveler will secure a certification from the booking agency indicating this fact. The certification is required for travel reimbursement.

- a. The University encourages the use of lowest logical "best value" airfares. Lowest logical fares are penalty tickets that can have restrictions and charge penalty fees for changing/canceling ticket purchases. Lowest logical tickets must be purchased from the contracted travel agency unless prior approval is granted by the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus to purchase from an alternate agency.
- b. If a lowest logical priced ticket is purchased and the traveler's schedule changes resulting in a penalty and additional cost to change the ticket, the University will reimburse the penalty incurred when the change or cancellation is required by the University or other unavoidable situations as approved by the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus. Certification of the requirement for the change or cancellation by the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with

fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval is required on the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report.

- c. For international travel only, when an international flight segment is more than 10 hours in duration, the University will allow the business class rate, not to exceed 110% of the coach rate. The traveler's itinerary provided by the travel agency must document the flight segment as more than 10 hours and must be attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report.
  - d. Travelers are encouraged to check the appropriate airline website for recommended information regarding check in times and obtaining seat information. When in the best interest of the University, the supervisor (or his/her designee) or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval may approve reimbursement of the purchase of a preferred seat. The fee for the preferred seat will be reimbursed at the lesser of 10% of the airfare or up to \$100.
  - e. A lost airline ticket confirmation is the responsibility of the person to whom the ticket was issued. The airline charge for searching and refunding lost tickets will be charged to the traveler. The difference between the prepaid amount and the amount refunded by the airlines must be paid by the employee.
  - f. Employees may retain hotel reward/points and frequent flyer miles earned on official University travel unless the department deems the point property of the University. However, if an employee makes travel arrangements which favor a preferred airline/supplier to receive reward/points and this circumvents purchasing the most economical means of travel, the employee is in violation of this travel policy. Costs for travel arrangements subject to this violation are non-reimbursable.
  - g. When making airline reservations for a conference, the traveler should provide the travel agency the name of the conference and the airline that is offering a discount rate, if available. In many instances, the conference registration form specifies that certain airlines have been designated official carrier offering discount rates. If so, providing this information to the contracted travel agency could result in securing the discount rate for the traveler.
  - h. Employees must use caution when purchasing tickets from sources other than the contracted travel agency, particularly restricted fares, many of which cannot be changed. The contracted travel agency will not be available to help with changes, cancellations, or other needs when a ticket has not been purchased through their office. It will be the responsibility of the employee to ensure the ticket meets their needs and to make changes, cancellations, etc. after the ticket is purchased. Any fees associated with changes or cancellations are also the responsibility of the employee.
4. The University cannot pay for airfare to a personal destination when included in business travel airfare. Whenever airfare for university business travel includes a personal destination, the traveler must obtain a lowest logical airfare quote (at the time of purchase) for the business destination only. Reimbursement for the airfare with the personal destination may be limited to the lesser of:
- a. Lowest logical quote; or

- b. Prorated amount for the business portion of the airfare only. The “prorate amount” is calculated by dividing the airfare by the total number of days (business and personal) and multiplied by the total number of business days.

Whenever airfare does not include a personal destination, the traveler adds personal days at the business destination, the total amount of airfare is reimbursable. The expenses incurred for the personal days are not reimbursable.

5. Tickets which are unused by a traveler should always be monitored by the traveler and the department. Travelers should ensure that any unused ticket is considered when planning future travel arrangements. Some airlines have a policy which would allow for a name change to another employee within the University. The latest airline policies regarding unused tickets are available at <http://www.lsu.edu/administration/ofa/oas/acctpay/>. Since unused tickets are a traveler/department responsibility, the University has the following resources in place to assist travelers/departments with the monitoring of unused tickets:
  - a. Travelers receive 120, 90, 60, 30 and 14 day email notifications.
  - b. The Unused Ticket report (by campus) can be found on Accounts Payable and Travel website at <http://www.lsu.edu/administration/ofa/oas/acctpay/> and is updated by the 15th of the month.
  - c. Campus Heads receive their campus Unused Ticket report monthly.

## B. Train

Travel by train can be reimbursed when it is deemed to be the most cost efficient method of travel. The travel reimbursement will be subject to the following requirements:

1. Economy class ticket with no sleeping cabin;
2. Only one day travel before and after a conference or meeting is allowed; and
3. Lowest logical airfare quote must be provided as evidence that traveling by train was the most cost effective means of travel.

## C. Motor Vehicle

No vehicle may be operated in violation of State or local laws. No traveler may operate a vehicle without a valid U.S. driver’s license in his/her possession (the physical license or a state-approved electronic version).

Safety restraints shall be used by the driver and passengers of vehicles. All accidents, major or minor, shall be reported first to the local police department or appropriate law enforcement agency. An accident report form should also be completed as soon as possible and must be returned to the appropriate University department responsible for vehicle claims. The form can be found for each campus on the University Office of Risk Management website at <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>.

Persons operating a University-owned, rented or personal vehicle while on official University business will be responsible for all traffic, driving, and parking violations received. This does not include vehicle violations for University-owned or rented vehicles (e.g. expired registration or inspection sticker) as the University or the rental company would be responsible for any cost associated with these types of violations.

Operating any vehicle for University business while intoxicated as set forth in R.S. 14:98 and 14:97.1 is strictly prohibited, unauthorized, and expressly violates the terms and conditions of use of said vehicle. In the event such operation results in the employee being convicted of, pleading nolo contendere to, or pleading guilty to, driving while intoxicated under R.S. 14:98 or 14:98.1, such would constitute evidence of the employee: (1) violating the terms and conditions of use of said vehicle, (2) violating the direction of his/her employer, and (3) acting beyond the course and scope of his/her employment with the University.

Personal use of a University-owned or a rented vehicle is not permitted.

Individuals not associated with the University or with University activities, including, but not limited to spouses, children or other family members, should not be transported in University-owned or rented vehicles. Approval of exceptions to this policy may be made by the Department Head if he/she determines that the best interest of the University will be served; in such cases, the passenger (or passenger's guardian) may also be required to sign a Non-Employee Passengers/Driver form, which can be found on the University Office of Risk Management website at <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>.

Non-employed University students, guests and contractors are not permitted to drive University-owned, leased or rented vehicles, unless an exception is made in writing by the Department Head if he/she determines that the best interest of the University will be served. However, non-employed University students, guests, and contractors are permitted to and encouraged to utilize the in-state and out-of-state rental contracts which may include Collision Damage Waiver and one million dollar (\$1 million) liability insurance (insurance coverage should be verified with the rental car company). If the in-state and out-of-state contracts are not used, then insurances are not provided unless purchased. For details on reimbursable insurances, see Section V, Subsection C.3 (n-p).

Motorcycles/bicycles/mopeds/motorized scooters (including e-scooters) shall not be used for university travel. Approval of exceptions to this policy may be made by the Department Head if he/she determines that the best interest of the University will be served; in such instances, the driver may also be required to sign a release. No passengers may be transported at any time on motorcycles/bicycles/mopeds/motorized scooters (including e-scooters).

#### 1. University-owned Vehicles

- a. No person may be authorized to operate a University-owned vehicle unless that person is an employee of the University; or has received specific written approval from the Department Head or his/her designee to operate a University-owned vehicle on official University business. Prior to driving a University-owned vehicle, a person must become a University Authorized Driver. The Driver Authorization process and required form can be found on the University Office of Risk Management website: <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>. Record of driver authorizations must be retained in a central location during the period of active authorization.
- b. All receipts for purchases made on University gasoline credit cards must be signed by the approved traveler making the purchase. The license number and the unit price and quantity of the commodity purchased must be noted on the delivery ticket by the vendor. Items incidental to the operation of the vehicle may be purchased via University gasoline credit cards only when away from official domicile in travel status. In all instances where a University gasoline credit card is used to purchase items or services

which are incidental to the operation of a vehicle, a tissue copy of the credit ticket along with a written explanation of the reason for the purchase should be attached to the monthly report required to be filed for all University-owned vehicles.

- c. Travelers in University-owned vehicles who purchase needed fuel, repairs and equipment while in travel status shall use fleet discount allowances and university bulk purchasing contracts where applicable. Reimbursements require a receipt and only regular unleaded gasoline, or diesel when applicable should be used. Mid-grade, super, plus or premium gasoline are not necessary. Departments should be familiar with the existence of such allowances and/or contracts by contacting the Procurement Office or visiting the Procurement website. University credit cards will not be issued to travelers for use in the operation of privately-owned vehicles.
- d. University-owned vehicles may be used for out-of-state travel only if permission of the Department Head has been granted prior to departure. If a University-owned vehicle is to be used to travel to a destination more than 500 miles from its usual location, documentation that this is the most cost effective means of travel should be readily available in the Department's travel reimbursement files. When the use of a University-owned vehicle has been approved by the Department Head for out-of-state travel for the traveler's convenience, the traveler is personally responsible for expenses in-route to and from their destination, inclusive of meals and lodging.
- e. Individuals not associated with the University or with University activities should not be transported in University-owned vehicles. Approval of exceptions to this policy may be made by the Department Head if he/she determines that the unauthorized person is part of the official University business, and that the best interest of the University will be served; in such cases, the passenger (or passenger's guardian) may also be required to sign an Acknowledgment form, which is located on the University Office of Risk Management website at <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>
- f. If a University-owned vehicle is to be brought to the home of a University employee overnight, the traveler and department should ensure it is in accordance with requirements outlined in R.S. 39:361-364.

## 2. Privately-owned Vehicles

- a. An employee may elect to use his or her personal vehicle to travel on University business, such as to attend meetings or conferences; however, use of a privately-owned vehicle is solely at the discretion of the vehicle owner and vehicle driver. Privately-owned vehicles used for University business should be properly registered, inspected, insured and appropriate for such use. While travelling on University business, the vehicle driver is responsible for the use of the vehicle and for safe transport of any passengers who travel in the vehicle.
- b. Employees whose written job description requires them to use their personal vehicle for official University business must be a University Authorized Driver. The Driver Authorization process and required form can be found on the University Office of Risk Management website: <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>. Record of driver authorizations must be retained in a central location during the period of active authorization.

- c. When two or more individuals travel in the same privately-owned vehicle, only one charge will be allowed for the expense of the vehicle. The person claiming reimbursement shall report the names of the other passengers.
- d. A mileage allowance for in-state travel shall be authorized for travelers approved to use privately-owned vehicles while conducting official University business. Mileage for in-state shall be reimbursable at the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile, based on the actual physical address.
- e. Mileage for moving expenses shall be reimbursed at the federal rate in effect at the time of the move.
- f. Mileage shall be computed by using one of the following options:
  - i. On the basis of odometer from point of origin to point of return; or
  - ii. A website mileage calculator or published software package indicating physical address and mileage (to be attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report).
- g. An employee shall never receive any benefit from not living in his/her official domicile. In computing reimbursable mileage, while the employee is on official University travel status, to an authorized travel destination from an employee's residence outside the official domicile, the employee should always claim the lesser of the miles from their official domicile or from their residence. If an employee is leaving on a non-work day or leaving significantly before or after work hours, the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval may determine to pay the actual mileage from the employee's residence.
- h. When use of a privately-owned vehicle has been approved for out-of-state travel for the traveler's convenience, the traveler will not be reimbursed for in-route expenses. The total cost of the mileage on the basis of the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile may not exceed the cost of the lowest logical airfare obtained at least 14 days prior to the trip departure date. The reimbursement would be limited to the one lowest logical airfare quote, not the number of individuals traveling in the vehicle. The traveler is personally responsible for any other expenses in-route to and from the destination inclusive of meals and lodging.
- i. When use of a privately-owned vehicle has been approved for out-of-state travel at the request of the department for a purpose that benefits the University, the traveler will be reimbursed for mileage expenses on the basis of the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile only. The total cost of the mileage may not exceed the lowest logical fare obtained at least 14 days prior to the trip departure date and a vehicle rental quote at the point of destination. The reimbursement would be limited to the one lowest logical airfare quote, not the number of individuals traveling in the vehicle. The traveler's direct supervisor and Dean will determine on a case-by-case basis whether the traveler is to be reimbursed for all or part of the in-route travel expenses. Justification for the approval should be attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report.

- j. When a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business (as written in the traveler's job description), the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus may authorize a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement for transportation (mileage). Requests for lump sum allowance must be accompanied by a detailed account of routine travel listing exact mileage for each such route. Miscellaneous travel must be justified by at least a three-month travel history to include a complete mileage log for all travel incurred, showing all points traveled to or from and the exact mileage. Requests for lump sum allowance shall be granted for periods not to exceed one fiscal year. A justification as to why a vehicle rental is not feasible is required. When a traveler is granted a monthly vehicle allowance or a lump sum allowance, the traveler should never request or be reimbursed for mileage, fuel or rental vehicles.
- k. The traveler shall be required to pay all operating expenses of his/her personal vehicle, including fuel, repairs, and insurance. Repairs and routine maintenance required in the use of personal vehicles are the responsibility of the traveler and do not qualify for additional reimbursement. Employees using their personal vehicle for University business should ensure they are adequately covered under their personal auto insurance policy. The University requires that the employee's auto liability insurance be the primary insurance for any accidents that occur while driving on University business. The University may provide excess liability coverage, at the discretion of the University, based on the circumstance of the accident. The University does not provide physical damage insurance to a personal vehicle; however, based on the circumstances of the accident, there may be a reimbursement up to \$1,000 provided toward the employee's vehicle property damage deductible, in instances, when property damage results while using the employee's personal vehicle for university business.

**Effective 10/1/2022, the mileage rate will be based on the GSA mileage rate. The GSA mileage rate can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.**

3. Rented Motor Vehicles (receipts required)

- a. No person may be authorized to operate a rented vehicle to conduct University business unless that person is an employee of the University or has received specific written approval from the Department Head or his/her designee to operate a rental vehicle on official University business.
- b. Individuals not associated with the University or with University activities should not be transported in vehicles rented by the University. Approval of exceptions to this policy may be made by the Department Head if he/she determines that the best interest of the University will be served; in such instances, the passenger (or passenger's guardian) may also be required to sign an Acknowledgment form, which is located on the University Office of Risk Management website at <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>.
- c. **In-state Vehicle Rental** - The State has contracted for in-state vehicle rentals through Enterprise, National or Hertz. These contracts, which use is mandatory for business travel, applies to all University employees and/or authorized travelers traveling on official University business. Usage of the contracts is mandatory for University employees unless it is determined that the vendor does not have the appropriate size



fleet in stock for the date of use. Documentation of such from the rental car company must be provided. It is the traveler's discretion which rental company is utilized.

- d. Members of boards and commissions are not required to utilize the in-state rental contract. They are entitled to actual mileage reimbursement up to the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile. However, they are strongly urged to use the in-state rental contract when a cost benefit analysis indicates a potential savings. University contractors are required to follow PM-13 by the terms of their contracts, but they are not required to use the in-state rental contract. For in-state travel, they are entitled to actual mileage reimbursement up to the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile. However, they are strongly urged to use the in-state rental contract when a cost benefit analysis indicates a potential savings.
- e. Employees are discouraged from making rental reservations at airport locations to prevent the additional unnecessary costs. The rental reservation links for Enterprise, National, and Hertz are available on the Accounts Payable & Travel website. For Enterprise or National vehicle rentals, employees can reserve a vehicle by selecting the campus specific link as each campus is assigned a unique accounting number.
- f. Payments for vehicle rentals can be made using the LaCarte card or other personal credit card.
- g. **Out-of-state Vehicle Rental** - The State has contracted rental vehicles for domestic, out-of-state travel, excluding international travel, utilizing the State of Louisiana's out-of-state contracts, which is mandatory for University employees. All University employees are mandated to use these contracts due to exceptional pricing which may include Collision Damage Waiver and one million dollar (\$1 million) liability insurance (insurance coverage should be verified with the rental car company). The State of Louisiana's out-of-state participating vendors include Enterprise, National and Hertz Corporation. It is the traveler's discretion which rental company is utilized.
- h. Members of boards and commissions are not required to utilize the out of state rental contracts. They are entitled to actual mileage reimbursement up to the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile. However, they are strongly encouraged to use the out-of-state rental contract when a cost benefit analysis indicates a potential savings.
- i. University contractors are required to follow PM-13 by terms of their contracts, but they are not required to use the out-of-state rental contracts. However, they are strongly urged to use the out-of-state contracts when a benefit analysis indicates a potential savings. For out-of-state travel, mileage at the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile will be limited to a lowest logical airfare quote.
- j. **Approvals** - Prior to departure written approval must be granted by the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility, unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval is required for the rental of vehicles to conduct University business. However, if the department chooses, approval may be granted on an annual basis if duties require frequent rentals. The traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility, unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval, has the authority to approve rentals of any vehicle above the "intermediate size" category. If a compact or mid-size vehicle is not rented, written justification as to the need for the

larger vehicle must be included in the supporting documentation attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report.

- k. **Vehicle Rental Size** - Only the cost of rental of economy, compact, intermediate or standard model is reimbursable, unless 1) non-availability is documented, or 2) the vehicle will be used to transport more than two individuals. When a larger vehicle is necessary as stated above, the upgraded vehicle shall be the next smallest size and lowest price necessary to accommodate the number of individuals traveling or equipment/materials being transported. The traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility, unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval, may on a case-by-case basis, authorize a larger sized vehicle provided detailed justification is made in the employee's file. Such justification should include, but is not limited to, specific medical requirements when supported by a doctor's recommendation.
- l. **Personal Rental** - The State rental vehicle contracts are not allowed for personal use.
- m. **Gasoline** (receipts required) - Reasonable gasoline cost is reimbursable, and receipts are required; **mileage is not reimbursable on vehicle rentals**. If the traveler is not able to obtain a receipt from a pump or cashier, a time stamped photo of the pump showing the number of gallons purchased and total price will be acceptable. Pre-paid fuel options for rental vehicles are only to be allowed with prior approval from the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval, when the traveler can document that the pre-purchased amount was necessary and that the amount charged by the rental company is reasonable in relation to local gasoline cost.
- n. **Insurance for Vehicle Rentals within the 50 United States** - Insurance billed by vehicle rental companies (i.e., CDW or LDW) is not reimbursable for domestic travel. Damage Waiver Insurance and \$1 Million Liability Protection Coverage may be included in the State's in-state and out-of-state rental contract pricing (insurance coverage should be verified with the rental car company). Insurance coverage for vehicle rentals, other than the State's in-state and out-of-state mandatory contracts, is provided through the University or State liability insurance. If a collision occurs while on official University business, the accident should be reported immediately to the rental car company and through the University Office of Risk Management at <https://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/vehicleuse/procedures.php>. The Department will be responsible for the cost of the repairs up to a deductible of \$1,000. Note: Lost keys and car door unlocking services for rental vehicles are not covered under the damage waiver policy and are very costly. The Campus should establish internal procedures regarding liability of these costs. **No other insurance will be reimbursed when renting, except when renting outside the 50 United States**. There should be no other charges added to the base price, unless the rental reservation is made at the airport (which is not recommended for daily routine travel).
- o. **Insurance for Vehicle Rentals outside the 50 United States (receipts required)** - The appropriate insurance for each travel location (i.e., minimum legally required liability and physical damage) provided through the vehicle rental company should be purchased when the traveler is renting a vehicle outside the 50 United States. The insurance costs for the minimum legally required insurance may be reimbursed for

travel outside the 50 United States only upon the approval of the traveler's supervisor (or designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval.

- p. **Non-employed University students, guests, and contractors** who have been approved to drive to conduct University business are encouraged to utilize the in-state and out-of-state rental contracts which may include Collision Damage Waiver and one million dollar (\$1 million) liability insurance (insurance coverage should be verified with the rental car company). If the in-state and out-of-state contracts are not used the following insurances are recommended and reimbursable:
- i. Collision Deductible Wavier (CDW) - If a collision occurs while on official University business, the cost of the deductible should be paid by the traveler and reimbursement claimed on a Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report. The accident must also be reported to the appropriate University department responsible for vehicle claims.
  - ii. Loss Damage Waiver (LDW).
  - iii. Auto Tow Protection (ATP) - Requires approval of the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval.
  - iv. Supplement Liability Insurance (SLI) - \*If required by the vehicle rental company.
  - v. Theft and/or Super Theft Protection (coverage of contents lost during a theft or fire) - \*If required by the vehicle rental company.
  - vi. Vehicle coverage for attempted theft or partial damage due to fire - \*If required by the vehicle rental company.

**The following are some of the insurance packages available by vehicle rental companies that are not reimbursable:**

- i. Personal Accident Coverage Insurance (PAC) - Employees are covered under workmen's compensation while on official University business.
  - ii. Emergency Sickness Protection (ESP).
- q. **Navigation equipment (GPS Systems)**, rented, not purchased, from a rental car company may only be reimbursed if an employee justifies the need for such equipment and with prior approval from the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval.

#### D. Public Ground Transportation

The cost of public ground transportation such as buses, subways, airport limousines, and taxi cabs is reimbursable when the expenses are incurred as part of approved University business travel.

Public transportation to and from the airport, while on official University business travel, may be reimbursed with a receipt.

Airport shuttle/limousines, taxi reimbursements, including tips, require a receipt to account for total daily amount claimed. A driver's tip for shuttle/limousines and taxis may be given and must not exceed 20% of the total charge. The tip amount must be included on the receipt received from the driver/company. All other forms of public ground transportation are limited to \$10 per day without a receipt, claims in excess of \$10 per day require a receipt. At a department level, the Dean or Department Head may implement a department-wide policy requiring receipts for an amount less than \$10 per day. To assist with verifications of taxi fares, a traveler should contact the taxi company for an estimate or visit sites such as [taxifarefinder.com](http://taxifarefinder.com). An employee should always get approval, prior to the trip, if multiple taxis will be used; as it may be in the University's best interest to rent a vehicle versus reimbursements of multiple taxi expenses.

Uber or Lyft type services are reimbursable, a standard sized vehicle is encouraged, and an itemized receipt is required. Wait time charges are not a reimbursable expense.

Travelers should try to utilize the most economic ground transportation without incurring additional fees or surge pricing.

#### E. To and From Common Carrier Terminals and Home or Office

1. Reimbursement will be allowed for taxicab fares between a common carrier or other terminal and either the employee's home or office. Receipts are required.
2. Instead of using a taxicab, payment on a mileage basis will be allowed for the round-trip mileage of a privately-owned vehicle at the rate referenced in the Appendix per mile. The reimbursement will be limited to one round trip.

#### F. Watercraft

1. No person may be authorized to operate an owned or rented motorized watercraft to conduct University business unless that person is an employee of the University. All employees operating motorized watercraft, must be in compliance with State law and University safety requirements which may require the completion of a boating education course (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/boater-education>).
2. Individuals not associated with the University or University activities should not be transported in watercraft owned or rented by the University. Approval of exceptions to this policy may be made by the Department Head if he/she determines that the best interest of the University will be served; in such instances, the passenger (or passenger's guardian) may also be required to sign a release.
3. The use of private watercraft may not be used to conduct University business. Approval of exceptions to this policy may be made by the Department Head if he/she determines that the best interest of the University will be served.
4. To ensure proper insurance coverage for diving activities, all dives (descent underwater utilizing compressed gas and subsequent ascent/return to the surface) must be reported to the Office of Risk Management at <https://lsu.edu/riskmgmt/travel/diving.php> (a mobile form is available at the preceding link for easy reporting) this report must be completed prior to all dives.

## VI. REIMBURSEMENT FOR LODGING AND MEALS & INCIDENTAL EXPENSES (M&IE)

### A. Meals (Including Tax and Tips) & Incidental Expenses

Travelers may be reimbursed the meal rates listed in the Appendix for the destination while in travel status. Receipts are not required for routine meals. Number of meals claimed must be shown on the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report. Partial meals such as continental breakfasts or airline meals are not considered meals. Note: If a meal is included in a conference schedule, it is part of the registration fee; therefore, an employee cannot request/receive additional reimbursement for that meal. If an individual seeks reimbursement of meal money for an entire group traveling together, each member of the group must certify the amount of meal money received from the individual claiming reimbursement. If an individual seeks reimbursement of meals paid for the entire group, receipts must be provided and the cost per person may not exceed the allowances.

**Effective 10/1/2022, meal rates are based on the GSA meal rates for the 48 continental United States, including District of Columbia. The GSA meal rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan) shall follow the meal rates listed in the Appendix.**

#### 1. Single Day Travel

Allowance of Single Day Meals is at the discretion of each Campus Head. Meals are not eligible for reimbursement on single day travel. This means that when an authorized traveler of the University is in travel status where no overnight stay is required, no meals are eligible for reimbursement. Each Department Head or their designees are to determine the reasonableness of when an overnight stay is justified. However, the Department Head will be allowed to authorize single day meal reimbursements on a case-by-case basis or by type(s) of single day travel when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Department. In those cases where the single day meals are reimbursed, the amount of the reimbursement must be considered taxable income to the employee. To receive any meal reimbursement on single day travel, an employee must be in travel status for a minimum of 12 hours. If the Department Head or his/her designee determines that single day meals will be provided, see the Appendix for the single day meal allowance.

**Effective 10/1/2022, reimbursements for single day travel must not exceed 75% of the M&IE rate for the applicable travel location meal rates.**

#### 2. Travel with Overnight Stay

Minimum of 12 hours of travel in travel status. Travelers may be reimbursed for meals according to the following schedule through 9/30/2022:

- a. Breakfast - When travel begins at/or before 6 a.m. on the first day of travel and extends to/or beyond 9 a.m. on the last day of travel, and for any intervening days.
- b. Lunch - When travel begins at/or before 10 a.m. on the first day of travel and extends to/or beyond 2 p.m. on the last day of travel, and for any intervening days.

- c. Dinner - When traveling begins at/or before 4 p.m. on the first day of travel and extends to/or beyond 8 p.m. on the last day of travel, and for any intervening days.
- d. Alcohol - Reimbursement for alcohol is prohibited.

**Effective 10/1/2022, reimbursements for travel with overnight stay must not exceed 75% of the M&IE rate for the applicable travel location meal rates on the first and last day of travel. Student group trips, including athletics, are eligible for the full M&IE rate when travel begins at/or before 8 a.m. on the first day of travel or extends to/or beyond 8 p.m. on the last day of travel.**

## B. Lodging

### 1. Routine Lodging Allowance

Employees will be reimbursed lodging rate, plus tax and any mandatory surcharge or service fees; receipts required. Receipts from a bona fide hotel, motel, or AirBnB for lodging shall be submitted and attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report. See the Appendix for the routine lodging rates.

Added value charges, which include but are not limited to, additional person fees, mini bar/snack fees, gym fees, and spa fees are not reimbursable.

For all hotel lodging, including AirBnB, only the first night lodging should be paid to secure the reservation. Lodging should not be prepaid in total and should be paid upon checkout. If the travel is canceled for any reason and the total lodging amount, in particular for an AirBnB was prepaid, only the first night of lodging may be allowed as a University expense. The other prepaid lodging days will be the responsibility of the traveler. Lodging should not be prepaid.

The inclusion of suburbs shall be determined by the LSU Travel office on a case-by-case basis. A suburb is defined as an immediate or adjacent location (overflow of the city) to the travel destination.

Employees should use the R-1376 "Governmental Employees Hotel Lodging Sales/Use Tax" exemption form located on the AP & Travel website at <http://www.lsu.edu/administration/ofa/oas/acctpay/> when traveling in-state on official university business.

When two or more individuals on University business share a lodging room, the University will reimburse the actual cost of the room; subject to a maximum amount allowed for an individual traveler times the number of employees.

**Effective 10/1/2022, lodging rates are based on the GSA lodging rates for the 48 continental United States, including District of Columbia. The GSA lodging rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan) shall follow the lodging rates listed in the Appendix.**

### 2. Conference Lodging Allowance

Employees may be reimbursed lodging rate, plus tax and any mandatory surcharge. Receipts are required along with documentation showing the actual conference rate. The

traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval has the authority to approve actual cost of conference lodging, for single occupancy, when the traveler is staying at the designated conference hotel. If there are multiple designated conference hotels, the lowest designated conference hotel should be utilized, if applicable. In the event the designated conference hotel(s) have no room availability, the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility, unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval, may approve to pay actual hotel cost not to exceed the conference lodging rates for the other hotels in the immediate vicinity of the conference hotel. This allowance does not include Agency Hosted Conference Lodging Allowances. See Section X, Subsection B for these allowances. In the event a traveler chooses to stay at a hotel which is not associated with the conference, then the traveler is subject to making reservations and getting reimbursed within the hotel rates allowed in routine lodging only, as listed above. Documentation required is a registration receipt, formal agenda or program, and/or documentation designating the official conference hotel and nightly rate. Note: Training courses which are several days and have a designated hotel and rate, can be considered a "conference hotel" and therefore, the designated rate can be allowed.

A traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility, unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval, has the authority to approve meals that are designated an integral part of the conference at actual costs. However, a written justification with the reason for the higher lodging cost must be included in the supporting documentation attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report.

No reimbursements are allowed for functions not relating to a conference (i.e., tours, dances, golf tournaments, etc.) and/or to the mission of the University.

#### C. Extended Stay

For travel assignment involving duty for extended periods at a fixed location, the reimbursement rates indicated should be adjusted downward wherever possible. Reimbursement requests for meals and lodging may be reported on an allowance basis supported by lodging receipts. Care should be exercised to prevent allowing rates in excess of those required to meet the necessary authorized subsistence expenses. It is the responsibility of the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus to authorize only such travel allowances as are justified by the circumstances affecting the travel.

#### D. Parking and Parking-related Expenses

1. Parking at the **Baton Rouge Airport** - The State's current contract rate is \$4.50 per day (receipts required) for parking in the indoor parking garage, as well as the outside, fenced parking lot at the airport. Documentation required to receive the contract price is the airport certificate and a University ID. The airport certificate may be found on AP and Travel's website at <http://www.lsu.edu/administration/ofa/oas/acctpay/>. An employee may be paid actual expenses up to \$4.50 per day with a receipt.
2. Parking when flying out of the **New Orleans Airport** - Travelers have the option to park at New Orleans Airport (receipts required) in the Surface Lot at \$18 per day, the Airline Economy Garage at \$12 per day, or USPark at \$14 per day.

3. Travelers using motor vehicles on official University business may be reimbursed for all other parking, including airport parking except as listed in 1 & 2 above, ferry fares, and road and bridge tolls. For each transaction over \$5, a receipt is required.
4. Tips of valet parking are not to exceed \$5 per day.

**Effective 10/1/2022, incidental expenses are included in the GSA meal rates for the 48 continental United States, including District of Columbia. Incidental expenses include tips for valets, porters, baggage carriers, hotel staff, and complimentary shuttle services. The GSA meal rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan) shall follow the incidental expenses rates listed in the Appendix.**

#### E. Exceptions

##### 1. Routine Lodging Overage Allowance

A traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility, unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval, has the authority to approve actual routine lodging costs. (Note: This authority for increase is for lodging only and not for any other area of PM-13). Each case must be fully documented as to necessity (i.e., proximity to meeting place) and cost effectiveness of alternative options.

Documentation and receipts must be attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report. This authority shall not be delegated to any other person.

In areas where the Governor has declared an emergency, a Department Head or his/her designee will have the authority to approve actual routine lodging provisions on a case-by-case basis not to exceed 75% over PM-13 current listed rates. Each case must be fully documented as to necessity (e.g. proximity to the meeting place) and cost effectiveness of the alternative options. Documentation must be readily available in department's travel reimbursement files.

##### 2. Actual Expenses for University Officials

University officials and others so authorized by statute or individual exception will be reimbursed on an actual expenses basis for meals and lodging while in travel status, except in cases where other provisions for reimbursement have been made by statute. The request for reimbursement must be accompanied by an itemized receipt or other supporting document for each item claimed and shall not be extravagant and will be reasonable in relationship to the purpose of the travel. Positions eligible for actual expenses reimbursement are President, Vice President, Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor. They are subject to the time frames and all other requirements listed in the Travel Regulations.

## VII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR OTHER EXPENSES (WHILE IN TRAVEL STATUS ONLY)

The following expenses incidental to travel may be reimbursed:

### A. Communications Expense Relative to Official University Business

1. Official University Business - All business communication costs may be reimbursed. Receipts are required. Note: If a traveler has an official University phone and/or is receiving a monthly stipend, reimbursements are not allowed.



2. International Travel - Up to \$10 upon arrival at each destination and prior to departure from each destination within the first or last 24 hours of the trip, respectively. For stays in excess of seven days, one \$10 call will be allowed for every second night after the first night. This will not be allowed for those persons who have a University issued cell or cell phone stipend. Note: If a traveler has an official University phone and/or are receiving a monthly stipend, reimbursements are not allowed.
3. Internet - Internet access charges for official University business from hotels or other travel locations are treated the same as business telephone charges. A Department Head may implement a stricter policy for reimbursement of internet access charges. Receipts are required.
4. Personal cell phone charges will not be reimbursed.

B. Storage and Handling Equipment Charges (receipts required)

C. Baggage Handling

Incidental tips are limited to a maximum of \$5 per day

1. Hotel Allowances: Allowed for check-in and checkout.
2. Airport Allowances: Allowed for arrival and departure

**Effective 10/1/2022, incidental expenses are included in the GSA meal rates for the 48 continental United States, including District of Columbia. Incidental expenses include tips for valets, porters, baggage carriers, hotel staff, and complimentary shuttle services. The GSA meal rates can be found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan) shall follow the incidental expenses rates listed in the Appendix.**

D. Luggage Charges from Airlines

A traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval may approve reimbursement for a traveler, with a receipt, any airline charges for the first checked bag for a business trip of 5 days or less and for the second checked bag for a 6-10 day business trip and/or additional baggage which is business related and required by the Department. The traveler must present a receipt to substantiate the luggage charges. Travelers will be reimbursed for excess baggage charges (overweight baggage) only in the following circumstances:

1. When traveling with heavy or bulky materials or equipment necessary for business.
2. The excess baggage holds University records or property.

E. Registration Fees at Conferences/Conventions

When a registration fee is requested to be reimbursed, the traveler must itemize what it covers (i.e., conference attendance, meals, lodging, transportation, etc.). Items included in the registration fee cannot be claimed again. Note: if a meal is included in a conference schedule, it is part of the registration fee; therefore, an employee cannot request/receive additional reimbursement for that meal. Meals that are a designated integral part of the conference may

be reimbursed on an actual expenses basis with prior approval of the direct supervisor. Use of LaCarte to pay for registration fees is recommended. Receipts are required.

#### F. Laundry Services

Employees in travel status for more than 7 days may be reimbursed for laundry services, with department head or his/her designee's approval. The reimbursement will be actual, reasonable costs incurred. Receipts are required.

### VIII. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- A. High Risk Travel must be approved by the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus and is subject to the High Risk Travel policy for the appropriate campus. Requests for High Risk Travel should be submitted through the appropriate administrative channels (i.e. Department Head, Dean, Vice Chancellor, High Risk Travel Committee, etc.).

All other international travel must be approved in writing by the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval prior to departure. Requests should reflect:

1. Place to be visited and route if other than direct
2. Purpose of travel
3. Dates of travel
4. Source of funds for travel and estimated cost
5. Any special allowances for meals and lodging reimbursement - U.S. Department of State rates may be authorized upon request

- B. International travel assistance services and insurance will be provided by the University to employees and students traveling internationally. To be eligible for coverage, employees must have a completed and approved "Spend Authorization" or "Authorization to Travel" prior to their travel start date. Students must be enrolled in a qualified University-sponsored travel program (i.e., academic programs abroad, department field trips, etc.). Both employees and students also must register their travel in the University's International Travel Registry at [www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/internationaltravelregistry.php](http://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/internationaltravelregistry.php). When trips are booked through the University's Contracted Travel Agency, the travel will be automatically included in the registry. Employees are encouraged to create a profile (only required once) in the registry and enter their emergency contact information. To request a travel insurance card, or to access additional information regarding the travel assistance services and insurance, (including limits and coverage exclusions), please visit [www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/travel/international-travel-insurance.php](http://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/travel/international-travel-insurance.php).

Travelers planning international travel may access medical, security, and cultural information for the destination by calling the University's Travel Assistance provider at 215-942-8478 for a personalized travel briefing or by visiting the **LSU Global Travel Assistance Travel Portal**.

Special insurance (Defense Base Act) may be required for any University employee traveling international that meets one of the following conditions:

1. Any LSU employee working on a military base or reservation outside the U.S., including U.S. territories.
2. Any LSU employee engaged in U.S. government-funded public works business outside the U.S., including U.S. territories.
3. Any LSU employee engaged in a public works or military contract with a foreign government which has been deemed necessary to U.S. national security.
4. LSU employees that provide services funded by the U.S. government outside the realm of regular military issue or channels.
5. LSU employees of any sub-contractors of the prime or letting contractor involved in a contract such as numbers 1-4 above.

To review additional information and request coverage please visit:

[www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/insurances/defense\\_base\\_act/defense\\_base\\_act.php](http://www.lsu.edu/riskmgt/insurances/defense_base_act/defense_base_act.php).

- C. International travelers will be reimbursed at the Tier IV rates for lodging and meals, unless U.S. Department of State rates are requested and authorized by the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval prior to departure. Reimbursement for lodging expenses requires submission of itemized receipts. Reimbursement for Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) does not require receipts for U.S. Department of State rates. M&IE are inclusive of fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers and hotel staff. Reimbursements will be limited to the Federal per diem rate. To accommodate the currency conversion, we recommend that expenses are paid using a credit card, and a copy of the credit card bill reflecting the charge in U.S. dollars be attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report in lieu of a daily conversion calculation. For charges paid in cash, a conversion calculator must be attached.

**Effective 10/1/2022, for international travel, meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) rates will be based on the U.S. Department of State meal rates. Incidental expenses include tips for valets, porters, baggage carriers, hotel staff, complimentary shuttle services, and laundry/cleaning services. Lodging rates will be based on the U.S. Department of State lodging rates and are inclusive of taxes and fees. The U.S. Department of State lodging and M&IE rates can be found at [https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per\\_diem.asp](https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp). The U.S. Department of State breakdown of daily meal rates can be found at [https://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content\\_id=114&menu\\_id=75](https://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=114&menu_id=75). Student group trips, including athletics, are eligible for the full M&IE rate when travel begins at/or before 8 a.m. on the first day of travel or extends to/or beyond 8 p.m. on the last day of travel.**

- D. Upon receipt of written justification, the University may approve for employees to be reimbursed for a VISA and/or immunizations when the traveler is traveling on behalf of the University on official business. It is not practice for the University to reimburse for a passport. However, a passport may be reimbursed upon a detailed justification request and Department Head approval.
- E. International airfares available from other sources may be less expensive than fares available from the contracted travel agency. Once an employee has been granted approval to travel internationally, the employee is free to either:

1. Book their airfare through the contracted travel agency; or
2. If an employee seeks and finds a lower fare available from a source other than the contracted travel agency, the employee must obtain from the outside source a copy of the proposed itinerary and the complete cost. This information must be provided to the contracted travel agency for review and all requests should be copied to the travel manager. The agency will determine if the airfare can be matched or beat and, within 24 hours, a response will be provided via email to the traveler and travel arranger. If the fare can be matched or beat, the ticket must be purchased from the contracted travel agency and an exception request will not be approved. If the travel agency cannot match the price, the travel agency will indicate that the itinerary cannot be matched. This approval must be attached to the Travel Expense Reimbursement Request/Expense Report to obtain reimbursement of the cost of the ticket. If no response is received within the 24 hour period, the airfare can be purchased by the traveler (e-mail requesting the review must be attached to the reimbursement/payment request).

Employees must use caution when purchasing tickets from sources other than the contracted travel agency, particularly restricted fares, many of which cannot be changed. The contracted travel agency will not be available to help with changes, cancellations, or other needs when a ticket has not been purchased through their office. It will be the responsibility of the employee to ensure the ticket meets their needs and to make changes, cancellations, etc. after the ticket is purchased. Any fees associated with changes or cancellations are also the responsibility of the employee.

## **IX. VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS**

When visitors are brought to the Campus with the understanding that travel expenses will be reimbursed, the following procedure should be used:

- A. A letter should be addressed to the visitor prior to his/her departure informing him/her of the necessity of obtaining receipts, keeping a record of expenses of his/her trip, and that reimbursement will be made in accordance with PM-13, University Travel Regulations. Contracted travel services may be used to arrange travel for visitors to the Campus but are not required if the visitors make their own arrangements from their departure city.
- B. The University official at whose request the visitor is on the Campus shall be responsible for preparing the reimbursement request and obtaining the visitor's signature.
- C. Written authorization for reimbursement of travel expenses must be obtained from the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval prior to being invited to Campus for an employment interview. Travel for the spouse of a candidate may also be authorized for the employment interview. Travel expenses may not be paid or reimbursed to candidates for employment except for expenses incurred for interviews and/or official business trips. Local living expenses upon relocation to new domicile are not eligible for reimbursement.
- D. Written approval of the traveler's supervisor (or his/her designee) and/or the person with fiscal responsibility unless the Campus and/or Department requires a higher level of approval is required for reimbursement of expenses for superior graduate and medical students being recruited by the University.

## X. SPECIAL MEALS

- A. Reimbursement designed for those occasions when, as a matter of extraordinary courtesy or necessity, it is appropriate and in the best interest of the University to use public funds for provision of a meal to a person who is not otherwise eligible for such reimbursement and where reimbursement is not available from another source. See the Appendix for special meal limits.

Note: Expenses for spouses and children of employees may not be paid from public funds.

1. Candidates for employment at the University who are being hosted at a meal by University personnel. The number of University personnel participating should be kept to a minimum.
2. Guest lecturers, visiting scholars and other visiting dignitaries or executive-level individuals from other governmental units, business, or industry and individuals providing identified gratuity services to the University. This explicitly does not include normal visits, meetings, reviews, etc., by Federal or State representatives. Extraordinary situations when University employees are required by their supervisor to work more than a 12-hour workday or a 6-hour weekend when such are not normal working hours, to meet crucial deadlines or to handle emergencies.
3. A Department Head may authorize a special meal within allowable rates to be served in conjunction with a working meeting. Reasonable delivery fee and tip may be allowed if ordered from an outside vendor. Reasonable tip is allowed, but should not exceed 20%.

### B. Reimbursement Limits

See the Appendix for "Special Meal" reimbursement limits.

Note: Allowances for refreshments and receptions apply only to expenditures made for the benefit of a group of people at a meeting, conference or convention; allowances are not additional "meal provisions" provided to individuals in travel status. University employees should be included only to the extent that their official capacity would indicate their presence as desirable (i.e., meetings are interdepartmental in nature). Reasonable tip is allowed, but should not exceed 20%.

A list of attendees or a sign-in sheet is required for all special meal events, except for refreshments or receptions.

1. Agency-hosted Conferences (Both In-State and Out-of-State)
  - a. University sponsored conferences - Three (3) bona fide competitive quotes to include sleeping rooms, meeting rooms, meals and breaks, etc. must be solicited for conferences hosted by the University.
  - b. Attendee Verification: All university sponsored conferences must have a sign-in sheet or some type of attendee acknowledgement to justify the number of meals charged.
  - c. Cost of lunch served in conjunction with State/University-sponsored in-state conferences, excluding New Orleans billed to the University may not exceed \$28, exclusive of tax and tip.

- d. Cost of lunch served in conjunction with State/University-sponsored New Orleans and Out of State conferences, billed to the University may not exceed \$35, exclusive of tax and tip.
  - e. Conference Lodging Allowances - Lodging rates may not exceed \$20 above the current listed routine lodging rates listed for the area in which the conference is being held.
2. Group refreshment expenditures for a meeting, conference or convention are limited to those incurred on behalf of the conference or convention and are not eligible reimbursement claims for individual travelers. Refreshments shall not exceed \$5.50 per person, per morning and/or afternoon sessions. A mandated gratuity may be added if refreshments are being catered.

All special meals must have prior written approval by the Department Head (or his/her designee).

LaCarte can be used to pay for dine-in restaurant special meals. The cost of the meal is subject to the special meal rates and no alcohol should be included or paid with LaCarte. An itemized receipt for the total meal amount must be attached to the Expense Report reflecting the transaction.

- C. Requests to the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus for special meal authorization must be under signature of the employee assuming responsibility. The request must include:
  1. Name and title of the employee requesting authority to incur expenses and assuming responsibility for such.
  2. The nature of the activity and clear justification of the necessity and appropriateness of the request.
  3. Names, official titles and affiliations of all individuals for whom reimbursement of meal expenses is being requested.
- D. To request reimbursement, all of the following must be submitted by the authorized employee:
  1. Detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred, with appropriate receipt(s).
  2. Subtraction of cost of any alcoholic beverages.
  3. Prior written approval from the individual who has been delegated this authority on your campus.
  4. Original itemized receipts.

## **XI. ETHICS REPORTING**

Travel expenses, including travel scholarships, covered by a third party or a sponsor are subject to the reporting requirements in R.S. 42:1111 Code of Governmental Ethics.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1123(41), any public servant who accepts complimentary admission, lodging, or transportation to and from an educational or professional development, seminar or conference shall file an affidavit with the Board of Ethics within 60 days after such acceptance.

It is the employee's responsibility to properly complete and submit to the Board of Ethics in the time required.

The Disclosure Statement can be found at  
<http://ethics.la.gov/Pub/CampFinan/Forms/Form413s.pdf>.

## **XII. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

Travelers are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated prior to any travel.

It is the responsibility of faculty/staff/students to consider the travel risk, especially at the destination before traveling.

Any travel-related expenses (i.e., hotels, meals and internet expenses) for quarantine and/or test while on university business travel will be considered a university business expense. Receipts will be required.

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**Section V. A. 2. - Travel by Privately-Owned Aircraft**

Mileage Rate	\$1.51 per mile
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**Section V. C. 2. - Travel by Privately-Owned Vehicle**

Mileage Rate	62 cents per mile
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**Section VI. A. 1. - Single Day Meal Allowances**

Breakfast & Lunch: The 12 hours travel duration must begin at or before 6 a.m.	\$33
Lunch: Requires 12 hours duration in travel status	\$17
Lunch & Dinner: The 12 hours travel duration must end at or after 8 p.m.	\$48
Maximum Meal Allowance for Single Day Travel - Employees must be in travel status for a minimum of 12 hours to be eligible for meals on single day travel.	\$48

**Section VI. A. 2. - Meal Allowances**

Areas	Description	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total
Tier I	In state cities, with the exception of New Orleans	16	17	31	64
Tier II	New Orleans and out-of-state cities, with exception of cities in Tiers III & IV	17	18	34	69
Tier III	Atlanta, Austin, Cleveland, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Ft. Lauderdale, Hartford, Houston, Kansas City, MO, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nashville, Oakland, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, OR, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, Sedona, St. Louis, Wilmington, DE, Puerto Rico, Virgin Island, all of Alaska and Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan	17	18	34	69
Tier IV	Alexandria & Arlington, VA, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, DC, and International Cities	18	20	36	74

**Section VI. B. 1. - Routine Lodging Allowances**

Areas	Description	Routine
Tier I	In state cities (except as listed)	96
Tier I	Alexandria/Leesville/Natchitoches	99
Tier I	Baton Rouge - EBR	99
Tier I	Baton Rouge - Lod Cook only	109
Tier I	Covington/Slidell - St. Tammany	96
Tier I	Lafayette	96
Tier I	Lake Charles - Calcasieu	96
Tier II	New Orleans - Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes (Jul - Sept)	136
Tier II	New Orleans - Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes (Oct - Jan)	136
Tier II	New Orleans - Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes (Feb - June)	158
Tier II	Out-of-State (except cities listed in Tier III & IV)	96
Tier III	Atlanta, Austin, Cleveland, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Ft. Lauderdale, Hartford, Houston, Kansas City, MO, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nashville, Oakland, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, OR, Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, Sedona St. Louis, Wilmington, DE, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Island, all of Alaska and Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan	170
Tier IV	Baltimore, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Boston	212
Tier IV	International Cities	200
Tier IV	Alexandria & Arlington, VA, New York City, Washington, DC	225

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**Section V. D. - Public Ground Transportation**

Airport Shuttle/Limousines and Taxis	Require a receipt & tips may not exceed 20% of the total charge.
Other forms of Public Ground Transportation	Limited to \$10 per day without a receipt, claims in excess of \$10 per day require a receipt (i.e., Buses, Subways, etc.).

**Section VI. F. - Parking and Related Expenses**

Baton Rouge Airport	Contract Rate is \$4.50 per day (receipts required) for parking in the indoor parking garage, as well as the outside, fenced parking lot at the airport.
New Orleans Airport	Surface Lot rate is \$18 per day, Airline Economy Garage rate is \$12 per day, or USPark at \$14 per day. Receipts are required.
Other Parking	For each transaction over \$5, a receipt is required. Other parking includes airport parking, except for the two airports listed above, ferry fares, and road and bridge tolls.
Valet Parking Tips	Not to exceed \$5 per day.

**Section VII. - Reimbursement for Other Expenses**

Communication Expenses for International Travel	Allowed up to \$10 upon arrival at each destination and prior to departure from each destination within the first or last 24 hours of the trip.
Baggage Handling Incidental Tips	Limited to a maximum of \$5 per day

**Section X. B. 1. - Reimbursement Limits for Special Meals**

<b>Meal</b>	<b>Maximum Allowed</b>
Breakfast	\$18 per person
Lunch	\$25 per person
Buffet Dinner Reception	\$25 per person
Dinner	\$45 per person
Refreshments	\$5.50 per person
Receptions	\$8 per person

Note: Tips must be reasonable and not to exceed 20%

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**Section V. A. 2. - Travel by Privately-Owned Aircraft**

Mileage Rate	\$1.51 per mile
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**Section V. C. 2. - Travel by Privately-Owned Vehicle**

Mileage Rate	62.5 cents per mile
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**Section VI. A. 1. - Single Day Meal Allowances**

Reimbursements for single day travel must not exceed 75% of the M&IE rate for the travel destination. The GSA meal rates can be found at <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates">https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates</a> .
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**Section VI. A. 2. - Meal & Incidental Expenses Allowances**

Areas	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	First/Last Day
48 continental United States, including District of Columbia	<a href="https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates">https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates</a>					
Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan)	\$17	\$18	\$34	\$5	\$74	\$55.50
International	<a href="https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp">https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp</a>					
Reimbursements for first and last day of travel must not exceed 75% of the M&IE rate for the travel destination.						

**Section VI. B. 1. - Routine Lodging Allowances**

Areas	Routine
48 continental United States, including District of Columbia	<a href="https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates">https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates</a>
Baton Rouge – Lod Cook only	\$116
Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and Saipan)	\$175
International	<a href="https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp">https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp</a>

**Section V. D. - Public Ground Transportation**

Airport Shuttle/Limousines and Taxis	Require a receipt & tips may not exceed 20% of the total charge.
Other forms of Public Ground Transportation	Limited to \$10 per day without a receipt, claims in excess of \$10 per day require a receipt (i.e., Buses, Subways, etc.).

**Section VI. F. - Parking and Related Expenses**

Baton Rouge Airport	Contract Rate is \$4.50 per day (receipts required) for parking in the indoor parking garage, as well as the outside, fenced parking lot at the airport.
New Orleans Airport	Surface Lot rate is \$18 per day, Airline Economy Garage rate is \$12 per day, or USPark at \$14 per day. Receipts are required.
Other Parking	For each transaction over \$5, a receipt is required. Other parking includes airport parking, except for the two airports listed above, ferry fares, and road and bridge tolls.

**Section VII. - Reimbursement for Other Expenses**

Communication Expenses for International Travel	Allowed up to \$10 upon arrival at each destination and prior to departure from each destination within the first or last 24 hours of the trip.
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**Section X. B. 1. - Reimbursement Limits for Special Meals**

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Breakfast	\$18 per person
Lunch	\$25 per person
Buffet Dinner Reception	\$25 per person
Dinner	\$45 per person
Refreshments	\$5.50 per person
Receptions	\$8 per person

Note: Tips must be reasonable and not to exceed 20%

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Associate Vice President of Accounting Services	Director/Associate Director AP & Travel

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Associate Vice President of Accounting Services	Director/Associate Director AP & Travel
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Associate Vice President of Accounting Services	Director/Associate Director AP & Travel
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Associate Vice President of Accounting Services	Director/Associate Director AP & Travel
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Associate Vice President of Human Resource Management	N/A

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Associate Vice President of Accounting Services	Director/Associate Director AP & Travel
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Associate Vice President of Accounting Services	Director/Associate Director AP & Travel

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Provost	Vice Provost

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services	N/A

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services	N/A
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services	N/A
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services	N/A
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services	N/A

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Chancellor	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Vice Chancellor Finance & Administrative Services	N/A

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Chancellor	Vice Chancellor Finance & Admin Services or Provost

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Chancellor	N/A

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Chancellor	N/A
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Chancellor	N/A
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Chancellor	N/A
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	N/A

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Chancellor	N/A
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Chancellor	N/A

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Chancellor	N/A

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN SHREVEPORT APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	Director of Accounting Services

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	Director of Accounting Services
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	Director of Accounting Services
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	Director of Accounting Services
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	Director of Accounting Services

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Chancellor	Provost
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs	Director of Accounting Services

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Chancellor	Provost



**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice President	Director of Accounting Services

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice President	Director of Accounting Services
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice President	Director of Accounting Services
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Vice President	Unit Head
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Vice President	N/A

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Vice President	Program Leader or Equivalent
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Vice President	Program Leader or Equivalent

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Vice President	Program Leader or Equivalent

**Section X - Special Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
B.3.	Person authorized to approve Special Meal Requests	Vice President	Director of Accounting Services

**PENNINGTON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO	Director of Fiscal Operations

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Executive Director	Associate Executive Director for Operations and CFO

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - NEW ORLEANS APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Executive Director Accounting Services	N/A

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Executive Director Accounting Services	N/A
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Executive Director Accounting Services	N/A
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Executive Director Accounting Services	N/A
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance	N/A

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Executive Director Accounting Services	N/A
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Executive Director Accounting Services	N/A

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Chancellor	N/A

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel	Vice Chancellor of Administration	Chief Financial Officer

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions	Chancellor	Dean

**THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

**Section III - Contract Travel Services**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency		

**Section V - Method of Transportation**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.3.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency		
A.3.a.	Person authorized to grant exception approval for non-use of the contracted travel agency		
A.3 b.	Person authorized to grant exception approval to allow the cost for changes or cancellations of traveler's airfare		
C.2.i.	Person authorized to approve a lump sum allowance for transportation or reimbursement of transportation (mileage) when a traveler is required to regularly use his/her privately-owned vehicle for University business		

**Section VI - Reimbursement of Lodging and Meals**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
A.1.	Person authorized to approve travel greater than 30 days		
E.	Person authorized to approve extended stay travel allowances justified by the circumstances affecting the travel		

**Section VIII - International Travel**

Reference	Description	Designated Title/Position/Role	Delegated Title/Position/Role
	Person authorized to approve travel to High Risk Regions		