

**PART 301-52—CLAIMING REIMBURSEMENT**

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**§301-52.1 Must I file a travel claim?**

Yes.

**§301-52.2 What information must I provide in my travel claim?**

You must provide the following:

(a) An itemized list of expenses and other information (specified in the listing of required standard data elements contained in [Appendix C](#) of this chapter, and any additional information your agency may specifically require), except:

(1) You may aggregate expenses for local telephone calls, local metropolitan transportation fares, and parking meter fees, except any individual expenses costing over \$75 must be listed separately;

(2) When you are authorized lodgings-plus per diem, you must state the M&IE allowance on a daily basis;

(3) When you are authorized a reduced per diem, you must state the reduced rate your agency authorizes on a daily basis; and

(4) When your agency limits M&IE reimbursement to the prescribed maximum M&IE for the locality concerned, you must state the reduced rate on a daily basis.

(5) Your agency may or may not require itemization of M&IE when reimbursement is limited to either the maximum M&IE locality rate or a reduced M&IE rate is authorized.

(b) The type of leave and the number of hours of leave for each day;

(c) The date of arrival and departure from the TDY station and any non-duty points visited when you travel by an indirect route other than a stopover to change planes or embark/disembark passengers;

(d) A signed statement, “I hereby assign to the United States any rights I may have against other parties in connection with any reimbursable carrier transportation charges described herein,” when you use cash to pay for common carrier transportation.

**§301-52.3 Am I required to file a travel claim in a specific format and must the claim be signed?**

As soon as your agency fully deploys the E-Gov Travel Service (ETS), you must use the ETS to file all your travel claims. (Agencies are required to fully deploy the ETS no later than September 30, 2006.) Until that time, you must file your travel claim in the format prescribed by your agency. If the prescribed travel claim is hardcopy, the claim must be signed in ink. Any alterations or erasures to your hardcopy travel claim must be initialed. If your agency has electronic processing, use your electronic signature where required.

**§301-52.4 What must I provide with my travel claim?**

You must provide:

(a) Evidence of your necessary travel authorizations including any necessary special authorizations;

(b) Receipts for:

(1) Any lodging expense, except when you are authorized a fixed reduced per diem allowance;

(2) Any other expense costing over \$75. If it is impracticable to furnish receipts in any instance as required by this subtitle, the failure to do so must be fully explained on the travel voucher. Mere inconvenience in the matter of taking receipts will not be considered; and

(3) Receipts must be retained for 6 years and 3 months as prescribed by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under General Records Schedule 6, paragraph number 1 (<http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/ardor/grs06.html>).

**§301-52.5 Is there any instance where I am exempt from the receipt requirement in §301-52.4?**

Yes, your agency may exempt an expenditure from the receipt requirement because the expenditure is confidential.

**§301-52.6 How do I submit a travel claim?**

You must submit your travel claim in accordance with administrative procedures prescribed by your agency.

**§301-52.7 When must I submit my travel claim?**

Unless your agency administratively requires you to submit your travel claim within a shorter timeframe, you must submit your travel claim as follows:

(a) Within 5 working days after you complete your trip or period of travel; or

(b) Every 30 days if you are on continuous travel status.

**§301-52.8 May my agency disallow payment of a claimed item?**

Yes, if you do not:

(a) Provide proper itemization of an expense;

(b) Provide receipt or other documentation required to support your claim; and

(c) Claim an expense which is not authorized.

**§301-52.9 What will my agency do when it disallows an expense?**

Your agency will disallow your claim for that expense, issue you a notice of disallowance, and pay your claim for those items which are not disallowed.