

## CHAPTER 5: PERMANENT DUTY TRAVEL (PDT)

### SUBCHAPTER 1: SERVICE MEMBERS

#### PART E: PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE (POV) TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE ON PDT

##### 0529 Shipment of a POV in the CONUS

###### 052901. Shipment of a POV at Government Expense *(effective December 1, 2017)*

A. Eligibility. A Service member or a dependent may be authorized POV transportation within CONUS when an order has been received for either of the following:

1. An authorized change in ship's home port, or
2. A PCS between CONUS permanent duty stations (PDSs) and the Service member is physically unable to drive or has insufficient time to drive and report to the PDS as ordered.

B. Allowances. See par. 053001.

###### 052902. Shipment of a POV by the Service Member

A. Eligibility. A Service member with dependents, who are relocating due to PCS orders in CONUS, may be authorized to transport a privately owned vehicle (POV). A Service member is not authorized reimbursement to ship a POV if he or she has no dependents or has dependents who are either ineligible for transportation at Government expense or are not being relocated as a result of the Service member's permanent change of station (PCS).

B. Allowances. Reimbursement for shipping for one POV may be authorized in the CONUS under the circumstances specified in Table 5-63. See [Computation Examples](#).

Table 5-63. Shipment of a POV by the Service Member	
<b>Service Member Ships a POV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Service member with eligible dependent are relocating between PDSs in the CONUS and must meet all of the following conditions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The dependent is eligible for transportation at Government expense and relocates with the Service member.</li><li>• The Service member or his or her eligible dependent owns more than one POV that must be relocated.</li><li>• The Service member and all of his or her dependents travel at one time in one POV.</li></ul></li><li>• The Government's transportation cost to ship the second POV is limited to the remainder of the monetary allowance in lieu of transportation (MALT) plus flat per diem (MALT Plus) for driving two POVs to the new PDS.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Service member is financially responsible for all excess costs and additional expenses associated with shipping the second POV.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MALT and cost reimbursement are separately authorized for the POV being driven.</li></ul>
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1. **Limitations.** A Service member who is authorized to ship a POV is ineligible for any of the following allowances:

a. Commercial travel at Government expense for the Service member or dependent.

b. Government-procured transportation (as the Service member must self-obtain).

c. Reimbursement for TDY mileage or MALT to drop off or pick up the POV.

d. POV storage at Government expense instead of POV transportation.

e. Transportation of a POV from the location in the CONUS where the POV was left while the Service member was stationed overseas to a new PDS in the CONUS unless it was stored at Government expense because it could not be transported to the PDS outside of the CONUS (OCONUS).

2. A Service member who drives one vehicle and ships his or her second vehicle must receive authorization or approval through the Secretarial Process to drive any additional vehicles.

## 0530 Shipment of a POV OCONUS

### 053001. Authorized Shipment of a POV at Government Expense

A. **Eligibility.** A Service member on a PCS order to or from a PDS OCONUS is authorized to ship one POV unless restricted by the AO or Service regulations.

B. **Allowances.** POV transportation allowances are discretionary. Transportation of a POV may be prohibited or suspended when the Secretary concerned or a higher authority determines it necessary for national interest, or as the other country's government directs.

1. **Location Points Authorized for POV Transportation.** POV shipment may be authorized even if the POV can be driven between PDSs OCONUS. The Service member or a dependent may be authorized POV transportation for his or her use when either a change in a ship's home port is authorized or the Service member is ordered on a PCS between any of the following locations:

a. From a PDS in the CONUS to a PDS OCONUS.

b. Between two PDSs OCONUS.

c. From a PDS OCONUS to a PDS in the CONUS.

<b>Table 5-64. Types of Transportation Used for Shipping a POV OCONUS</b>	
<b>Authorized at Government Expense</b>	<b>Not Authorized</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Government transportation.</li> <li>● Commercial transportation.</li> <li>● Car ferry. See par. 050202-D.</li> <li>● Personally procured transportation only when the Service member has not transported a POV at Government expense on the current PCS order and the POV was shipped based on erroneous advice of a Government representative. The reimbursement is limited to what the transportation would have cost had the POV been transported by the Government.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transportation by air.</li> <li>● Personally procured transportation unless the POV was shipped based on erroneous advice of a Government representative designated to provide POV shipment counseling, such as a Transportation Officer.</li> </ul>

**Note:** Reimbursement for some transportation costs are authorized to transport a POV in accordance with Section 0531 when a Service member is reported as ill, injured, absent for a period of 30 or more days in a missing status, or dead.

2. Excess POV Transportation Costs. An authorized POV shipment may not weigh more than 20 measurement tons.

a. A Service member whose POV exceeds the weight limit must sign an agreement to pay the excess transportation costs. When the excess POV weight is due to an oversized POV used for medical reasons, obtain authorization or approval for the extra cost through the Secretarial Process.

b. Two Service members married to each other who both receive PCS orders may ship two POVs or combine their 20-measurement-ton limitation and ship one large POV at Government expense, limited to the total cost the Government would have paid to ship two POVs.

3. Port or Vehicle-Processing Center (VPC) Used. The Service concerned designates the ports or VPCs used. In the absence of a designation, the port or VPC serving the origin point and the port or VPC serving the new PDS, Point of Debarkation (POD) and any port in between the old and new PDS are the authorized loading and unloading points for a POV.

a. From Old to New PDS. When POV transportation is authorized, one POV NTE 20 measurement tons may be transported from the POV port/VPC serving the old PDS or a POV port/VPC serving the passenger POD or any POV port/VPC in between the old and new PDS to the:

- (1) POV unloading port/VPC serving the new PDS;
- (2) POV unloading port/VPC serving another authorized place
- (3) New PDS if authorized/approved by the Secretarial Process for locations requiring approval; or

b. The home of record (HOR) or place last entered active duty (PLEAD) is considered the old PDS for POV transportation to the first PDS, to the POV unloading port, or VPC serving the first PDS.

c. The HOR or PLEAD is considered the new PDS for POV transportation upon separation or retirement.

d. A POV may be shipped between ports or VPCs other than those designated by the Service concerned on the condition that the Service member reimburses the Government for all excess costs involved.

(1) Alternate ports or VPCs OCONUS should be in the same country as the designated port or VPC.

(2) Alternate ports or VPCs in a different country must be authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process. A Service member is not required to go through the Secretarial Process when he or she selects an alternate port in the CONUS even if the primary port or VPC is OCONUS.

e. A POV shipped from a port or VPC OCONUS to the designated port or VPC in the CONUS may be reshipped to another port or VPC in the CONUS if all of the following occur:

(1) The reshipment is authorized through the Secretarial Process.

(2) The PCS order is amended or modified before the Service member takes delivery of the POV at the designated unloading port or VPC.

(3) The Service member agrees to reimburse the Government for the reshipment cost.

(4) Direct ocean service is not available from the designated POV loading port or VPC to the designated POV unloading port or to the VPC in a reasonable amount of time after POV delivery.

4. Unit Moves. A Service member who is on a PCS order to, from, or between PDSs OCONUS due to a unit move may be provided POV transportation from the unit's old PDS to the designated POV loading port or VPC and from the designated POV unloading port or VPC to the new PDS.

5. Travel Hazards. A Service member who is on a PCS order to, from, or between PDSs OCONUS may be provided POV transportation between the PDS OCONUS and the port OCONUS or VPC if authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process due to one of the following reasons:

(1) Travel hazards exist between the port or VPC and the PDS.

(2) The Service member is physically unable to drive between the port or VPC and the PDS.

(3) The conditions of the Service member's assignment or PCS order justify overland travel as a prudent alternative.

6. Allowance for POV Delivery Pick up or Drop Off. A Service member who is authorized POV transportation when ordered on a PCS is also authorized reimbursement to deliver or pick up the POV from the designated loading and unloading ports or VPC.

a. A Service member whose POV pick-up or POV delivery is a separate trip from his or her en route PCS travel is authorized round-trip transportation at the automobile mileage rate from the old PDS to the designated loading port or VPC and from the unloading port or VPC to the new PDS. PCS travel time is allowed and computed for the round trips to deliver and pick up the POV as specified in par. 050205.

b. A Service member and his or her dependent who pick up or deliver a POV concurrently with PCS travel are authorized the following when the PCS does not involve a TDY en route:

(1) PCS allowances for direct travel from the old PDS to the designated POV loading port or VPC.

(2) Reimbursement for transportation from the POV loading port or VPC to the passenger port.

(3) PCS allowances for travel from the old PDS to the passenger port for the Service member and his or her dependent, from the location where the dependent is dropped off, and from the passenger port to the designated POV loading port or VPC for the Service member. Reimbursement for the Service member to return to the passenger port is not authorized.

(4) PCS allowances for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated POV unloading port or VPC and then to the new PDS.

c. A Service member who has a TDY en route with a PCS and who delivers a POV to a designated POV port or VPC is authorized all of the following:

(1) A MALT for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY en route location plus per diem.

(2) A MALT for the official distance from the TDY location to the designated POV port or VPC plus per diem.

(3) PCS allowances for direct travel from the designated POV port or VPC to the passenger port.

d. A dependent who delivers the POV or accompanies a Service member who is delivering a POV is authorized the same allowances as when a dependent joins or accompanies the Service member during TDY en route.

e. When a dependent picks up the POV from the designated POV port or VPC without traveling to the TDY en route location, PCS allowances are authorized for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated POV unloading port or VPC, then to the new PDS.

7. Responsibility for POV after Delivery. The Government's responsibility begins when the POV is accepted for transportation and continues until the POV is delivered either to the Service member at the destination or to a commercial warehouse. A POV that is not claimed within a reasonable time after notification of arrival is provided, as determined by the port commander, may be placed in commercial storage at the Service member's expense.

8. Transporting a POV before a PCS Order Is Issued. An eligible Service member may transport a POV before a PCS order is issued when all of the following criteria are met:

a. The PCS AO or designated representative provides a supporting statement that he or she advised the Service member ahead of time that the PCS order would be issued.

(1) The time between when the Service member is advised that the PCS order *will be* issued and when the actual PCS order *is* issued must be a relatively short period.

(2) General information provided to the Service member, such as the eventual release from active duty, retirement eligibility, or the expected rotation date from duty OCONUS, does not constitute advice that a PCS order will be issued.

b. The Service member agrees in writing to reimburse the Government for the entire cost of transporting the POV if a PCS order is not issued *or* if the PCS order does not authorize transportation of a POV once it is issued.

c. The Service member agrees to pay any additional costs for reshipping the POV to another port due to a change in the PDS from the PDS named in the PCS AO's supporting statement.

9. Transporting a POV and Dependent Does not Travel OCONUS. A Service member with a dependent who transports a POV to the PDS OCONUS anticipating that the dependent will join him or her may be authorized or approved the advance return transportation of the POV through the Secretarial Process when circumstances beyond the Service member's control prevent the dependent's transportation. It must be in the best interest of the Service member, the dependent, and the Government. If advance return of the POV is approved, the Service member has no further POV transportation authority on the PCS order from that PDS.

10. Disciplinary Action Taken Against Service Member OCONUS. A Service member stationed OCONUS who has disciplinary action taken against him or her, is discharged under other than honorable conditions, or sentenced to confinement with or without discharge when no dependent travel is involved is authorized POV transportation to the designated POV unloading port or VPC of the Service member's HOR or PLEAD.

11. Reassignment from Accompanied PDS OCONUS to Unaccompanied PDS OCONUS before POV Is Transported. When a Service member is on a PCS order from a PDS in the CONUS to a PDS OCONUS where dependents and a POV are authorized, and is reassigned after arriving at the new PDS to a PDS OCONUS where dependents and a POV are not authorized, then the POV cannot be shipped to the newly assigned PDS. If the Service member delivered a POV to a loading port or VPC in the CONUS for shipment to a PDS OCONUS and the POV has not already shipped, then he or she may be authorized transportation to pick up the POV from the unloading port or VPC that ordinarily serves the CONUS designated place.

<b>Table 5-65. Factors Affecting POV Transportation OCONUS</b>	
<b>If...</b>	<b>Then...</b>
1. a POV is transported by the Government to the wrong place,	the POV must be reshipped, or transferred from one ship (or other form of transportation) to another and transported, to the proper destination at Government expense.
2. a Service member authorized to transport his or her POV at	he or she may select the greater of the following options upon assignment to a new PDS where a POV is authorized:

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<b>If...</b>	<b>Then...</b>
Government expense chooses not to do so,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transportation of the POV from the PDS where the Service member chose to leave the POV to the POV unloading port or VPC of the newly assigned PDS.</li> <li>● Transportation of a POV from the Service member's current PDS to the POV unloading port or VPC of the newly assigned PDS.</li> </ul>
3. an eligible Service member transports a POV due to a PCS order and that order is later amended, modified, canceled, or revoked,	he or she may have the POV reshipped at Government expense. This includes having his or her POV returned to the old PDS.
4. a Service member divorces or has his or her marriage annulled while stationed OCONUS,	the Service member or previously command-sponsored dependent may be authorized transportation allowances for a POV. See par. 053402.
5. an eligible Service member is separating from the Service or being relieved from active duty,	he or she must turn in his or her POV to the designated POV loading port for transportation before the 181st day from his or her separation or relief from active duty. An extension for a specific additional time period may be authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process if POV transportation within the initial time period would create a hardship for the Service member. See par. 051002 for restrictions to time limitations.
6. an eligible Service member retires or is placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL), discharged with severance or separation pay, or involuntarily released from active duty with readjustment or separation pay,	he or she must turn in his or her POV to the designated POV loading port for transportation within 1 year following his or her active service termination. An extension for up to 1 year may be approved through the Secretarial Process when a Service member is undergoing hospitalization, medical treatment, education, training, or other justifiable situations. See par. 051003 for restrictions to time limitations.
7. an eligible Service member is authorized to transport a POV on a PCS order,	he or she may ship the POV any time while the PCS order remains in effect. The POV must be shipped before the receipt of another PCS order. The POV transportation must be related to the Service member's PCS rather than for personal reasons.

**053002. POV Transportation when Transportation to the PDS OCONUS is not Authorized**

A. Reasons a POV is not Transported to the PDS OCONUS. A POV may not be transported to a PDS OCONUS under any of the following reasons:

1. POV transportation is not permitted to the new PDS.
2. The Service member serves a dependent-restricted or unaccompanied tour and he or she elects not to have a POV transported to the new PDS.
3. The Service member elects not to have a POV transported to the new PDS when concurrent travel of a dependent has been denied and the dependent has moved to a designated place.

B. Situation Authorizing Transportation of One POV. When a POV is not transported due to one of the reasons in 053002.A, but is required for the Service member's or dependent's use, the Service member is authorized transportation of one POV to a destination other than the new PDS. The transportation is from the designated POV loading port or VPC ordinarily serving the Service member's old PDS to the designated POV unloading port or VPC ordinarily serving one of the following locations:

1. Any place in the CONUS that the Service member designates, if the old PDS is OCONUS.
2. Alaska, Hawaii, or any U.S. territory or possession where dependent transportation is authorized.
3. Any location OCONUS where dependent transportation is authorized when the Service member is on an accompanied tour immediately after completing the dependent-restricted tour or a tour under unusually arduous sea duty, and the Service member has sufficient time in service remaining to complete the dependent-restricted tour and the tour immediately thereafter.
4. A location OCONUS that has been justified under unusual conditions or circumstances and authorized or approved by the Secretary concerned. This authority may not be delegated below the Service headquarters that directs dependent travel and transportation policy and procedures. For the Armed Forces, the Secretary concerned may only authorize a location OCONUS to return a foreign-born dependent to the spouse's native country in accordance with [DoDI 1315.18](#). The Commandant of the Coast Guard (CG-13) may make an exception for a Coast Guard member.

C. Subsequent Transportation

1. When a Service member is on a dependent-restricted tour or an unaccompanied tour at a PDS OCONUS and receives command sponsorship of a dependent at the PDS, he or she is authorized transportation of one POV. Transportation is from the POV loading port, or VPC serving the location where a dependent was previously moved at Government expense, to the POV unloading port or VPC serving the Service member's PDS.
2. Transportation of one POV is authorized when a Service member is ordered on a PCS to a PDS where a POV transportation is permitted, or where dependent transportation is authorized. The transportation is authorized from the POV loading port or VPC serving the place where a POV was shipped as specified in par. 053002-A to the POV unloading port or VPC serving the Service member's new PDS.

**053003. Replacement POV Shipment**

A. Authorization. When the POV that was transported to an area OCONUS at Government expense is no longer adequate for the Service member's transportation needs, a replacement POV may be authorized through the Secretarial Process. A POV may be replaced if authorized and only if one of the following conditions exists:

1. The POV has deteriorated due to severe climatic conditions.
2. The POV was lost through fire, theft, or similar cases.
3. The POV has worn out due to age and normal deterioration and the Service member is on consecutive tours of duty OCONUS (B-212338, December 27, 1983).



B. Limitation. A Service member may transport only one replacement POV during any 4-year period when the POV being transported replaces a POV that is worn out due to age and normal deterioration.

### **053004. POV Purchased in a Non-Foreign Area OCONUS**

POV transportation is not authorized when a Service member purchases a POV in a non-foreign area OCONUS and is not permanently assigned in that non-foreign area OCONUS at the time of the purchase. A Service member may be authorized POV transportation when the POV is purchased in a non-foreign OCONUS area if the POV is used by the Service member or his or her dependent at the PDS OCONUS or to an alternate transportation port and it is authorized through the Secretarial Process.

## **0531 POV Shipment and Storage when Service Member Reported as Ill, Injured, Absent for a Period of 30 or More Days in a Missing Status, or Dead**

A. Eligibility. A Service member on active duty is authorized POV transportation when he or she is:

1. Injured or ill and the Service concerned accepts a statement by a medical authority that hospitalization or treatment is anticipated for 140 or more days.
2. Absent for a period of 30 or more days in a missing status.
3. Officially reported as dead.

### B. Allowances

1. Transportation. The AO may authorize transportation for two POVs. The destination must be one of the following:

- a. The Service member's HOR.
- b. The dependent's residence.
- c. Location of the next of kin, or person authorized to receive custody of the Service member's personal items.
- d. A place or places as determined by Service regulations.

### 2. Limitations

- a. The 20-measurement-ton restriction does not apply to this paragraph.
- b. POVs may be driven by the dependent, next of kin, or any person authorized to receive custody of the Service member's personal items. Both POVs must be driven to the same destination.

(1) Reimbursement is authorized for road, bridge, and tunnel tolls; fuel; oil; parking fees; and ferry fares.

(2) A mileage reimbursement is not authorized.

c. Arranged transportation must be to the same authorized destination.

d. When POV transportation is personally procured, the total reimbursement is limited to what it would have cost the Government to transport and store the POVs. Reimbursement is also limited to the cost of over-water and overland transportation between the authorized points or between the actual locations where the POV is transported, whichever is less.

e. A rental car is authorized when POVs are transported at Government expense and do not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date. Reimbursement for a rental car is limited to \$30 per day and a maximum of 7 days. If two POVs are transported at Government expense, then no rental car reimbursement is authorized unless *both* POVs do not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date.

### 3. Storage

a. POVs transported at Government expense for a Service member under this paragraph may be placed in non-temporary storage (NTS) at Government expense when the person authorized to receive custody of the POVs is unknown, subject to litigation, or known but not located or notified to take custody of the POVs. Storage is authorized until proper disposition can be made.

b. Storage in transit (SIT) may be authorized or approved for one or both of the POVs to the nearest available storage facility provided the POVs are turned over for transportation within the time limitations in Table 5-49. In this circumstance, the Service member's POVs are not restricted to the maximum standard size usually allowed by the military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) storage contract. SIT of 181 or more days becomes the financial responsibility of the person to whom the POV shipment is being made.

4. Subsequent POV Transportation. One or both POVs, transported at Government expense when a Service member is reported dead, ill, injured, or absent for a period of 30 or more days in a missing status, may be transported again if either of the following occur:

a. The status of the Service member changes within these same categories.

b. The Service member is officially reported as absent for a period of more than 1 year in a missing status. The additional move must be approved through the Secretarial Process.

## **0532 POV Storage**

### A. Eligibility

1. Storage for one POV may be authorized if a Service member is:

a. Ordered to a foreign or non-foreign PDS OCONUS where POV transportation is not permitted due to the country, area, U.S. laws, regulations, other restrictions, or the extensive modification of the POV required as a condition of entry.

- b. Sent on a TDY in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days.
  - c. Sent on a TDY in support of humanitarian assistance or other emergency operations as declared by an Executive Order or by the administering Secretary. In this circumstance, POV storage must be authorized through the Secretarial Process.
  - d. Authorized POV transportation due to his or her ship's home port change when 31 or more days are between the ship's departure from the old home port and its arrival at the new home port.
  - e. Authorized a POV due to a unit PCS and the unit is deployed 31 days or more en route.
2. A Service member is eligible for POV storage if a PCS order, a contingency operation's TDY order, or the start of an in-place consecutive overseas tour (IPCOT) has an effective date on or after April 1, 1997.

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**Note:** POV storage when transportation is authorized is not allowed.

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B. Allowances. POV storage is instead of POV shipment both to and from the foreign PDS OCONUS to which POV shipment is prohibited.

- 1. A Service member who is authorized POV storage:
  - a. Is not authorized POV shipment from his or her foreign location OCONUS when he or she performs a subsequent PCS.
  - b. Can ship the stored POV to a subsequent foreign PDS OCONUS if the Service member performs a consecutive overseas tour (COT) and POV transportation is permitted to the PDS OCONUS.
  - c. Cannot continue to store the POV at Government expense while shipping another POV to the subsequent PDS OCONUS.
  - d. Cannot ship a POV that is removed from storage before departing the PDS OCONUS on a PCS order or beginning an IPCOT.
  - e. Can be authorized shipment of a POV removed from storage upon a COT or IPCOT when performing a PCS after the COT or IPCOT is completed.
- 2. A POV that is eligible for storage must adhere to the maximum size restrictions of the SDDC storage contract. A Service member is financially responsible for all excess storage costs resulting from a vehicle's excess size. These costs are collected in accordance with the Service regulations unless one of the criteria below is met:
  - a. An oversized POV may be authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process if it is required by the Service member or his or her dependents for medical reasons.
  - b. If a Service member is married to a Service member and both Service members are each authorized to store one POV, they may store one oversized vehicle instead of storing two POVs.

The cost for the storage of one oversized POV is limited to what the Government would have paid for the storage of two standard size POVs.

3. The Services may designate, through the Secretarial Process, POV storage facilities.

a. If Government storage is available, then a Service member may personally arrange POV storage at either the Service-designated facility or a commercial storage facility other than the Service-designated facility. A Service member may be reimbursed for travel to and from a commercial storage facility, limited to the cost of travel to a Service-designated storage facility. Reimbursement is for the actual storage cost and limited to what it would have cost the Government to store the POV.

b. Storage in a private residence, garage, or on a private lot does not constitute a commercial facility. Reimbursement is not authorized for any costs associated with storage in a non-commercial storage facility, which includes transportation costs to or from the storage facility.

c. The actual cost of storage is reimbursable if Government storage is neither available nor designated, or if the Transportation Officer instructed the Service member to store the POV at personal expense.

4. The Service may elect to transport the POV to and from the storage location.

a. If Government-procured transportation is available and the Service member chooses to personally arrange transportation, then he or she is limited to the Government's constructed-transportation cost. The Government's constructed-transportation cost is compared to the total of the following two costs:

(1) The Service member's actual transportation cost to and from the storage facility.

(2) The automobile mileage rate for the official round-trip distance to and from the storage facility, if the POV is driven

b. If Government-procured transportation is not available or the Service member is instructed by the Transportation Officer to personally arrange POV transportation, then he or she is reimbursed the actual cost of transportation. If the POV is driven, reimbursement is at the automobile mileage rate for the official round-trip distance to and from the storage facility.

c. If the Service member is traveling to or from OCONUS, and drops off or picks up the POV at the storage facility en route to his or her destination, then he or she is reimbursed for one-way transportation at the automobile mileage rate between the designated storage facility and the authorized location (such as the PDS or VPC or port) limited to the Government's constructed cost of transporting the POV.

5. An eligible Service member who delivers his or her POV to the storage facility concurrently with PCS travel (with no TDY en route) is authorized both of the following PCS allowances:

a. Direct travel from the old PDS to the designated storage facility and from the designated storage facility to the passenger port of embarkation.

b. Travel for the Service member and his or her dependents from the old PDS to the passenger port of embarkation to drop off dependents and for his or herself from the passenger port of

embarkation to the designated storage facility. Reimbursement is not authorized for return travel to the port of embarkation from the designated storage facility.

6. An eligible Service member who picks up his or her POV from the designated storage facility concurrently with PCS travel (with no TDY en route) is authorized PCS allowances for both his or herself and dependents for direct travel from the passenger's point of debarkation to the designated storage facility and then to the new PDS.

7. An eligible Service member who delivers his or her POV to the designated storage facility due to PCS travel to a foreign PDS or non-foreign PDS OCONUS and then performs a TDY en route is authorized all of the following:

a. A MALT, plus per diem at the Standard CONUS per diem rate, for one authorized traveler for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY location or locations en route.

b. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from the TDY location to the designated storage facility.

c. PCS allowances for direct travel from the designated storage facility to the passenger port.

8. An eligible Service member who picks up his or her POV from the designated storage facility to travel on a PCS order and he or she has a TDY en route is authorized all of the following:

a. PCS allowances, including per diem, for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated storage facility to pick up the POV.

b. MALT plus per diem, at the Standard CONUS per diem rate, for one authorized passenger for the official distance from the designated storage facility to or from the TDY location.

c. MALT plus per diem, at the Standard CONUS per diem rate, for the official distance to or from the TDY location to the new PDS.

9. A dependent who travels with the Service member or who delivers the POV to the designated storage facility is authorized travel and transportation allowances.

a. The allowances are based on the travel actually performed using the MALT and per diem rates, limited to the greater of the following:

(1) MALT for the official distance between authorized points as if the dependent had traveled separately, plus a per diem at the rate specified for dependents in par. 050303 for the constructed travel time between the authorized points.

(2) What it would have cost if Government-procured transportation had been used for travel between authorized points, plus a per diem as specified in Chapter 2 for the time required for travel between authorized points.

b. If Government-procured transportation is used, then subtract the cost of Government-procured transportation from the allowances.

10. A dependent who picks up the POV from the designated storage facility without traveling with the Service member to the TDY location en route is authorized dependent PCS allowances from the port of debarkation to the designated storage facility and then to the new PDS.

11. Storage of a POV may continue in the following circumstances:

a. A POV may remain in storage at Government expense for up to 90 days after the Service member returns from a PDS OCONUS to which the POV could not be shipped or returns after a TDY order for a contingency operation. All storage charges accrued after 90 days are the Service member's financial responsibility unless additional storage is authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process.

b. A Service member with an authorized POV in storage under this section who separates from the Service or is relieved from active duty is authorized continued storage up to 180 days after the date of the active-duty termination unless specifically prohibited in par. 051002. All storage charges accrued 181 days or later are the Service member's financial responsibility unless additional storage is authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process.

c. A Service member with an authorized POV in storage who is retired, placed on the TDRL, discharged with severance or separation pay, involuntarily released from active duty with readjustment or separation pay, or dead is authorized continued POV storage for up to 1 year from the date of active-duty termination. All storage charges accrued after 365 days are the Service member's financial responsibility unless additional storage is authorized or approved through the Secretarial Process. An extension may be granted for the circumstances described in par. 051003.

d. A Service member is authorized pick up or delivery of his or her POV at Government expense, regardless of the time in storage, as long as the Service member's order is valid. This includes a POV that was stored at Government expense that was converted to storage at the Service member's expense.

12. A Service member may be authorized a funds advance of POV storage costs in accordance with Service regulations.

13. A POV may be stored by the eligible Service member before a PCS or contingency order is issued when all of the following criteria are met:

a. The AO for the PCS or contingency operation, or his or her designated representative, provides a supporting statement that he or she advised the Service member ahead of time that the PCS or contingency order would be issued.

(1) The time between when the Service member is advised that the PCS or contingency order will be issued and when the actual PCS order is issued must be a relatively short time period.

(2) General information provided to the Service member, such as the eventual release from active duty, retirement eligibility, or the expected rotation date from duty OCONUS, does not constitute advice that a PCS or contingency order will be issued.

b. The Service member agrees in writing to reimburse the Government for the entire cost of storing the POV if a PCS order or contingency order is not issued or if the PCS order or contingency order does not authorize storage of a POV once it is issued.

c. The Service member agrees to pay any additional costs for reshipment of the POV to another storage facility because the PDS named in the issued order is different from the PDS named in the PCS AO's supporting statement, or because a return to the current PDS is necessary if the contingency order is not issued.

14. A POV that is stored after the Service member receives a PCS or contingency operation order that is later amended, modified, canceled, or revoked may be removed from storage and shipped or reshipped to the proper destination at Government expense. A POV may not be removed from storage and shipped if the Service member has fewer than 12 months remaining on his or her tour OCONUS. The exceptions for HHG transportation in par. 051305 also apply to this paragraph.

15. A Service member who is authorized POV storage may exercise this authority at any time as long as the PCS order remains in effect and the POV storage is due to the PCS and not for personal reasons.

## **0533 Separate Return of Current or Former Dependent from a PDS OCONUS**

### **053301. POV Transportation for Early Return of Dependents (ERD)**

A. Eligibility. A Service member who is authorized an Early Return of Dependents (ERD) due to official or personal situations (see par. 050804-F) may be authorized POV transportation for his or her dependents.

B. Allowances. A Service member is authorized transportation at Government expense for his or her dependents and household goods to a designated place in the CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, a U.S. territory, a possession of the United States, or, if the dependents are foreign nationals, to a place in the country of their origin.

1. A dependent authorized travel from a PDS OCONUS under an Early Return of Dependents (ERD), as specified in Section 0508, may also be authorized transportation of one POV to the designated POV unloading port or VPC serving the location where the dependent is authorized to travel.

2. If a POV shipment is en route to the designated OCONUS unloading port or VPC, the authority exists to change the transporter or place of shipment on the effective date of the dependents travel.

3. A dependent who travels from the PDS OCONUS to the authorized destination without an authorized order but under circumstances that permit an order may be authorized or approved transportation for one POV from the designated POV loading port or VPC OCONUS. If the conditions of par. 050804 are met, then a travel order is issued authorizing dependent travel and POV transportation from the designated POV port or VPC serving the location that dependent travel would have been authorized. This order must be supported by the Service member's commanding officer's determination that:

- a. The dependent traveled to an appropriate destination to reside.
  - b. The dependent meets all of the conditions in par. 050804, except that a travel order for transportation was not issued.
  - c. The status of the dependent as command-sponsored OCONUS remains unchanged. This does not apply for a Service member's former dependent whose transportation could have been authorized under par. 050805.
  - d. A travel order approving the dependent transportation to an appropriate destination under par. 050804 is in the Government's best interest.
4. There is no authority for return transportation of a POV to a location OCONUS even if a dependent is permitted to return at Government expense.
  5. The shipment of a POV under an ERD order, if authorized and approved, exhausts the Service member's entitlement to ship a POV from the last or any previous PDS OCONUS to the CONUS.

### **053302. POV Transportation OCONUS after Divorce or Annulment**

A. Eligibility. A Service member stationed OCONUS whose marriage is terminated by divorce or annulment may be authorized transportation allowances for a POV.

B. Allowances

1. A Service member authorized to transport a POV on a PCS order may have the POV transported one last time when his or her POV is legally awarded to the spouse through a divorce.
  - a. The Service member must transport the POV in accordance with the procedures in Section 0530, and agree in writing to pay any excess costs involved.
  - b. The POV shipment ends all authority for POV transportation under the Service member's PCS order.
2. A Service member stationed OCONUS may be authorized POV transportation for a former family member who was a command-sponsored dependent and resided with the Service member.
  - a. The POV must be turned over to the Transportation Officer for shipment within 1 year after the final decree's effective date for the divorce or annulment.
  - b. There is no authority for return transportation of a POV to a location OCONUS even if a dependent is permitted to return at Government expense.

### **0534 Rental Vehicle Reimbursement When a POV Transported At Government Expense Arrives Late**

A. Eligibility. A Service member or dependent that is authorized POV transportation may be eligible for reimbursement for a rental vehicle when the POV arrives late. The POV must be transported at Government expense for the Service member's or a dependent's use under any of the following:



1. PCS orders.
2. An unusual or an emergency circumstance.
3. Various other situations that may not be directly related to a PCS.

B. Allowances. A POV has not arrived at the authorized destination if it is not available for delivery to the Service member on or before the designated delivery date. If the Service member's POV does not arrive at the authorized destination by the designated delivery date, then the Service or Agency must reimburse the Service member for the cost of a rental vehicle for his or her use or a dependent's use. Reimbursement for a rental vehicle, by law, is limited to \$30 per day with a maximum reimbursement of \$210. The Service member or dependent may rent a vehicle as early as the day after the POV's scheduled delivery date and keep it for up to 7 days, or less if the POV is available for delivery sooner. See [Computation Examples](#).