

5378 ELIGIBILITY

A. General. A member is eligible to have one POV stored at a storage facility if the member is:

1. Ordered to make a PCS to a foreign/non-foreign OCONUS area (par. 5374) PDS; and the
 - a. Laws, regulations, and/or other restrictions imposed by the foreign country, area, or the U.S. preclude shipment/entry of a POV at Gov't expense into that foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (par. 5374) PDS; or
 - b. POV would require extensive modification (other than normal maintenance servicing) as a condition to entry into the foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (par. 5374) PDS;
2. Sent TDY for more than 30 days to a contingency operation (App A); or
3. Sent TDY for more than 30 days in support of humanitarian assistance or other emergency operations, as declared by Executive Order or the Administering Secretary, and the Secretary Concerned authorizes POV storage.

B. Storage. The Services, through their Secretarial processes, may designate POV storage facilities.

1. Gov't -procured Storage Available

- a. If a Service elects to store a member's POV, the member may personally arrange storage at a commercial storage facility.
- b. A member who personally arranges for storage at a facility other than the Service-designated facility is reimbursed for the actual storage cost, NTE the Gov't 's constructed storage cost.

2. Gov't -procured Storage Not Available. The member arranges POV storage at a commercial storage facility and is reimbursed for the actual storage costs when:

- a. Gov't-procured storage:
 - (1) Is not available, or
 - (2) Has not been designated, or
- b. The member is instructed by the shipping/transportation officer to store the POV at personal expense,

C. PCS Order Effective Date. A member is eligible for POV storage:

1. ICW a contingency operation TDY start date or a PCS order effective date on/after 1 April 1997.
2. Upon entering an IPCOT if the IPCOT begins on/after 1 April 1997. The storage authority begins effective with the beginning of the IPCOT.

5380 STORAGE IN LIEU OF SHIPMENT

A. General. POV storage is in lieu of POV shipment both to and from the foreign OCONUS PDS to which POV shipment is prohibited.

B. Limitations. A member who stores a POV at Gov't expense:

1. Is not authorized POV shipment from the foreign OCONUS location upon subsequent PCS.

2. May ship the stored POV if ordered on a COT and POV transportation is permitted to the subsequent OCONUS PDS.
3. May not continue to store the POV, at Gov't expense, while shipping another POV to the subsequent OCONUS PDS. This is based on the shipping allowance to the subsequent OCONUS PDS.
 - a. Example 1: A member PCSs from CONUS to Japan (POV transportation not authorized) and the Gov't pays to store the member's POV. The member receives a PCS order to a CONUS PDS and wants to ship a POV from Japan to the new CONUS PDS. The member does not have POV shipping authority from Japan because the member stored a POV.
 - b. Example 2: A member PCSs to Japan (POV transportation not authorized) and the Gov't pays to store the member's POV. The member receives a PCS order to another OCONUS location where POV shipment is authorized. The member is authorized shipment of the POV from storage to the new OCONUS PDS.
4. May not ship a POV that is removed from storage before departing PCS/entering an IPCOT.
5. Who removes the POV from storage upon an IPCOT/COT may be authorized POV shipment upon subsequent PCS after the IPCOT/COT tour.

5382 TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT TO/FROM A STORAGE FACILITY

A. General. If a Service elects:

1. To transport the POV to and/or from the storage location, the member may elect to personally arrange POV transportation. This is the member's option.
2. *Not to transport the POV to and/or from the storage location.*, the member personally arranges the transportation to and/or from the selected storage facility.

B. Gov't -procured Transportation Available to and/or from Storage Facility

1. The member is reimbursed the automobile mileage rate for the official round trip distance between the old/new PDS (as appropriate) to and/or from the vehicle port/VPC or other point designated for turnover for transportation to and/or from storage.
2. When Gov't -procured transportation to and/or from a storage facility is available but the member elects to personally arrange for POV delivery to and/or from a storage facility, the member is reimbursed for the actual transportation cost NTE the Gov't's constructed transportation cost. If the POV is driven, the member is reimbursed the automobile mileage rate for the official round trip distance NTE the Gov't's constructed transportation cost.
3. For an OCONUS Traveler, the member is reimbursed for one-way transportation at the automobile mileage rate between the designated storage facility and the authorized location (i.e., PDS, VPC/ vehicle port) NTE the Gov't's constructed transportation cost of shipping/transporting the POV.

C. Gov't -procured Transportation Not Available to and/or from Storage Facility. When Gov't -procured transportation to and/or from storage is not available, or the member is instructed by the shipping/transportation officer to personally arrange POV transportation, the member is reimbursed for the actual transportation cost. If the POV is driven, the member is reimbursed the automobile mileage rate for the official round-trip distance.

Travel time computed under par. 5012 is allowed for the round trips to deliver and/or pick-up a POV under par. 5382-A.

D. Delivery/Pick-up

1. The Service concerned may elect to transport a member's POV to and/or from the storage facility.
2. ***Vehicle storage transportation reimbursement may only be paid as mileage (par. 2600) and is only for the round-trip distance from the old PDS to the closest VPC/loading port servicing the old PDS.*** This limitation does not apply to a member who stored a vehicle commercially with Gov't reimbursement for storage expenses at a location other than the closest VPC/loading port servicing the old PDS before 1 June 2003.
3. A roundtrip is authorized to:
 - a. Deliver the POV to the storage facility, and
 - b. Pick-up the POV from the storage facility.
4. These roundtrips are available only if POV delivery and/or pickup is:
 - a. Not concurrent with PCS travel, or
 - b. ICW TDY on a contingency operation.
5. For this Section, an RC member's PLEAD is the PDS. For POV delivery to storage upon the first PCS, the "old PDS" is the member's HOR/PLEAD. For POV pick-up upon separation or retirement, the "new PDS" is the HOR/authorized HOS of the member under par. 5068-A1.

E. Delivery Accomplished Concurrently with Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Is Involved

1. Delivery - Travel to Passenger Port via Storage Facility. An eligible member and/or dependent(s) who travel via the designated storage facility are authorized PCS allowances (including per diem) for direct travel from the old PDS to the designated storage facility and from the designated storage facility to the passenger POE.
2. Delivery - Travel to Storage Facility via Passenger Port. An eligible member, who travels from the old PDS to the passenger POE to drop off dependents, then to the designated storage facility, and then returns to the passenger port, is paid PCS allowances (including per diem) from the old PDS to the passenger POE for self and dependents, plus PCS allowances for self from the passenger port to the designated storage facility. ***Reimbursement for travel back to the passenger POE is not authorized.***

F. Pick-up Accomplished Concurrently with Member's PCS Travel and No TDY En Route Is Involved. An eligible member (and/or dependent(s)) who travels via the designated storage facility is authorized PCS allowances (including appropriate per diem) for direct travel from the passenger POD to the designated storage facility and then to the new PDS.

G. Delivery/Pick-up from a Designated Storage Facility Accomplished Concurrently with TDY En Route

1. Delivery to a Designated Storage Facility ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member who delivers a POV to a designated storage facility ICW a PCS to a foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (par. 5374) PDS with TDY en route, is authorized:
 - a. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from the old PDS to the TDY station(s) en route plus a per diem (par. 5026);
 - b. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from the TDY station to the designated storage facility; and
 - c. PCS allowances (including appropriate per diem) for direct travel from the designated storage facility to the passenger port.

2. Pick-Up in ICW TDY En Route. An eligible member, who picks up a POV from a designated storage facility ICW PCS travel to/from an en route TDY station, is authorized:
 - a. PCS allowances (including appropriate per diem) for direct travel from the passenger port to the designated storage facility;
 - b. MALT for one authorized traveler for travel for the official distance from the designated storage facility to/from the TDY station; plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. 5026; and
 - c. MALT for one authorized traveler for the official distance from/to the TDY station en route to the new PDS plus a per diem for the member at the rates prescribed in par. 5026.
3. Dependent Travel and Transportation Allowances. When a dependent(s):
 - a. Accompanies the member and/or delivers the POV to the designated storage facility, dependent travel and transportation allowances are computed using par. 5092.
 - b. Picks up the POV from the designated storage facility without traveling to the TDY en route location, dependent travel and transportation allowances are IAW par. 5382-F.

5384 STORAGE FACILITIES USED

- A. Designated Storage Facilities. The Services, through their Secretarial processes, may designate POV storage facilities (par. 5378).
- B. Personally-procured POV Storage
 1. Commercial Storage Facilities
 - a. General. Commercial storage facilities include storage facilities at which anyone may store a POV (i.e., not limited to the particular member/service members in general).
 - b. Storage Reimbursement. A member may be reimbursed for storing one POV at a commercial facility (par. 5378).
 - c. Travel Reimbursement. A member may be reimbursed for travel to/from a commercial storage facility NTE the cost of travel to the Service-designated storage facility.

Example: A member stationed in Fort Bragg, NC, chooses to store a POV in a commercial storage facility in Raleigh, NC. The Service-designated facility is in Goldsboro, NC. Member may be reimbursed for travel to/from the commercial facility NTE the cost of travel to/from Fort Bragg to Goldsboro.
 2. Non-commercial Storage Facility
 - a. General. *Storage in a private residence, garage, or on a private lot does not constitute storage at a commercial facility.*
 - b. Storage Reimbursement. A member who stores a POV at a non-commercial storage facility must not be reimbursed for the costs associated with the POV vehicle's storage.
 - c. Travel Reimbursement. A member who stores a POV at a non-commercial storage facility must not be reimbursed for the costs associated with or transportation to/from storage.

5386 FACTORS AFFECTING POV STORAGEA. Order Amended, Modified, Canceled, or Revoked.

1. A POV stored or shipped after PCS order receipt/notification of deployment on a contingency operation may be removed and shipped/transshipped to the proper destination, including the old or current PDS, at Gov't expense, if the PCS/contingency operation notification order is later amended, modified, canceled, or revoked.
2. If less than 12 months remain on an OCONUS tour, the POV may not be removed from storage for shipment. The exceptions for HHG transportation in par. 5194 apply to this subpar..

B. Storage before an Order is Issued. POV storage is permitted before a PCS order/contingency operation order/notification is issued to a member. A written statement must support the storage request:

1. From the PCS/contingency operation designating AO or the designated representative that the member was advised before such an order/notification was issued, that it would be issued, and
2. Signed by the shipping applicant agreeing to be financially responsible for:
 - a. The entire storage cost if the PCS order/contingency order/notification to authorize storage is not issued later, and
 - b. Any additional POV transshipment costs to another storage facility required because the PDS named in the order is different than the PDS named in the statement required in par. 5386-B1 (or return to the current PDS if the contingency order/notification is not issued).
3. The length of time before a PCS order/contingency operation notification is issued, during which a member may be advised that the PCS order/notification is to be issued, may not exceed the relatively short period between the time when a determination is made to order the member to make a PCS (or take part in the contingency operation) and the date the order/contingency operation notification is actually issued.
4. General information furnished to the member concerning PCS order/contingency operation notification issuance before the determination is made to actually issue the order/notification (e.g., eventual release date from active duty, expiration date of service term, retirement eligibility date, expected rotation date from foreign/non-foreign OCONUS (par. 5374) duty, anticipated contingency departure date, etc.) is not advice that the order/notification is to be issued ([52 Comp. Gen. 769 \(1973\)](#)).

C. Time Limitation. Unless otherwise prescribed in the JTR, POV storage for a member may be initiated any time while the order remains in effect and prior to receipt of the next PCS order, as long as the POV storage is incident to the member's PCS rather than for personal reasons ([45 Comp. Gen. 589 \(1966\)](#); [B-183436, 22 July 1975](#)).**5388 RESTRICTIONS**A. Vehicle Size

1. A member, who stores a POV that exceeds the SDDC storage contract maximum standard size, is financially responsible for any storage cost caused by the vehicle's excess size (par. 2125).
2. The Secretarial Process may authorize/approve storage of an oversized POV (as the one POV for which storage may be authorized) if the member/dependents(s) require the oversized POV for medical reasons.
3. Excess costs are collected IAW Service regulations.

*B. Combining POV Size Limitation when Member Married to Member

1. The size restriction in par. 5388-A may be ignored for storing one larger vehicle at Gov't expense in lieu of storing two POVs (one POV stored for each member) during an assignment when each member is authorized POV storage.
2. Payment for storing the vehicle may not exceed the Gov't's total cost if each member had stored a vehicle within the maximum standard size.

C. Other Excess Storage Costs. Excess storage costs, incurred due to the member's negligence or choice, are the member's financial responsibility (par. 2125).

5390 CONTINUED POV STORAGE

A. Continued POV Storage for Active Duty Members.

1. A POV may remain in storage at Gov't expense for up to 90 days after the member returns from:
 - a. An OCONUS PDS (par. 5374) to which the POV could not be shipped, or
 - b. TDY on a contingency operation.
2. Storage charges accrued after the 90 days are the member's financial responsibility, unless additional storage is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

B. Continued POV Storage upon Separation from Service or Relief from Active Duty, Retirement, Placement on TDRL, Discharge with Severance or Separation Pay, or Involuntary Release from Active Duty with Readjustment or Separation Pay

1. Separation from Service or Relief from Active Duty

- a. A member, separated from the Service/relieved from active duty who has a POV in storage under par. 5378, is authorized continued POV storage until the 180th day after the active duty termination date, *unless specifically prohibited in par. 5320.*
- b. Storage charges, accrued on/after the 181st day, are the member's financial responsibility, unless additional storage is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

2. Retirement, Placement on TDRL, Discharge with Severance or Separation Pay, or Involuntary Release from Active Duty with Readjustment or Separation Pay.

- a. A member, retired, placed on the TDRL, discharged with severance or separation pay, or involuntarily released from active duty with readjustment or separation pay, who has a POV in storage under par. 5378, is authorized continued POV storage for up to 1 year from the active duty termination date (including by a member's death).
- b. The authority and circumstances in par. 5318 apply for extending the 1-year storage limit.
- c. Storage charges, accrued on/after the 366th day, are the member's (or dependent's) financial responsibility, unless additional storage is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.

3. Pickup/Delivery Out of Storage. Pickup/delivery out of storage is authorized at Gov't expense, regardless of time in storage (as long as the member's order is valid). This includes storage that has been converted to storage at the member's expense.

5392 FUNDS ADVANCE

Authorized POV storage costs may be paid in advance.