Dependent Student Travel in Defense Travel System

For questions or concerns about these procedures contact your local ODTA or LDTA



*Due to the frequent changes to DTS, the screen shots may not appear exactly as in these instructions.



- It is imperative that you read the captions along with reviewing the pictures in order to understand how to properly complete an authorization. There are different instructions for Service Members and Employees.
- These instructions do not provide every single step. The new interface is common among all travel types. DTS users are expected to have a general idea of how to create a DTS Authorization. If not, see your local Organizational Defense Travel Administrator (ODTA).
- If you do not have a GTCC, contact your ODTA to use the unit CBA. If the unit CBA cannot be used the ODTA should contact the 405th AFSB.



References

- Members JTR Chapter 5, Part B Categories of PDT, 050816 Dependent Student Travel
- AER 55-46 Travel Overseas
- Employees JTR Chapter 5, Part F PCS Alws, 053806 Dependent Student Travel
- DoDI 1400.25, Vol. 1250.4.b
- DSSR §280



Before Starting DTS Authorization-Service Member

- Follow the instructions as outlined in AER 55-46 Travel Overseas
- Member completes AE Form 55-46D with last 4 of SSN only and submits to S1 to validate eligibility
- Request college letter showing full time enrollment or freshman acceptance letter
- Gather your dependent travelers DOB, Passport Number and Passport Expiration Date





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If student is departing for freshman year of college select same Departing On date as Arriving On date. Otherwise, select the date the student is returning to college. TDY Location is the location of the college.

For students departing CONUS follow the instructions below:

Civilian: If student is departing from CONUS type the name of the departing city in the -box

Service Member: If student is departing from CONUS select Duty Station as the TDY location. DTS is designed this way. Otherwise the authorization cannot be complete. For example, if you Duty Station is Kleber Kaserne, input Kaiserslautern Military Community in TDY Location. (Don't think about it, I know it does not make sense)

If traveling from CONUS to Europe, "Returning On" is usually the next day after departing CONUS.



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Dependent field. Select the radio button next to the name and select





Input "Dependent Student Travel" and the name and full mailing address of the University/College. This can typically be found on the college letter.

If student requires Unaccompanied Baggage transportation or the sponsor will use the local transportation to arrange baggage storage at the students college, input this statement, "Student Requires Unaccompanied Baggage (UB)/Baggage Storage TAC." in Trip Description. If unsure, put the statement in the trip description. Unaccompanied Baggage is baggage that the student will have delivered to the Sponsors PDS or the Student's college. Baggage storage is the storage of the students household items, not to exceed 350lbs at the student's college.









If necessary, select the "Departing From" and "Arriving At" airports to search.

Select the least expensive flight that meets mission requirements.

If the student traveler is returning to college be sure to select return flight and seat. You can modify the search, if necessary.

If student is departing to college for freshman year, skip the return flight if asked.

**If requesting reimbursement for personally procured ticket capture this price and return price. This is the maximum amount of reimbursement.





Select Seat;

If the student traveler is returning to college be sure to select return flight and seat. You can modify the search as before if necessary.

If student is departing to college for freshman year, skip the return flight if asked. In essence, the student traveler is doing a one way trip to college.





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If you receive this message that lodging could not be booked select OK. Otherwise, select "Skip this lodging booking". Lodging is not authorized except in very limited circumstances. Your ODTA can assist you with lodging if necessary.





Review your Reservation Selections. Lodging is not authorized unless the trip was interrupted. Contact your ODTA for requirements and guidance if this is the case. Military Dependent Students are not authorized Per Diem. Civilian Dependent Students are authorized per diem for required travel time by the authorized transportation mode at the same rates and percentages as for the civilian employee on a TDY, and no per diem is paid if travel is 12 or fewer hours



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Baggage Storage

- During a student's annual trip between the school and the Service member's PDS, or during a different period in the same fiscal year selected by the Service member, a Service member may store the student's unaccompanied baggage, limited to 350 pounds, in the school vicinity in lieu of transporting the unaccompanied baggage.
- The Service Member may arrange for baggage storage with their local transportation office with the use of a TAC or;
- The Service Member may be reimbursed for the storage cost, limited to the cost of round-trip transportation for unaccompanied baggage, which typically is the smallest storage unit (such as a 5x5). Reimbursement of storage cost will be accomplished in DTS using the Local Voucher module. Itemized storage receipts must be uploaded.



Miscellaneous

- If you paid for the airfare using your GTCC and your student is visiting for the summer, or over multiple GTCC billing periods, you may have your GTCC put on mission critical status until the return flight. At that point a voucher should be done immediately upon the students departure so the GTCC can be paid.
- As soon as travel is complete, either for a freshman or returning student a voucher must be completed.



- If a dependent student traveler requires Unaccompanied Baggage (UAB) or transportation office arranged baggage storage then the Routing Official (Budget Analyst) that has access to the UAB Transportation Account Code (TAC) should input the TAC in the block labeled, "Comments to the Approving Official". The comment should annotate the TAC and that it is being used for UAB and/or baggage storage.
- The traveler then prints the DTS Authorization and takes a copy to the local transportation office to arrange UAB transportation or baggage storage.
- If the TAC is not added to the authorization "DO NOT" complete your voucher. Amend your authorization and request the TAC be added.



Questions???

