IDT Lodging Reimbursement

A Quick Guide from HQ RIO

How to file for IDT Lodging Reimbursement

Members are authorized reimbursement for lodging expenses incurred during IDT periods - paid IDTs and points-only IDTs. The reimbursement entitlement starts for lodging incurred on the night prior to the first IDT through the morning of the last IDT; gaps in IDT days (i.e. weekends) are not authorized lodging reimbursement. Follow these steps to submit for reimbursement.

NOTE: Use of your government travel card is authorized, and encouraged, for lodging expenses, but not mandatory.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- ⇒ Automated 40As (with all 3 signatures) for all periods where lodging is being claimed. If automated 40As are not available, uncertified/unsigned 40As can be provided with a color UTAPS calendar showing the dates as paid (black).
- ⇒ A detailed receipt for your lodging expense. Receipt must include the name and location of the lodging, your name, rate charged per night, the dates of your stay, and an itemized break down of any taxes/fees charged.

You MAY need:

- ⇒ A statement of non-availability from on-base Air Force lodging. If you choose to stay off base without receiving a non-availability from lodging, your reimbursement will be limited to the on-base rate.
- ⇒ If duty location has lodging run by a sister service, you must first check for DoD Preferred Lodging and Integrated Lodging Program (ILP) locations before booking a hotel with a rate at the max locality. If the listed DoD Preferred locations do not have availability, you will need to provide a statement describing the date you attempted to make reservations, along with the phone number and name of the point of contact at the hotel (JTR Supplement AP-ILP-01).
- ⇒ An MFR from DET or RegAF CC to approve an extra night of lodging if unable to travel home on last day of IDTs.

^{**}For a list of states that are tax exempt for military on official travel and what forms you need to give to the hotel, CLICK HERE. Some hotels won't honor the tax exemption for members in IDT status; in which case you will need to pay the tax and include it with your claim.

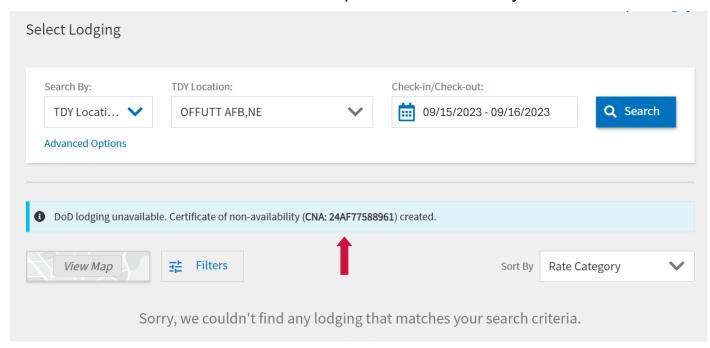
This is a sample 40A.

- ⇒ Training location needs to include city and state if not at a US Military base.
- ⇒ IDT dates can be combined on multiple 40As or each day can be on its own 40A.
- ⇒ All 3 signatures are required. If unable to pull signed 40A(s) from UTAPS, a color calendar showing dates as paid (black) needs to accompany the unsigned 40A(s). The UTAPS calendar MUST show your name.
- ⇒ In Part III, Lodging must be checked "yes" in order to receive reimbursement; however, please keep in mind that you should only check this box if absolutely necessary.

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Non-Availability of On Base Lodging

- ⇒ A certificate of non-availability (CNA) generated from DTS is only acceptable if the lodging is booked in DTS. Starting an authorization to get the non-availability and then booking outside of DTS will not result in an acceptable statement/certificate of non-availability for on-base lodging.
- ⇒ If you are performing AT with IDTs in conjunction and you book your entire stay through DTS, you will need to screenshot that CNA statement and include with your IDT lodging claim.
- ⇒ Calling on-base lodging and receiving a "paper" non-availability is also acceptable. You will also need to verify that all DoD Preferred hotels are full in order to receive reimbursement up to the max locality rate.



⇒ The advisory below found on the Other Auths and Pre-Audits page of an authorization does not constitute a statement of non-availability. You will not receive this error in a local voucher, but if you receive this error while booking lodging in an authorization (AT w/IDTs), you will need to contact the on-base lodging for a "paper" non-availability.

DOD LODGING CONNECTION ERROR

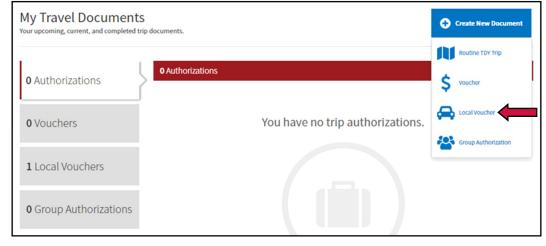
Connection to DoD Lodging was not available. Reimbursement Limitation will not apply and the user was provided options to use CTO Assistance or book lodging reservations with alternative lodging options.

Create a Local Voucher

- Step 1: Go to DTS Website (https://www.defensetravel.osd.mil) and log in.
- Step 2: Click your name in the top right:
 - 2a. Verify you are under your RIO Det & not your RegAF or previous unit.
 - **2b.** Click **My Profile**. Verify your email (**add personal email**), address, **banking** & GTC info are updated and current.

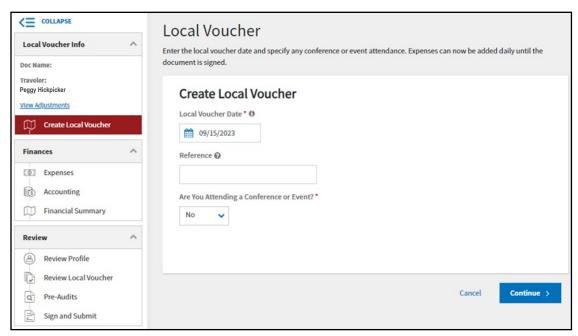
Step 3: On the DTS Dashboard select Create New Document and then Local

Voucher.



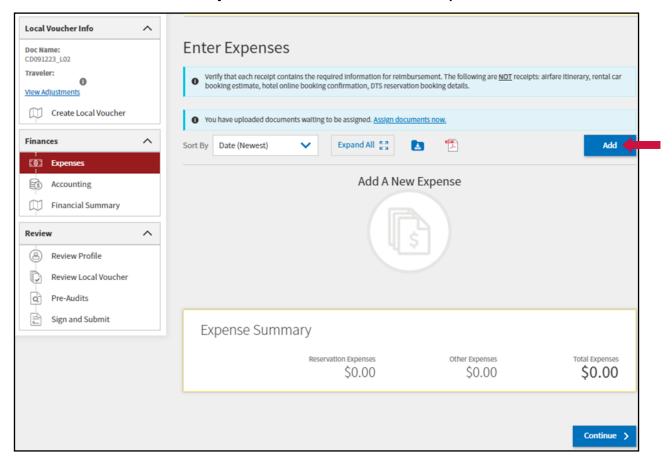
The Create Local Voucher screen opens and the Progress Bar (left side of the screen) tracks your Local Voucher steps.

- **3a.** Enter the Local Voucher date as the last day of IDTs. Once you save the date, you cannot change it.
- **3b.** In the **Reference** block, enter "IDT Lodging."
- 3c. Are you Attending a Conference or Event? Select "No."
- 3d. Select Continue to create the local voucher.

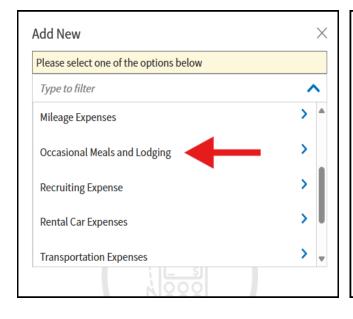


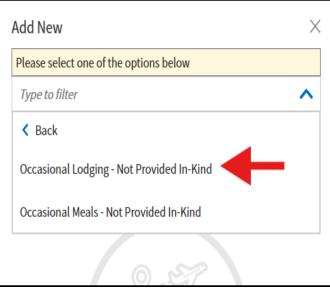
Adding IDT Lodging Expenses

Step 4: Enter your incurred expenses and attach your receipts/supporting documents on the **Enter Expenses** screen. To add expenses select **Add**.



Step 5: Select Occasional Meals and Lodging and then Occasional Lodging - Not Provided In-Kind.



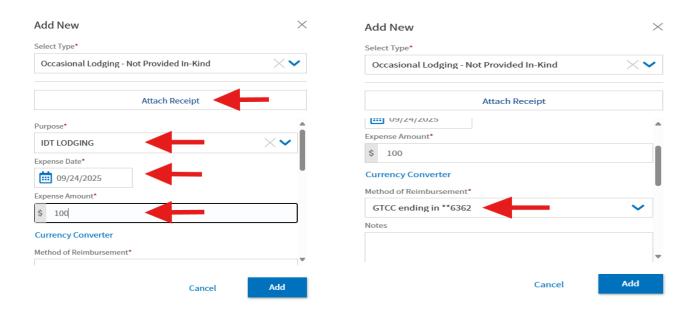


5a: Expense Name: IDT LODGING or IDT LODGING TAXES

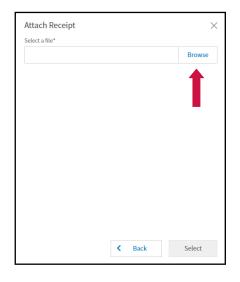
5b: Expense Date: Night of lodging being claimed - each night will need to be entered separately by night charged. For audit purposes, to reconcile individual entitlements, and to prevent overpayments, the lodging cannot be entered as a date range and "lumped" together in one amount. Taxes & fees can be entered as one lump sum. *see next page for example

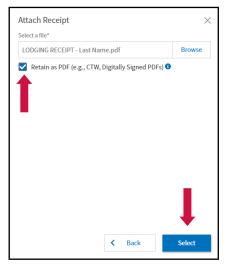
5c: Method of Reimbursement: if **GTCC** was used, leave as is. If personal CC was used, change to **Personal**.

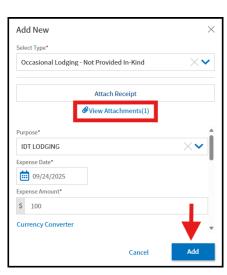
5d: Click Attach Receipt.



5f: Select **Browse** to find the correct document. Once the correct file is selected, click **Retain as PDF** and then **Select**. This will take you back to the main expense pop-out. Click **Add**.





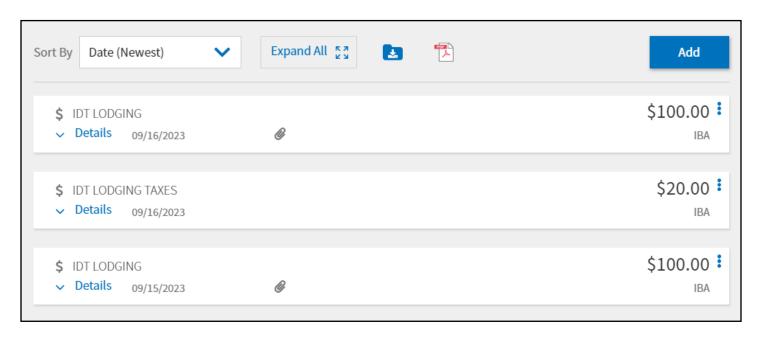


5g. After creating the first expense, you can use the "Duplicate Expense" function to easily populate the other days/expenses. You will need to upload the receipt each time.



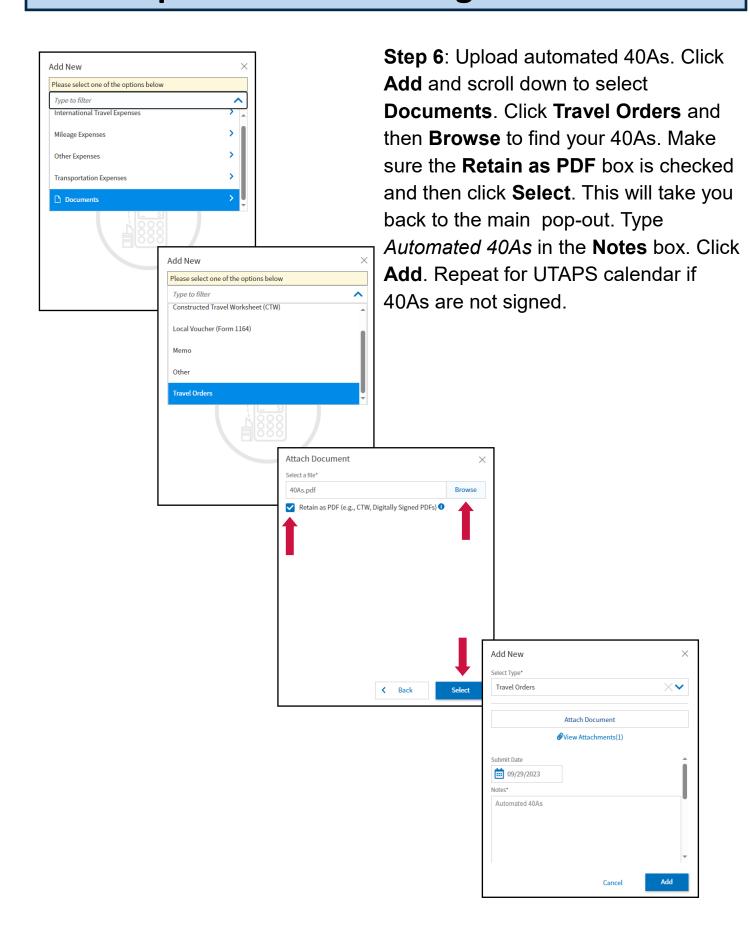
When all expenses are entered, your voucher should look something like this: Each nightly rate is claimed separately; taxes can be claimed together. The receipt may need to be attached to the lodging taxes line item if the total expense is \$75+.

Ensure that lodging (and taxes) are not claimed for unauthorized days. IDT Lodging is only reimbursable for the night prior to your first IDT period through the morning of the last IDT period.



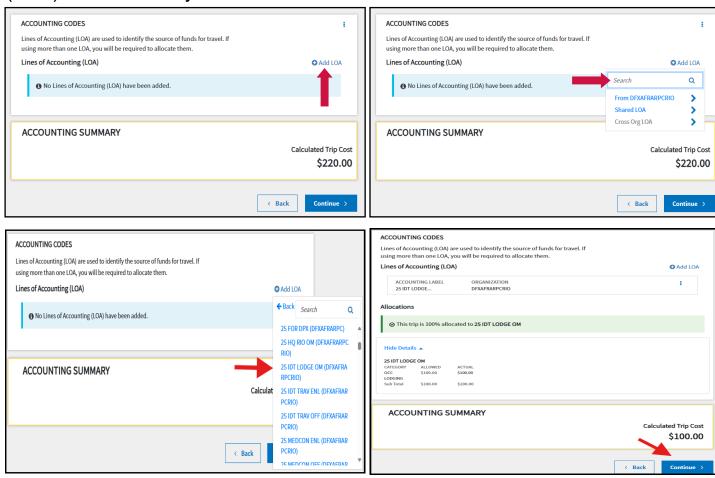
For this example, the member would have been in an IDT status 16-17 Sept.

Upload Substantiating Documents



Accounting

Step 7: Click **Add LOA** and then search **IDT LODGE**. The 2 digits in the beginning are to designate the fiscal year. Click to choose the Line of Accounting (LOA) that matches your claim. 1 Oct 2024 started FY25, 1 Oct 2025 started FY26, and so on.

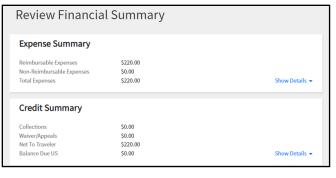


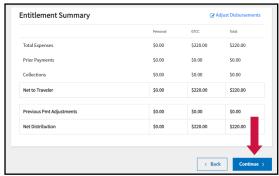
Financial Summary

Click Continue.

Step 8: Verify *Net to Traveler* amount in the *Entitlement Summary* section. If Method of Reimbursement was saved incorrectly for the expenses, you will need to go back to the Expenses section and adjust each expense to reflect the

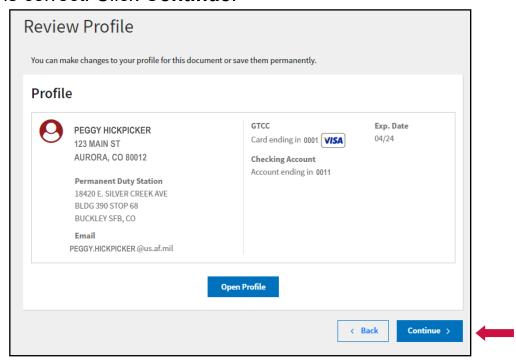
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Review Profile & Claim

Step 9: Review Profile information. Ensure address, email, and bank account information is correct. Click **Continue**.



Step 10: Review Local Trip Voucher for accuracy. Revisit any areas that need adjusted. Click **Continue** when finished.

Pre Audits

Step 11: Review Pre Audits and provide justification as necessary. If the pre-audit is for a possible excessive expense for lodging or lodging tax, the justification can be IDT LODGING AUTHORIZED PER ATTACHED 40A. Click Continue.

Pre-Audit

Below are any items that were "flagged" for this trip. You must provide justification to the Approving Official.

Constructed Travel Worksheet

5 PRE AUDITS

LOCAL TRAVEL EXPENSE

09/22/2023, 09/21/2023 - EXCEEDS THRESHOLD - 10.0||09/22/2023, 09/21/2023 - EXCEEDS THRESHOLD - 100.0

Justification to Approving Official *

| DT LODGING

| POSSIBLE EXCESSIVE EXPENSE

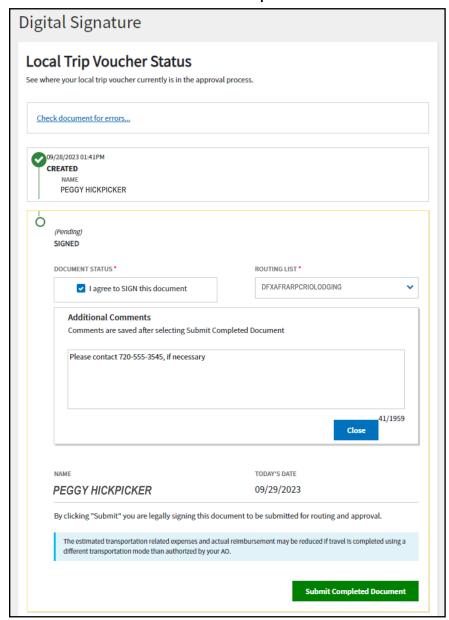
THIS EXPENSE EXCEEDS THE STANDARD THRESHOLD AMOUNT -> IDT LODGING > \$0.00

Justification to Approving Official *

| DT LODGING | POSSIBLE EXCESSIVE EXPENSE | DID LODGING > \$0.00

Sign & Submit

Step 12: Check the box to **SIGN** the document. Ensure routing list is **DFXAFRARPCRIOLODGING**. Submit Completed Document!



CONGRATULATIONS!

You've submitted your local voucher for IDT Lodging, but you're not done yet.

You will need to monitor the email associated with your DTS profile in case it is returned for errors. You can also login to DTS and click Local Vouchers to see the status. Common stamps are **Created**, **Signed**, **Returned**, and **Approved**.

Approval is completed by HQ RIO Travel Reimbursement Office (TRO). For questions or concerns with your claim, please contact your DET **Organization Defense Travel Administrator (ODTA)**.