GSA Per Diem Update Rates

The University of Texas at San Antonio complies with the per diem travel rates posted by the U.S General Service Administration (GSA) for both lodging and MI&E (Meals and Incidental Expense). The per diem rates are revised yearly and are posted every October 1st. The 2017 GSA rates are in effect October 2016 through September 2017. GSA establishes the per diem rates for the lower 48 continental United States, which are the maximum allowances that federal employees are reimbursed for expenses incurred while on official travel.

As a reminder, the Department of Defense website establishes all per diem rates for Alaska, Hawaii and U.S. possessions, including Puerto Rico; and, the State Department website establishes all foreign per diem rates.

The continental United States per diem rate for an area is actually three allowances: the lodging allowance, the meals allowance and the incidental expense allowance.

Please note that the standard lodging rate for out-of-state locations not listed on the GSA has increased to $91. However, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) limits lodging reimbursement for non-listed in-state locations to $85. The maximum daily meal reimbursement rate for in-state and out-of-state locations not listed on the GSA remains at $51.