

## **PURPOSE OF TRAVEL**

## **GOVTRIP/TRAVEL SYSTEM CROSSWALK**

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MISSION - Travel, not characterized as Mission – Special or Mission – Critical, to a	1 - SITE VISIT
particular site in order to support the agency's strategic plan and performance objectives,	
or to personally perform operational or managerial activities related to the mission of the	15 – INFORMAL TRAINING
organization (e.g., grant operations, management activities for internal control purposes;	
carry out an audit, inspection or repair activity; conduct negotiations, court appearances,	
provide technical assistance or to discuss general agency operations, review status	
reports, or discuss topics of general interest).	
<b>MISSION – SPECIAL</b> - Travel to carry out a special mission for the organization (e.g.,	8 – SPECIAL MISSION TRAVEL
non-combat military unit movements); provide security to a person or a shipment (such	
as a diplomatic pouch); or moving witnesses from residence to other locations.	
<b>MISSION – CRITICAL</b> - Travel to accomplish critical or time sensitive observation,	10 – OTHER TRAVEL
evaluation, or action that is critical to the mission of the organization (e.g., in the event	
of an epidemic or natural disaster).	
<b>OUTREACH</b> - Travel to make a speech or a presentation, deliver a paper, or otherwise	4 – SPEECH AND
take part in a formal program, other than training, to communicate information about	PRESENTATION
USDA programs to external partners/stakeholders. This class of travel is for the primary	
purpose of explaining USDA programs or the operation of those programs to interested	
potential or current participants.	
<b>CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE</b> - Travel to attend a meeting, retreat, seminar,	5 – CONFERENCE

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symposium or event. A conference can be defined as a meeting for consultation, discussion, or the exchange of information on a specific topic. A conference is considered training when: (a) The announced purpose of the conference is educational or instructional; (b) More than half of the time is scheduled for a planned, organized exchange of information between presenters and audience which meets the definition of training in 5USC4101; (c) The content of the conference is germane to improving individual and/or organizational performance, and (d) Development benefits will be derived through the employee's attendance. Refer to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 410-Training (5CFR 410.404)	ATTENDANCE
<b>TRAINING ATTENDANCE -</b> Travel to receive training. Training means the process of providing for and making available to an employee, and placing or enrolling the employee in, a planned, prepared, and coordinated program, course, curriculum, subject, system, or routine of instruction or education, in scientific, professional, technical, mechanical, trade, clerical, fiscal, administrative, or other fields which will improve individual and organizational performance and assist in achieving the agency's mission and performance goals. Refer to United States Code, Title 5, Section 4101 {5USC4101).	3 – TRAINING ATTENDANCE 15 – INFORMAL TRAINING
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b> - Travel to provide training to Federal and non-Federal customers/participants/partners.	3 – TRAINING ATTENDANCE
<b>AWARD</b> - Travel for the purpose of an employee and/or dependent(s) to attend an award ceremony where the employee receives the award.	<ul> <li>4 – SPEECH OR PRESENTATION</li> <li>10 – OTHER TRAVEL</li> <li>1 - SITE VISIT</li> </ul>
<b>EMERGENCY</b> - Travel to return an employee from a temporary assignment location at Government expense to his/her designated post of duty or home, or other alternate location, where he/she would normally be present to take care of the emergency. Emergency travel results from (a) the employee becoming incapacitated by illness or injury not due to your own misconduct; or (b) the death or serious illness of a member of an employee's your family; or (c) A catastrophic occurrence or impending disaster,	9 – EMERGENCY TRAVEL

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such as fire, flood, or act of God, which directly affects the employee's home. Refer to	
Federal Travel Regulation §301-30.1.	
<b>PRE-EMPLOYMENT -</b> Travel for a pre-employment interview. This purpose code is	11 – PRE-EMPLOYMENT
used for temporary duty travel only.	TRAVEL
<b>ENTITLEMENT</b> - Travel entitlement for which an employee or dependent(s) may be	7 – ENTITLEMENT
eligible while serving at a duty station outside the continental United States. This	TRAVEL/HOME LEAVE
includes Tour Renewal Agreements (for the purpose of taking leave between tours of	
duty); Vacation or Home Leave (travel from post to the designated home leave address	12 – FIRST POST OF DUTY
and return to same post of assignment, or to another official duty station); Evacuation	
(travel when authorized or ordered departure of an employee and dependent(s)); Family	
and Child Visitation (travel from the U.S. to employee's post of assignment and return to	
the U.S. or travel from the employee's post of assignment to the U.S. and return); or	
medical (official travel and transportation authorized for U.S. citizen employees and	
dependent(s) from any place where presence is due to U.S. Government orders to	
nearest locality where suitable medical care can be obtained and thence to an official	
duty station.	
<b>SPECIAL ENTITLEMENT -</b> Travel directly related to the death of employee while on	10 – OTHE TRAVEL
official travel. Expense can be paid, when, at the time of death, the employee was:	
(a) On official travel; or (b) Performing official duties outside CONUS; or (c) Absent from	
duty as provided in FTR § 303-70.3; or (d) Reassigned away from his/her home of record	
under a mandatory mobility agreement. Refer to FTR, Chapter 303 – Payment	
Connected with Death.	
<b>DEPENDENT EDUCATION -</b> Travel for dependent children of employees on overseas	14 – EDUCATIONAL
assignment to attend secondary and post secondary schools in the United States.	
<b>REST &amp; RECUPERATION</b> - Travel of employees and dependent(s) from their assigned	13 – REST AND
post to the United States or to posts designated as rest and recuperation relief areas.	RECUPERATION
<b>OTHER</b> - Travel performed for purposes, which are not included in one of the other	10 – OTHER TRAVEL
listed Purpose Codes. Even though stated as "Other," the travel authorization and	
voucher must include a detailed, specific purpose.	