

Information Regarding Retirement Entitlements for Personal Property Shipping and Storage

Reference: The Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) – applies to the Military Members

Ref JFTR, paragraph U5365: When you retire from the United States military you are authorized household goods (HHG) transportation from the last, or any previous, Permanent Duty Station from a designated place in CONUS, from storage, or any combination thereof, to your Home of Selection (HOS).

Ref JFTR, para U5012J: “**Home of Selection.**” “Once a location is selected, that selection is irrevocable if transportation-in-kind is furnished and used, or travel and transportation allowances are received after the travel is completed.” For example, if you live in the National Capital Region (NCR) and you file your travel voucher after retirement and you stay in this area, your shipping and storage entitlement is to this area, this would be your HOS. Once the government pays for ANY of your HOS entitlements (whether it’s your travel voucher, or HHG shipment), the HOS is “set in stone;” and that location applies to any other HOS entitlement. To preserve your freedom to move where you desire, you can delay filing your travel settlement voucher until you move to your HOS. DFAS wants you to include copies of the extensions granted for the HHG shipping, when you file your final travel and transportation allowance voucher.

Ref JFTR, para U5130 A 1: A member may select a home:

- a. Any place within the U.S.;
- b. The HOR outside the U.S. or the place outside the U.S. from which the member was initially called or

ordered to active duty (53 Comp. Gen. 963 (1974), 54 id. 1042 (1975)); or

c. Any other place. **NOTE: Allowances paid in this case must not exceed those payable had the member selected a home at a CONUS location specified by the member.**

Ref JFTR para U5300-U5319: Your **weight allowance** for your retirement is the same as on Active Duty. For example, an O-6 has 18,000 lbs with or without dependents. An O-4, without dependents, has 14,000 lbs, but an O-4 with dependents has 17,000 lbs. Professional Books, Papers and Equipment (PBP&E) do not count against weight entitlements for any rank of servicemember.

Ref JFTR para U5310-C: You **are** allowed to ship PBP&E, (any item that is or was necessary for official duties) in your retirement shipment as long as it is declared during counseling, completion of the shipment application (DD Form 1299) shows the weight of PBP&E, and during pickup is identified, inventoried and weighed separately from your other household goods.

Ref JFTR, para U5365G: If you are required to vacate government quarters before selecting your home (HOS), you are authorized a **short distance HHG move from the**

government quarters to a local temporary residence in the vicinity of the vacated quarters. You must obtain a memo from the garrison housing office providing the funding citation to be used for the move. The JFTR weight limit does not apply to this “local move” out of government quarters. This local move **does not count** as your retirement move, unless you use your retirement orders for the move.

Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) entitlement: You are authorized, per para U5365C, Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) of your HHG (NTE the JFTR weight limit, excluding PBP&E) from the date your retirement orders are issued, to the 1-year anniversary of your retirement date. You may request continued storage beyond the 1-year anniversary of your retirement date but in all cases it will be at your expense, at the government rates for the extended time, so it will be cheaper for you. You will need to make payment arrangements (with the Transportation Office that arranges your storage) by money order or certified check (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually) for storage at your expense. If you don’t request an extension of NTS it may be converted to commercial expense (at much higher rates to you, and your HHG will no longer be insured by the Government). **Reminder: Your storage entitlement at Government expense is only for one year after your retirement date (“Basic Entitlement”).**

Per JFTR para U5380-B, NTS must be placed in a facility near the place where the household goods are located on the date of issuance of orders. This means you as a retiree may NOT ship your HHG to your desired Home of Selection and then place them in NTS. The NTS entitlement no longer exists once you make the shipment using your retirement orders. You can ship items to other locations besides your HOS (split shipments) provided you pay for the excess cost (i.e. the cost above what it would have cost the government to ship it all in one shipment to your HOS). Ordinarily, **HHG must be turned over for transportation within one year following retirement.** Para U5365 does allow for **extensions to your shipping entitlement:**

- for persons undergoing hospitalization or medical treatment, an extension can be granted for the period equal to the hospitalization or medical treatment;
- for a retiree undergoing education or training to qualify for acceptable civilian employment, extension of this one year time limit can be granted, in one year increments, until one year after the education or training is completed.
- for “other deserving cases” when an unexpected event beyond the Retiree’s control occurs which prevents the Retiree from moving to the HOS within the time limit. The specific reason must be given in the request for extension.

Per para 5012 I (India), extensions may not be approved if they extend the travel & transportation allowances more than 6 years from retirement, unless a certified on-going medical emergency exists which directly precludes movement. Such a case would have to go to the Secretary of your Service for further extension.

Please note that retiree entitlements are in 2 categories: for **shipping** your HHG, and for **Non-Temporary Storage** of your HHG, as explained above.

Extensions for Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps personnel are requested through their own Services. Air Force members should verify your AF IMT Form 2473, Home of Selection Travel and Transportation Entitlements. **Extensions are granted for a maximum of one year at a time.** The request must be filed prior to the anniversary date of the retirement. Should you miss the date to renew your extension, then the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, Mid-Atlantic (JPPSO-MA) no longer has authority to grant an extension (for Army retirees). You must file a "Request for Reinstatement of Transportation Entitlement" via the Secretarial Process. Such a case would have to go to the Secretary of your Service (Headquarters) for further extension. Each Service determines its own policies for retirement transportation extensions. All the Services adhere to the Joint Federal Travel Regulation.

Extensions for Army personnel living outside the JPPSO-MA AOR are not processed by the JPPSO-MA, but by the JPPSO or PPSO that services the installation where you were last stationed.

All NTS entitlement extensions **MUST** be done in writing and be accompanied by a copy of your orders.