

AOC Travel Rate Guidelines – Consultants

The policy and limits on reimbursable travel-related expenses are listed below.

Lodging – Receipts are required and each day of lodging claimed must be listed separately. Maximum rates are listed below.

1. In-state - Actual costs are reimbursable up to a maximum of \$110 per day, plus tax and energy surcharge. Within the counties of Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, the maximum rate is \$140, plus tax and energy surcharge.
2. Out-of-state – Actual costs are reimbursable with appropriate prior written approval.

Meals – Actual costs are reimbursable up to the limits stated below for continuous travel of more than 24 hours.

1. Breakfast – Up to \$6.
2. Lunch – Up to \$10.
3. Dinner – Up to \$18.

For continuous travel of less than 24 hours, actual expenses up to the above limits are reimbursable if:

1. Travel begins one hour before normal work hours – Breakfast may be claimed.
2. Travel ends one hour after normal work hours – Dinner may be claimed.

Lunch may not be claimed on trips of less than 24 hours.

Incidental Expenses – Up to \$6 per day. Incidentals are not reimbursable for one-day trips; they may only be claimed after 24 hours.

Transportation – The actual cost of tickets for air, rail, bus, rental car, or other forms of public transportation is reimbursable. The lowest cost ticket available must be purchased. Receipts are required for rental cars and air travel. For ticketless travel, the traveler's itinerary may be submitted in lieu of a receipt.

1. The actual costs of cab fare, public parking, and tolls are reimbursable. Receipts are required for all expenses of \$3.50 or more.
2. Mileage – Personal vehicle mileage is reimbursable at the applicable IRS rate.

Other Business Expenses – Actual cost is reimbursable. Receipts are required for all other business expenses, regardless of the amount claimed.

Receipts for telephone or telegraph charges related to the performance of the contract of \$2.50 or less are not required. However, claims for phone calls must include the place and party called.