Meal Per Diem Reportable Amounts

The meal per diem rate is adjusted annually by the IRS. The IRS has a simplified process for applying meal per diems to high or standard cost locations. The current meal per diem rate for standard cost locations is \$60/day and for high cost locations is \$71/day. A current list of high cost locations is available on the <u>IRS Website</u>. No receipts are required when per diem is claimed.

Meals Provided During Travel

If meals are provided by lodging or by the event attended (i.e., free breakfast at the hotel, meals at a conference, or meals provided by others) per diem for that meal is not allowable. Do not claim a per diem amount on the reimbursement form for the provided meal (Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner).

Travel Days (departure and return from travel)

Meal per diem is prorated at 75% of the total allowable amount on travel days. Record meal per diem based on amounts listed below for travel days. Exclude meals provided as discussed above.

Reminders

- Meal per diem is required, not optional for meals for individuals
- IRS rules allow for nontaxable reimbursement of meals only in conjunction with overnight business trips. See <u>faculty staff handbook</u> (page 92).
- Students are not eligible for the University per diem; however, departments may choose to provide student meal allowances in lieu of reimbursing for actual meal expenses.
- Business meals with others will be reimbursed for actual expenses, using the historical approach. Receipts are required for any such meals, and the names (and/or titles and/or company) of others at the meal and the business purpose must be included on the Form.

Standard Location Meal	High Cost Location Meal
Per Diems by Meal	Per Diems by Meal
<u>Travel day (to and from)</u>	<u>Travel day (to and from)</u>
Breakfast = \$9.00	Breakfast = \$10.65
Lunch = \$13.50	Lunch = \$15.98
Dinner = \$22.50	Dinner = \$26.63
<u>Non-Travel Day</u>	<u>Non-Travel Day</u>
Breakfast = \$12.00	Breakfast = \$14.20
Lunch = \$ 18.00	Lunch = \$ 21.30
Dinner = \$30.00	Dinner = \$35.50

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Date	Name of Person (s)	Title/Occupation	Business Relationship	Reason for Meal	Location	Amount

Destination	Miles Driven	Purpose
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