

## Escort Entitlement FAQs

1. I completed my tour and moved my dependents to the new PDS before 15 Mar 2010. Can I make a retroactive claim?

RESPONSE: No. The effective date of this provision is the date that the Chairman signed the regulation, i.e. 15 Mar 2010.

2. I am deployed and will return on a modified ITDY order that provides an end date on or after 15 Mar 2010, can I be authorized funded travel to escort my dependents?

RESPONSE: If the effective date of your orders is on or after 15 Mar 2010, you are authorized funded travel to escort your dependents. To determine what is the effective date of your ORDMOD, see JFTR Appendix A definitions-Effective Date of Orders.

3. What type allowances do I qualify for when I escort my dependents?

RESPONSE: When a member sends dependent to an alternate place under the authority of an ITDY order the following allowances are authorized: Dislocation Allowance, Monetary Allowance in Lieu of Transportation (MALT) as in a normal PCS move. Shipment of HHG or Non-Temporary Storage (NTS) is authorized under the PCS allowances. It must be noted that TLE is not authorized in relocations under the authority of an ITDY order.

Although rare, in some cases a dependent may ride as a passenger with a member to an ITDY site at a location where dependents are authorized (CONUS). In that case the member is paid TDY mileage; the dependent is a passenger that is not authorized mileage.

4. What outbound travel itineraries can be authorized when I escort my dependents to their alternate place of residence?

RESPONSE: A member may escort dependents while en route to the ITDY assignment, this includes en route to the ECRC. The member may also perform a separate round trip with PCS allowances between the old PDS and the alternate site before departure on the ITDY assignment. Travel and transportation allowances for departure prior to issuance of ITDY orders is not authorized.

5. What in bound (from the ITDY site) travel itineraries can be authorized when I escort my dependent from the alternate place to the new PDS?

RESPONSE: Members are authorized travel from the ITDY site via the alternate place when en route to the old PDS or to a new PDS. In practice this means that after a member departs the ECRC, the member may proceed to the alternate site to which dependents were moved while en route to new PDS. This authority exists only if it is necessary for the member to assist the dependents in relocating to the new PDS and it is not for personal convenience.

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6. When I return, I do not plan to move my dependents, I plan to use this funded travel to go their location to check up on them, to retrieve personal goods and my POV?

RESPONSE: No. This form of travel is authorized only for escort of dependents, it is not a form of funded leave travel for personal convenience. The dependents must be escorted to the new PDS by the member in order for a member to be authorized funded escort travel.

7. The JFTR Chapter 4, Par. U4605-A states that an ITDY order may be issued for periods of duty that are contemplated to be for as little as 20 weeks (140 days). I must serve BOG for at least 210 days to qualify for ITDY. Why the difference?

RESPONSE: The Navy has established 210 BOG as a threshold for issuance of ITDY orders. Although there is authority to go with less periods of temporary duty, as a good business practice, the Navy has determined that 210 days will serve as the Navy threshold.

8. I am without dependents, can't I get ITDY orders?

RESPONSE: Since the intent of ITDY is provide dependents an opportunity to establish a place of residence at a location at which there is family support, safe environs, and other desirable traits while the member is deployed there is no purpose in a member without dependents requesting an ITDY order. ITDY orders are issued only to members in a with-dependent status.

9. May I use this entitlement if my dependents and I plan to travel separately to/from the alternate location?

RESPONSE: No, all travel authorized under this escort entitlement must be concurrent. The JFTR change specifically entitles the member to escort his dependents to/from an alternate location and, therefore, their travel must be concurrent. Again, the entitlement is not a form of funded leave travel for personal convenience.

10. I am completing a GSA from ECRC Norfolk and my follow-on PDS is also in the Norfolk area. After my GSA, may I complete my ECRC check out and then travel to my dependents' location to escort them to my new command?

RESPONSE: Yes, just as with members returning from unusually arduous sea duty, you may return to the ECRC first, and then travel to your dependents' location to escort them to your new command. The critical requirement is to complete the escort portion en route to your new command (you cannot check into your new command and THEN travel to dependents' location.)