

TRAINEE ALLOWANCES

TYPE	AMOUNT	TERMS	MS
Administrative Hold	\$40.00* per day whether at HOR, Washington, DC, or other U.S. location	60 Days Maximum; must be approved by the RD	MS 221 (Also see MS 218, MS 220, MS 222, MS 282, and MS 284)
Emergency Leave	\$40.00* per day whether at HOR, Washington, DC, or other U.S. location	Notes 1 & 3	MS 221 (Also see MS 220 and MS 222)
En Route	\$40.00* per day	Note 2	MS 221 (Also see MS 222)
Evacuation Allowance to another overseas Post	Post Determined	Note 3	MS 221 (Also See MS 222)
In-Country Medical or In-Country Administrative Hold	Post Determined	Note 4	MS 221 (Also see MS 222)
In-Country Travel	Post determined (CD may establish, on a per-trip or monthly basis, a travel allowance for in-country travel on official PC business. Allowance is based on in-country assessments.)		MS 221 (Also see MS 218, MS 220, and MS 222)
Medical Hold or Medevac to US	\$40.00* per day	45 Days Maximum; must be approved by OHS/OMS Note 5	MS 221 (Also see MS 218, MS 220, MS 222, and MS 284)
Settling-In Allowance	Post determined (by the CD and approved by the RD based on the Settling-In Allowance Survey completed by Volunteers)	Note 6	See MS 221
Staging Trainee Allowance	\$ 90.00 per day, including travel to staging event, day(s) at staging event, and day of international flight to country of service	Note 7	MS 222 Section 4

* Based on 50 percent of the Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) breakdown for Washington, D.C., (rounded up to the nearest whole dollar) which is calculated periodically by the U.S. General Services Administration. Future changes in these allowance amounts will be made by OCFO to reflect changes in the Washington, D.C. M&IE rates. OCFO will have up to 6 months from a change in the Washington, D.C. M&IE rate to change the allowance rates based on changes in the Washington, D.C. M&IE rates.

Notes:

- For those on **Emergency Leave**, payment of living allowances will continue during the emergency leave period and related travel time, but not during any extended period of leave. A maximum of 14 days may be approved by the Country Director (CD) and paid in full prior to departure from Post.
- En Route Allowance** is provided to defray costs incurred during travel to/from the country of assignment and the United States or to/from the country of assignment and a third country for

assignment, medevac, Peace Corps/Washington (PC/W) consultation, termination, transfer, reenrollment, etc. Recipients receive a \$40 allowance per travel day. The Regional Directors (RDs) or the directors of Peace Corps Response, the Office of Medical Services (OMS), or the Behavioral Health and Outreach Unit (BHO) (for medevac or medical consultation), may authorize an increase in the En Route Allowance not to exceed the State/FTR published rate.

3. Daily rates outside of the allowances paid in the United States are as follows:
 - (a) If **lodging and meals are provided** at Peace Corps expense, the allowance is \$5 per day for incidental expenses;
 - (b) If **lodging only** is provided at Peace Corps expense, the allowance is \$40 per day; or
 - (c) If **lodging and meals are not provided** at Peace Corps expense, the allowance is \$40 per day plus lodging (the actual cost of the lodging may be paid up to the maximum amount authorized for Peace Corps employees in the same country).

Medevacs: The first three days of the allowance is paid in U.S. currency by the Post prior to departure, plus the En Route Allowance.

Evacuation: The allowance is normally paid in local currency by the receiving Post or in U.S. dollars in the United States.

4. Payment of the Monthly Living Allowance to recipients on Medevac or Medical Hold will continue for up to 45 days. Daily rates outside of the allowances in the country of assignment or a third country are as follows:
 - (a) **Medevac**
 - (1) If hospitalized – \$5 per day and in accordance with the instructions issued by OMS.
 - (2) If **not** hospitalized – Per diem rate for in-country recipients as authorized by the host country CD. For third country medevacs, the allowance is \$40 per day. Daily rates in excess of this amount for medevac or medical consultation require approval from OMS or BHO.
 - (b) **In-Country Medical or In-Country Administrative Hold** – Per diem rate is established by the CD not to exceed the rate set for Peace Corps staff.
5. When a recipient's personal travel is interrupted by a medevac, medical hold, or other instance at the discretion of the Peace Corps, the agency may pay any additional costs incurred as a result of a change in a recipient's itinerary if the travel arrangements were changed for the convenience and at the request of the government. This interrupted travel must be approved by OMS, BHO, or the Region prior to the change being made.

6. **Settling-In Allowance** is paid to newly assigned Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) upon completion of Pre-Service Training (PST) to purchase necessary housing supplies, clothing, and equipment. If a PCV is reassigned to another location, an additional settling-in allowance may be authorized if the CD feels it is justified. The amount is based on established rates as determined by the previous Settling-In Allowance Survey. All newly assigned PCVs will complete a survey form within three months of swearing in and any adjustments will be based on an analysis of the survey as approved by the CD. Increases over 10% per fiscal year must be approved by the RD based on analysis submitted to PC/W to ensure the availability of funds.

7. **Staging Trainee Allowance** is provided for trainees upon departure from home-of-record, or another location as directed by the Peace Corps, to begin direct travel to a staging event. Peace Corps Trainees are provided a one-time allowance to defray the costs of registration (e.g. fingerprinting, postage), meals, and other related expenses incurred en route and during Staging (e.g. baggage, buses, taxi, and other local transportation).