

VOLUNTEER ALLOWANCES

TYPE	AMOUNT	TERMS	MS
Administrative Hold	\$38.00* 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	\$38.00* 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	\$38.00* 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)
Evacuation Allowance at COS	Readjustment Allowance times lesser of 12 months or months to COS	Note 12	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)
Respite Leave	\$38.00* per day	14 Days Maximum	MS 245
Annual Leave Allowance	\$38.00* per month (normally paid in local currency with payment of living allowance)	Note 6	MS 221 (Also see MS 220)
Living Allowance	Post determined (by the CD and approved by the RD based on Annual Living Allowance Survey at post)	Notes 1, 5 & 7	MS 221 (Also see MS 223)
Medevac to regional medical hub	Post determined (by the CD at the regional medevac point)	Notes 3 & 4	MS 221
Medical Hold or Medevac to US	\$38.00* per day	45 Days Maximum; must be approved by OHS/OMS Note 8	MS 221 (Also see MS 218, MS 220, MS 222, and MS 284)
Other Daily Allowances to U.S.	\$38.00* per day		MS 221 Section 9.1.6
Settling-In Allowance	Post determined (by the CD and approved by the RD based on the Settling-In Allowance Survey completed by Volunteers)	Note 9	MS 221
Special Leave Allowance	\$38.00* per day for a maximum of 30 days approved. Paid in full prior start of leave in accordance with standard payment practices.	Note 10	MS 221 (Also see MS 220 and MS 218)

* Based on 50 percent of the Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE) breakdown for Washington, D.C., which is calculated periodically by the U.S. General Services Administration. Future changes in these allowance amounts will be made by the OCFO to reflect changes in the Washington, D.C. M&IE rates. The 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:

1. 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 CD and paid in full prior to departure from post.
2. **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, PC/W consultation, termination, transfer, re-enrollment, etc. Recipients receive a \$38 allowance per travel day. The Regional Directors or the directors of Peace Corps Response, OMS, or COU (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 \$38 per day; or
 - (c) If **lodging and meals are not provided** at Peace Corps expense, the allowance is \$38 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 USD in the U.S.

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 the Office of Medical Services.
 - (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 \$38 per day. Daily rates in excess of this amount for medevac or medical consultation require approval from OMS or COU.
 - (b) **In-Country Medical or In-Country Administrative Hold** – Per diem rate is established by the CD not to exceed the rate set for PC staff.

5. Partial payment for close of service, early termination, medical separation, or other circumstances where a PCV terminates service before the end of the month must be prorated to cover the actual number of days served during that last month of service. Calculations will be adjusted to cover up to and including the last day of service.
6. PCVs' **Annual Leave Allowance** is paid monthly in local currency with the Living Allowance.
7. **Living Allowance** is based on local living standards and costs and is established based on an Annual Living Allowance Survey completed by PCVs as compared with a Market Basket Survey completed by staff assigned to the post. Typically, living allowance expenses include, but are not limited to costs associated with housing, utilities, locality supplement, food, household supplies, communication, normal clothing replacement, local transportation, personal sundries and discretionary items. Living allowances will be paid monthly and are budgeted, obligated, and paid in local currency. Any exceptions must be approved by the CFO and the RD. Increases over 10% per fiscal year must be approved by RD based on analysis submitted to PC/W to ensure availability of funds.
8. When a recipient's personal travel is interrupted by a medevac, medical hold, or other instance at the discretion of 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, COU, or the Region prior to the change being made.
9. **Settling-In Allowance** is paid to newly assigned PCVs upon completion of 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.
10. **Special Leave Allowance** is home leave granted to PCVs in conjunction with an extension of service. PCVs receive a special daily leave allowance prior to the start of the leave. (See [MS 220 Leave for Volunteers/Trainees](#) and [MS 281 Completion of Service Date Advancement and Extension of Service](#).)
11. The Regional Directors, Director OMS, or Director COU may authorize exceptions to any of the allowances on a case-by-case basis, in compelling circumstances.
12. See 10.0 of MS 221 for exceptions and limitations.