

**VOLUNTEER ALLOWANCES**  
(SEE NOTES 11 AND 12)

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TERMS</b>	<b>MS</b>
<i>Administrative Hold Allowance</i>	\$32.00 per day whether at HOR, Washington, DC, or other U.S. location	Maximum of 60 days; must be approved by the RD	221 Also see MS 218; 220; 222; 282; 284
<i>Emergency Leave Allowance</i>	\$32.00 per day whether at HOR, Washington, DC, or other U.S. location	Note 1& 3	221 Also see MS 220
<i>En Route Allowance</i>	\$32.00 one time payment	Note 2	221 Also see MS 222
<i>Evacuation Allowance</i>		Note 3	221 Also See MS 222
<i>In-Country Medical or Administrative Hold Allowance</i>		Note 4	221 Also see MS 222
<i>In-Country Travel Allowance</i>	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.	Notes 4 & 5	221 Also see MS 218 and MS 220
<i>Leave Allowance</i>	\$24.00 per month normally paid in local currency with payment of living allowance	Note 6	221
<i>Living Allowance</i>	As determined by the CD and approved by the RD based on Annual Living Allowance Survey at post	Notes 1, 5 & 7	221 Also see MS 223
<i>Medevac to Regional Medevac Point Allowance</i>	The amount provided overseas is dependent on the rate established by the CD at the regional medevac point	Notes 3 & 4	221
<i>Medical Hold or Medevac Allowance</i>	\$32.00 per day whether at HOR, Washington, DC, or other location. The first (3) days of the Medevac allowance is paid in U.S. currency by the post prior to departure, plus the en route allowance.	Maximum of 45 days; must be approved by VS/OMS Note 8	221 Also see MS 218; 220; 222; 282; 284
<i>Other Daily Allowances while in the U.S.</i>	\$32.00 per day		221.9.1.6 Also see MS 222

<i>Settling-In Allowance</i>	As determined by the CD and approved by the RD based on the Settling-In Allowance Survey completed by Volunteers	Note 9	221
<i>Special Leave Allowance</i>	\$12.00 per day for a maximum of 30 days approved by the CD and paid in full prior start of leave in accordance with standard payment practices. (payments from imprest not normally permitted)	Note 10	221 Also see MS 220; 218

**Notes:**

1. For PCVs 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. PCVs receive a single \$32 allowance for the entire trip, regardless of duration of trip or number of layovers. The Regional Directors or the directors of Peace Corps Response, OMS, or OSS (for medevac or medical consultation), may authorize an increase in the En Route Allowance.
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 (which includes when a PCV is hospitalized and where meals and lodging are provided at a U.S. government facility or by an airline), the allowance is \$5 per day for incidental expenses;
  - (b) If **lodging only** is provided at Peace Corps expense the allowance is \$32 per day;
  - (c) If **lodging and meals are not provided** at Peace Corps expense, the allowance is \$32 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 PCVs 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 PCVs as authorized by the host country CD. For third country medevacs, the allowance is \$32 per day. Daily rates in excess of this amount for medevac or medical consultation require approval from OMS or OSS.

- b. ***In-Country Administrative/Medical 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. Normally, PCVs' **Leave Allowance** is paid monthly in local currency with the Living Allowance. In situations where there is a prohibition by the host country on converting currency, or where the CD determines it would be advantageous to permit PCVs to obtain their allowance in another country's currency, the allowance may be paid in a single, cumulative lump sum upon notification by the PCV of planned vacation times. See the OFMH for procedures
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 Volunteer'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 Volunteer'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, OSS, 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 Volunteers in conjunction with an extension of service. Volunteers receive a special daily leave allowance of \$12 per day 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 OSS may authorize exceptions to any of the allowances on a case-by-case basis, in compelling circumstances.
12. See also Exhibit B - Trainee and Peace Corps Response Volunteer Allowances