

HSE HR Circular 005/2010

12th February 2010.

To: Each Member of Management Team, HSE; Each Regional Director of Operations, HSE; Each Assistant National Director, Integrated Services Directorate, HSE; Each Assistant National Director, Finance, HSE; Each Assistant National Director, Human Resources, HSE; Each Local Health Manager, HSE; Each Employee Relations Manager, HSE.

Re: Subsistence Allowance Abroad

The standard rates of subsistence allowance abroad have been reviewed by the Minister for Health & Children for employees travelling abroad on official business. The revised rates, with effect from 1st September 2009, are set out in the attached appendix.

Payment of the rates authorised in this circular will be subject to the relevant regulations and any other instructions in force from time to time.

Line Managers should continue to ensure that only essential travel is undertaken and that the number of staff on any official journey is kept to a minimum.

Please arrange for these revisions to be brought to the attention of all appropriate personnel. Costs fall to be met within approved allocations.

Yours sincerely,

Séan McGrath, National Director of Human Resources.

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SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES APPLICABLE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2009

N.B. Officers travelling to destinations which are not included in this Appendix should confirm the appropriate subsistence rates with the Personnel Unit of their employing Department/Office prior to departure.

The following rates are those appropriate to officers eligible for the class A rate of subsistence when travelling abroad on official duty. The appropriate amount for other officers is 90% of the relevant listed rate.

| COUNTRY (Currency) | | Night Rate | Conference | Day Rate | Day Rate |
|--|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | 24 hours | Rate | over 10 hours | over 5 hours |
| AUSTRIA (Euro) | | | | | |
| Bregenz, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz, Salzburg, Vi | enna | 186.00 | 93.00 | 62.00 | 31.00 |
| Elsewhere # Actu | uals plus €10 | | | | |
| BELGIUM (Euro) | | | | | |
| Brussels ^ | S | See notes below | 108.50 | 72.33 | 36.17 |
| Elsewhere | 3 & B plus | 55.00 | 82.50 | 55.00 | 27.50 |
| BRITAIN & NTH IRELAND (£ Sterling) | | | | | |
| London | | 166.56 | 83.28 | 55.52 | 27.76 |
| Northern Ireland | | 115.36 | 57.68 | 38.45 | 19.23 |
| Elsewhere | | 116.77 | 58.39 | 38.92 | 19.46 |
| CANADA (Canadian \$) * | | | | | |
| Montreal - Nov to Apr | | 324.00 | 162.00 | 108.00 | 54.00 |
| - May to Oct | | 369.00 | 184.50 | 123.00 | 61.50 |
| Ottawa - January - February | | 365.00 | 182.50 | 121.67 | 60.83 |
| - Mar - Apr, July - Aug, Nov - Dec | | 320.00 | 160.00 | 106.67 | 53.33 |
| - May - Jun, Sep - Oct | | 377.00 | 188.50 | 125.67 | 62.83 |
| Toronto - from November to April | | 294.00 | 147.00 | 98.00 | 49.00 |
| - from May to October | | 321.00 | 160.50 | 107.00 | 53.50 |
| CHINA (Renminbi)* | | | | | |
| Beijing/Peking | | 2,397.00 | 1198.50 | 799.00 | 399.50 |

| COUNTRY (Currency) | | Night Rate | Conference | Day Rate | Day Rate |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | 24 hours | Rate | over 10 hours | over 5 hours |
| CROATIA (Kuna)* | | | | | |
| Zagreb | | 1,335.00 | 667.50 | 445.00 | 222.50 |
| CYPRUS (Euro) * | | | | | |
| Nicosia | | 182.00 | 91.00 | 60.67 | 30.33 |
| CZECH REPUBLIC (Korunas) | | | | | |
| Prague Jan - Mar, Nov - Dec | B & B €100.00 Plus | 1,197.00 | 1795.50 | 1197.00 | 598.50 |
| Prague Apr - Oct | B & B €130.00 Plus | 1,197.00 | 1795.50 | 1197.00 | 598.50 |
| Elsewhere | B & B plus | 931.00 | 1396.50 | 931.00 | 465.50 |
| DENMARK (Krone) | | | | | |
| Copenhagen | | 1,918.00 | 959.00 | 639.33 | 319.67 |
| Elsewhere | Room plus | 819.00 | 819.00 | 546.00 | 273.00 |
| FINLAND (Euro) | | | | | |
| Helsinki | | 207.00 | 103.50 | 69.00 | 34.50 |
| Elsewhere | B & B plus | 74.00 | 111.00 | 74.00 | 37.00 |
| FRANCE (Euro) * | | | | | |
| Paris | | 292.00 | 146.00 | 97.33 | 48.67 |
| Strasbourg | | 174.00 | 87.00 | 58.00 | 29.00 |
| GERMANY (Euro) | | | | | |
| Berlin | | 221.00 | 110.50 | 73.67 | 36.83 |
| Dusseldorf | | 162.00 | 81.00 | 54.00 | 27.00 |
| Munich | | 209.00 | 104.50 | 69.67 | 34.83 |
| Elsewhere # | Actuals plus €10 | | | | |
| GREECE (Euro) * | | | | | |
| Athens | | 199.00 | 99.50 | 66.33 | 33.17 |

| COUNTRY (Currency) | | Night Rate 24 hours | Conference Rate | Day Rate over 10 hours | Day Rate over 5 hours |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| HUNGARY (Forints & Euro) | | | | | |
| Budapest Elsewhere # | B & B €125.00 plus Actuals plus €10 | 13,396.00 | 20,094.00 | 13,396.00 | 6,698.00 |
| ITALY (Euro) | | | | | |
| Bologna, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Turi | n & Venice | 291.00 | 145.50 | 97.00 | 48.50 |
| Naples & Rome | | 236.00 | 118.00 | 78.67 | 39.33 |
| Elsewhere | B & B plus | 81.00 | 121.50 | 81.00 | 40.50 |
| JAPAN (Yen) * | | | | | |
| Tokyo | | 29,055.00 | 14,527.50 | 9,685.00 | 4,842.50 |
| LUXEMBOURG (Euro) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg | | 285.00 | 142.50 | 95.00 | 47.50 |
| Elsewhere # | Actuals plus €10 | | | | |
| NETHERLANDS (Euro) | | | | | |
| Amsterdam | | 202.00 | 101.00 | 67.33 | 33.67 |
| The Hague | | 256.00 | 128.00 | 85.33 | 42.67 |
| Elsewhere | Room plus | 87.00 | 87.00 | 58.00 | 29.00 |
| NORWAY (Kroner) * | | | | | |
| Oslo | | 1,873.00 | 936.50 | 624.33 | 312.17 |
| POLAND (Zlotys & Euro) | | | | | |
| All Locations | B & B (€105) + zlotys | 343.00 | 514.50 | 343.00 | 171.50 |
| PORTUGAL (Euro) * | | | | | |
| Lisbon | | 166.00 | 83.00 | 55.33 | 27.67 |
| Oporto | | 205.00 | 102.50 | 68.33 | 34.17 |
| ROMANIA (Ron & Euro) | | 100.00 | 007.00 | 100.00 | 00.00 |
| Bucharest | B & B (€135.00) + Ron | 198.00 | 297.00 | 198.00 | 99.00 |
| Elsewhere | B & B plus | 153.00 | 229.50 | 153.00 | 76.50 |

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| | 24 hours | Rate | over 10 hours | over 5 hours |
| SLOVAKIA (Euro) * | | | | |
| Bratislava | 167.00 | 83.50 | 55.67 | 27.83 |
| SLOVENIA (Euro) | | | | |
| Ljubljana 1/1 - 31/3, 1/7 - 31/8, 1/11 - 31/12 | 171.00 | 85.50 | 57.00 | 28.50 |
| Ljubljana 1/4 - 30/6, 1/9 - 31/10 | 214.00 | 107.00 | 71.33 | 35.67 |
| Elsewhere # Actuals + €10 | | | | |
| SPAIN (Euro) * | | | | |
| Barcelona | 252.00 | 126.00 | 84.00 | 42.00 |
| Madrid | 261.00 | 130.50 | 87.00 | 43.50 |
| SWEDEN (Sek) | | | | |
| Stockholm | 2,710.00 | 1,355.00 | 903.33 | 451.67 |
| Elsewhere # Actuals + €10 | | | | |
| SWITZERLAND (Sw Francs) * | | | | |
| Geneva | 354.00 | 177.00 | 118.00 | 59.00 |
| USA (US Dollars) * | | | | |
| Boston 1/1 - 31/3, 17/11 - 31/12 | 278.00 | 139.00 | 92.67 | 46.33 |
| Boston 1/4 - 4/9, | 311.00 | 155.50 | 103.67 | 51.83 |
| Boston 5/9 - 16/11 | 318.00 | 159.00 | 106.00 | 53.00 |
| Chicago | 279.00 | 139.50 | 93.00 | 46.50 |
| New York | 285.00 | 142.50 | 95.00 | 47.50 |
| San Francisco | 260.00 | 130.00 | 86.67 | 43.33 |
| Washington DC | 241.00 | 120.50 | 80.33 | 40.17 |

* Rates are available for other locations in these countries on request from Personnel Units

Actuals = Vouched cost of accommodation & three meals plus €10 for incidental expenses.

* Brussels : Vouched cost of room plus the conference rate is applicable to all officers travelling to Brussels on overnight visits