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## ***CURRENT/FUTURE RELEASES***

The latest version of IATS 8.3.0 is now available and sites should have received it via mail or DoD Safe. If you haven't, please reach out to the help desk to have it sent to you electronically. As a reminder, the DFAS provided Sybase license expired on September 30<sup>th</sup> and all sites should be migrating to MSSQL. If your agency has procured a Sybase license of your own, you may contact the IATS helpdesk for an updated Sybase version and rate updates for Sybase. This latest IATS version has many changes including changes to TLE effective 1/1/2023 so it is imperative that you install it as soon as you receive it.

### ***IATS Help Desk***

Contact the following to obtain assistance.

#### **IATS HELP DESK:**

Email:dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil Commercial: (317) 212-7718  
DSN: 699-7718

**Travel Tech Messages can be found at the following:**

#### **URL -**

<https://www.asafm.army.mil/DFAS-Guidance/DFAS-Policy-Memorandums/>

## ***Database Backup and Move file for safe keeping:***

1. Log into Maintenance.
2. **Click on Database Backup.**
3. **Click on OK** on the screen that shows the backup path (Remember this if you want to save the backups, or the log files, so you can copy the file to another location when finished).
4. **Click on Yes**, if you want to back up your DB or **No**, if not.
5. **Click on OK** on the "Backup Complete" screen.
6. **Click on Exit** to close Maintenance.
7. Copy/move the backed-up database file off the server or to a Coop location for safeguard in the event a system or network has a crash. If backup is done on a standalone pc, move the backed-up database file to a different PC, DVD, etc.

**Backup of an Active Directory SQL Server will require action from your database administrator (DBA).**

## **Backup your Database!!**

## ***MSSQL Backups:***

IATS has, for many years, allowed IATS administrators to schedule and perform travel backups directly from the IATS System Administrator View. This functionality is not available in some SQL Server configurations. Your backups may need to be managed directly with SQL Server if you are using any version 8.0 or higher. Detailed instructions cannot be covered here in this Flyer but Microsoft does provide a lot of information and several examples at:

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/troubleshoot/sql/database-engine/backup-restore/schedule-automate-backup-database>.

If you do have questions or concerns, you should discuss those with your local database administrator or contact the IATS Help Desk.

## ***IATS Version 8.3 Now Available***

Version 8.3 was released in January 2023. Here's some of the enhancements included:

- USMC SFIS-SLOA Accounting
- Navy SFIS-SLOA Accounting
- Add Stop Code for Hospital Admittance (Applicable when using SmartVoucher)
- MILPCS PPM Fringe Benefit (W2) Change (Code P in box 12 of the W2)
- Windows 11 Compatibility
- Add Full Claim Button TDY (Now avail for evac claims as well)
- Standard TLE Increase
- Allowance for TLE Extensions
- VIP Tracking Report (for traveler ranks E9, CW5, O7, O8, O9, O10 or ES\* when the claim is older than 14 days and there is no DOV)
- TLE Lodging Reduced by BAH (For changes effective 1/1/23)
- TLE Extensions Occupancy Changes (For MAP Item 80-22(R) issued in November 2022)

*As always, we appreciate your feedback. Let us know if there is an enhancement you would like to see in IATS!*