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### Current / Future Releases

The Emergency Release IATS version 8.7.1 is now available to all sites!! If you are using any version other than 8.7.1 it is IMPERATIVE that you update as soon as possible as it addresses policy changes, error corrections, and avoid the risk of making improper payments to members. Please reach out to the IATS help desk if you need assistance with upgrading.

# Rates/Build Updates

Rates are now accessible on the IATS helpdesk SharePoint site. Access to the site can be located here: <a href="https://dod365.sharepoint-mil.us/teams/DFAS-IATS\_Library/Shared%20Documents/External%20Users%20Group?web=1">https://dod365.sharepoint-mil.us/teams/DFAS-IATS\_Library/Shared%20Documents/External%20Users%20Group?web=1</a>

If you do not have access, please email the IATS helpdesk to request a link for the IATS SharePoint "External Users Group" folder. The MSSQL rates will no longer be emailed out as they are now posted in SharePoint.

### **DTOD 38**

DTOD 38 has also been released and is available on the SharePoint site. Please reach out to the helpdesk if you require assistance with the installation.

### W-2 Changes

DLA print has requested file format changes for W2s. These changes are included in IATS release 8.7. It is imperative that you upgrade to the latest version of IATS prior to generating W2 files to myPay or DLA print.

# Update Disbursing Officer in IATS

If your site uses DFAS for its disbursing operation, please check to ensure that you have the current disbursing officer. Your disbursing office information can be found under the system administrator view: maintenance, configuration/base parameters, base description. If you currently have John P. Campbell listed as your finance officer, please update to Logan C. Goettler as John is no longer the DO.

Please note each office within your database has this section. If you do not list the DFAS DO in this section, then no action is needed.

# **Urgent APC Changes**

Starting November 9th STANFINS will no longer be used for Army Military PCS entitlements. PPM/DITYs that have taxes withheld will need an update to the APC being used from T935MP to T935GW. ODS will no longer accept the T935MP APC. The new APC will need to be loaded into IATS and should be used for all PPM/DITY tax lines. For instructions on how to add the APC, navigate to Maintaining Army Accounting Classifications within the IATS Help section.

#### IATS HELP DESK:

Submit MyIT Ticket:

https://servicenow.dfas.milcloud.mil/myit\_sp

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

Travel Tech Messages can be found at the following

**URL:** <a href="https://www.asafm.army.mil/DFAS-Guidance/DFAS-Policy-Memorandums/">https://www.asafm.army.mil/DFAS-Guidance/DFAS-Policy-Memorandums/</a>

## IATS Version 8.7.1 – NOW AVAILABLE!!

IATS version 8.7.1 was deployed November 10, 2024. It is IMPERATIVE that you update to this latest version as soon as it is available to receive an urgent policy update as well as additional fixes within IATS. This will need coordinated with your DBA/DPI. Refer to the official documentation sent with the release for more detailed information on each issue and the fix.

#### The most notable enhancements included in version 8.7.1 are:

- EVACUATION - LOCAL EMERGENCY DISPLACEMENT – On October 10, 2024, the Per Diem, Travel, and Transportation Allowance Committee released MAP Item 02-24(R), "Evacuation Allowances for Local Emergency Displacements", in accordance with 37 U.S.C. 453(d) whereby creating a new evacuation allowance for service members and their dependents temporarily relocated within the local area of the permanent duty station.

Previously, no statutory authority existed to pay service members evacuation allowances. This authority creates the need for IATS to allow an Order Type of "Evacuation" to be created for a service member and pay appropriate allowances.

- MILITARY PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING PER DIEM - Military members attending professional courses of instruction who return to the permanent duty station (PDS) of origin may be entitled to per diem to be paid at an amount equal to the basic allowance for housing (BAH) without-dependent rate applicable to the member's grade and PDS.

In release 8.5, we instituted this functionality by requiring IATS to perform certain edit checks to require that a PCS to Training entitlement be entered before the examiner could enter a BAH During Training entitlement in order to ensure enroute per diem did not overlap BAH per diem. However, based upon facts unknown at the time of the original SCR and relating to how Army issues orders for active component members, the input restrictions are becoming problematic, and travel offices are having to utilize a workaround that could cause overpayments.

#### The most notable bug fixes included in version 8.7.1 are:

- REMOVE THE ONE DOV LINE FROM BLOCK TICKETS
- ACCESS TO MAINTENANCE REPORT HEADING
- SUPPLEMENTAL TDY ADVANCE CROSSING FY'S ISSUE
- LOG JAVA FTP STANDARD OUTPUT TO IATS LOG FILE

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