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Current / Future Releases

The latest version of IATS 8.5.0 has been sent to all sites via mail or DoD Safe. Please reach out to the help desk if you have not received it. As a reminder, the DFAS provided Sybase license expired September 30, 2022, and **all sites should be migrated to MSSQL**. Rate updates for Sybase versions of IATS will be discontinued in the near future so it is imperative that you migrate to MSSQL if you have not done so already.

IATS Authority To Operate (ATO)

The IATS ATO was signed October 27, 2023. DFAS reciprocity can only be used for MSSQL versions 8.3 and later. If you are using version 8.2 or earlier, your IATS instance is unsupported. Please update to the latest version as soon as possible. If you need assistance with updating, please submit a myIT ticket to the IATS help desk.

Navy LOA changes effective 10/1

By direction of Navy FM&C, BUPERS migrated from SABRS to Navy ERP effective 10/1/2023 and the Bureau Control Number (BCN) and Authorization Accounting Activity (AAA) changed for Navy accounting for FY 24. At a minimum, they were required to change the AAA from the SABRS AAA to the Navy ERP AAA. It was also determined organizationally they would go back to the true BCN, vice the BCNs that SABRS forced them to create when they migrated in FY18. IATS 8.5 has been updated to include the hard coded BCN and AAA for FY24 and future years for all Navy accounting. Anything prior to FY24 will use the existing hard coded BCN and AAA for those years. It is imperative that you update to 8.5 to utilize these correct codes for any claims in FY24.

PET EXPENSE January 1, 2024

CONUS. A Service member may be authorized the reasonable and substantiated cost of mandatory microchipping, boarding fees, hotel service charges, licensing fees at the new PDS, and pet shipping fees if the member flies rather than drives or if the pet is shipped separately from the member. Reimbursement for the actual cost of all expenses is limited to \$550 per PCS move.

OCONUS. A Service member may be authorized the reasonable and substantiated cost of mandatory microchipping, quarantine fees, boarding fees, hotel service charges, licensing fees at the new PDS, testing titer levels for entry, and pet shipping fees if the member flies rather than drives, or the pet is shipped separately from the member. For transoceanic travel, use of Government or Government-procured transportation must be used, if available, or reimbursement for transportation costs is not authorized. Reimbursement for the actual cost of all necessary expenses described above in connection with the movement of a pet is limited to \$2,000 per PCS move.

Travel Tech Messages can be found at the following URL: <https://www.asafm.army.mil/DFAS-Guidance/DFAS-Policy-Memorandums/>

IATS HELP DESK:

Submit MyIT Ticket:
https://servicenow.dfas.milcloud.mil/myit_sp

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

October Rates error for Georgia

If you paid any claims where the traveler utilized the Integrated Lodging Program (ILP) location at Ft. Gordon/Ft. Eisenhower – Augusta, GA (Mero Area), Ft Benning and Robbins AFB the per diem may have been paid incorrectly as the rates increased for October but did not get updated. Please take a look and process an administrative correction voucher for the difference, if needed. The rates were corrected in the November update.

October Rates error for Alabama

If you paid any claims with travel dates of October where the TDY location was Huntsville or Redstone Arsenal, Alabama the per diem may have been paid incorrectly. In the October rate update they were not updated properly. The M&IE should have been \$74 but was left at \$59. Please take a look and process an administrative correction voucher for the difference, if needed. The rates were corrected in the November update.

IATS Version 8.5 Now Available!!

IATS version 8.5 was deployed mid-December 2023. It is imperative that you update to this latest version as soon as possible as there are numerous fixes for improper payments and errors within IATS. Refer to the official SCR documentation sent with the release for more detailed information on each issue and the fix.

The most notable enhancements in version 8.5:

- Allow Multiple TQSE Advances
- Error Handling in AOP Exports
- Ignore Zero Amount Summary Records for Tax Summary
- Additional FICA and Medicare Reports
- Change to the way IATS shows YTD Wages
- PMR on Travel Day
- Add DoDID to Reports
- Army Contingency Orders Enhancement (IMCOM)
- EFW2 Tax Jurisdiction for US Territories & Possessions
- Navy PCS FY24 LOA

The most notable bug fixes in version 8.5:

- Supplemental Collecting Wrong Amount
- Printing Block Ticket Issues
- EFT Status Report Crashes
- Special Characters in the CV and DOV Field
- FICA Refund Not Allowed after Supplemental
- ETTRA Button Fixed
- Error Reassigning Tax Refund Claims from One Block To Another
- Ship POV Numerical Error Message on Itinerary
- POV Ship Personally Procured Issues
- Issue creating a traveler profile with IBAN

*The 8.5 Release includes an update to accommodate the BAH Allowance During Military Training entitlement. The eligibility is limited to those performing a PCS and Return and is only selectable under the PCS and Return order type. The PCS to Training must be entered before the BAH During Training can be selected as an authorized entitlement. Please see the IATS help menu topic MILPCS to Training and Return with BAH for more information.

****IMPORTANT:** There is an update to how the upload files transfer to ODS for disbursing when using Java in the 8.5 IATS release. If you experience any issues with file transfers after updating to 8.5, please contact our helpdesk for assistance with updating the config table.

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