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### ***Current / Future Releases***

IATS version 8.8 will be available soon! If you are using any version other than the current version of 8.7.3 it is **IMPERATIVE** that you update as soon as possible as it addresses several policy changes, error corrections, and helps avoid the risk of making improper payments to members. This will put you in a position to be able to update to IATS version 8.8 as soon as it is available.

### ***Asking for Help with IATS?***

Please include a dump traveler when you submit a DFAS Now ticket in regard to a particular travel claim (as a .zip file). A dump traveler extracts all the data for a given traveler and is useful when attempting to research problems.

Follow these instructions to create a dump traveler:  
At the Examiner View screen, click on the Tools menu and select the Dump Traveler option. At the Select Traveler screen, in the ID field, type the SSN for the traveler whose data you wish to send us then press Tab. When the traveler's account information appears, ensure that a check mark appears in the check box next to the words Obfuscate Sensitive Data.

\*Note: The data in the dump traveler is obscured so Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is protected. When this information is sent to us, the Help Desk can better determine what is causing a particular problem or where an error exists.

\*Note2: You will need to rename the dump traveler file from \*.zzz to \*.zip to attach in DFAS Now.

### ***Merge and Purge Function***

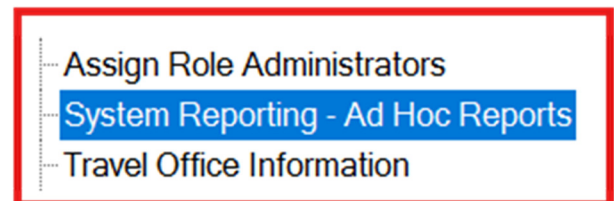
Please **DO NOT** use the Merge or Purge functionality in IATS. Issues have been identified which will be corrected in IATS Version 8.8.

### ***Ad-Hoc Reports Tool in IATS***

If you have queries saved in the Ad Hoc Reports in IATS or use the IATS Query and Reporting Tool, please let us know! You can email

[Pamela.r.wolff2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Pamela.r.wolff2.civ@mail.mil)

We want to make sure you keep all the functionality that you need.



### **IATS HELP DESK:**

Submit MyIT Ticket:

[https://servicenow.dfas.milcloud.mil/myit\\_sp](https://servicenow.dfas.milcloud.mil/myit_sp)

Commercial: (317) 212-7718 DSN: 699-7718

Email: [dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil](mailto:dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil)

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

## ***IATS Version 8.8 – COMING SOON!!***

IATS version 8.7.3 was deployed February 25, 2025. It is IMPERATIVE that you update to this latest version as soon as it is available to receive two recent policy updates as well as additional fixes within IATS. (There is not database script update with this release). Refer to the official documentation sent with the release for more detailed information on each issue and the fix. IATS version 8.8 is coming soon.

### **The most notable enhancements included in version 8.8 are:**

- *Remove SSN from Mailed Debt Letters* – This is to remove Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from mailed documents to prevent fraud in accordance with a rule passed by Office of Personnel Management (OPM).
- *SFIS-SLOA Travel Voucher Summaries* – Change the formatting of the Travel Summary Voucher in a way that users are easily able to determine the data elements and their values with SFIS/SLOA is used.
- *Ad-Hoc Query Removal* - The IATS Query Report Tool and all related functionality is removed from WinIATS due to security concerns.
- *SLOA Doc Ref No* – This changes the required fields and makes changes to the edit restrictions on the accounting tab when SLOA is turned on so disbursing flows correctly.
- *Interest Payment iyear* - This will update the iyear on the interest payment table when the DOV and Paid dates are posted if the disbursement crosses into the next year. This will fix incorrect interest reports.
- *IBAN Additional Currency Code* – Disbursing requires an additional two-character currency code when IBAN account information is used in the upload record 4.
- *Increase Standard TLE Checkbox* – This adds the “Increase Standard TLE” checkbox to the What’s Authorized (Military PCS) tab in the TONO for all military PCS travel orders. When the Increase Standard TLE checkbox is marked, IATS will recognize the actual TLE occupancy dates and if those dates overlap between more than one Effective Date value in either the Maximum Days TLE CONUS or Maximum Days TLE OCONUS tables, then increase the number of TLE days authorized for the claim to the maximum number of days between the two values.
- *TONO Begin Date - SV Error* - When importing a .CUI file for the PPM entitlement, the beginning and end dates in the TONO will be updated to match the beginning and end dates provided in Record 1 CC 136-143 (Begin Date) and CC 144-151 (End Date).

### **The most notable bug fixes included in version 8.8 are:**

- *TQSE Overlap Issues* – This removes the Hot Save option from the TQSE Authorized Period screen and ensures that when Hot saved is used on the Daily Expenses screen that any TQSE overlap is captured on the Daily Expenses screen.
- *Multi-Partial Issue Recouping Debt* - This fixes an issue affecting if a multi-partial or full claim is processed where a previous partial created a debt the claim is not recouping the outstanding debt and will allow to recoup all outstanding debts involving any multi-select partial claim period(s) or full claim.
- *Supplemental Lump Sum TQSE Issue* – This corrects IATS so it will compute the new entitlement amount when a supplemental CIVPCS Lump Sum TQSE claim is processed that required the user to adjust the begin and ending dates of the claim.
- *Navy HHG Tax Collection Claim Hot Save Accounting Issue* - On a third-party Navy HHG Tax Collection claim if you hot save the accounting data on the Manual Accounting screen before entering the LOA on the DD1131 Accounting tab the claim crashes. Correct IATS so that the user can hot save accounting if only the Manual Accounting LOA's are present.
- *Merge and Purge Issues* – This fixes issues with both the merge utility and purge utility.

- *Prompt Payment Interest Penalty Management Report Liaison Unit/RUC Office not Functional* - At some point during the release process of version 8.4.0 the Liaison Unit/RUC Office field on the Prompt Payment Interest Penalty Management Report stopped functioning. This corrects the issue.
- *Navy Suspense Issue Multiple Offices* – This corrects an issue when Advance and claim(s) are processed in different offices where IATS does not clear the suspense record. This will allow any office of a similar service configuration (i.e. Navy Office 1, Navy Office 2, etc.) to be able to post a CCV against any suspense detail. Services that are dissimilar (i.e. Navy Office 1, Army Office 2, etc.) will not have this expanded capability.
- *Crash Changing Station to Station to PCS and Return* - When a PCS Type Station to Station order is changed to PCS and Return, IATS crashes when you attempt to save the modified order. This corrects to prevent the crash.
- *Changing From Legacy LOA to SLOA Issue* - Legacy LOAs are not staying deleted when deleting Legacy LOAs and adding SLOA lines. Both types of LOAs show on the Financial tab. This corrects the issue when the LOA is deleted.
- *Update IRS Form 941 and 941X* - IATS generates the IRS Form 941 using the March 2023 modification and the IRS Form 941-x using the April 2022 modification. This updates both to the current version of the form the IRS has.
- *Update IRS Form 1099-INT* - The IRS updated the 1099-INT in January 2024, but IATS is using an older form.
- *Fix AOP When Amount Exceeds 5 Positions* - This adjusts the formatting and fixes an issue when printing an IATS voucher so the cents aren't cut off when the amount exceeds five positions to the left of the decimal.
- *Split amount on Local DITYs Zero* – This fixes an issue with split pay for a Local DITY so the claim doesn't reject due to the upload file to ODS showing a zero for the split amount.
- *Recouped Advances not Reflected In Suspense Amount* - Reflect a change in the In Suspense amount when any advance amount is recouped on a partial claim.

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