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Current / Future Releases

IATS version 8.7.3 is now available to all sites!! If you are using any version other than 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. IATS version 8.8 is coming soon!

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.

Rates/Build Updates

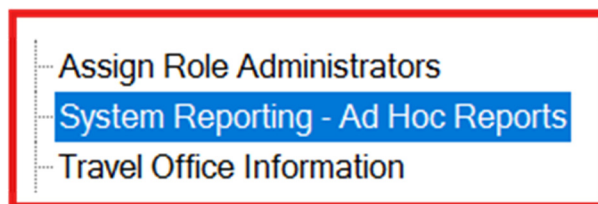
Rates are now accessible on the IATS helpdesk SharePoint site. Access to the site can be located here: https://dod365.sharepoint-mil.us/teams/DFAS-IATS_Library/Shared%20Documents/External%20Users%20Group?web=1

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.**

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

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

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

Email: 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 8.7.3 – NOW AVAILABLE!!

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.

The most notable enhancements included in version 8.732 are:

- Taxable TDY Cessation for Military – The DoD Tax Counsel Office and the DFAS Office of General Counsel stated on December 11, 2024, that the DoDFMR, Volume 7A, Chapter 44 was incorrectly modified in 2016 to contain language that reimbursements for military members on long-term TDY (LTT) assignments at one location for more than 1 year were taxable and subject to income tax withholdings. This new legal opinion applies only to military members' LTT reimbursements. In addition, for Civilian travelers, the Taxable TDY box can now be checked or unchecked as needed.
- Elimination of TQSE-Actual Expense – On January 14, 2025, the Per Diem, Travel, and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) issued a revision to the Joint Travel Regulation with CAP Item 39-24(R) to eliminate the Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expense-Actual Expense (TQSE-AE) type as an available option for civilian employees performing permanent change of station (PCS) moves. The effective date of this change is February 1, 2025, and the application of effective in IATS applies to PCS orders issued on or after February 1, 2025.

The bug fixes included in version 8.7.3 are:

- 2nd DLA Adv on same TONO – This fixes an issue allowing a second original DLA advance against an order being created when a supplemental DLA advance is not saved and corrects to not allow another DLA advance to be processed.
- Payment/SDN Report – When running the Payment/SDN Report and access a traveler profile, some scenarios will cause a crash, or the user will not be able to access the profile This fixes the crash to allow the user to run the report with the next traveler selected and access any traveler under Tools and Traveler Profile.
- Examiner Production Summary Report – This fixes an issue with the count on the report being off in certain scenarios. The report now shows the user listed once for each office and their counts for each office to be accurate when running the report for all users or just one user.

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