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Current / Future Releases

IATS version 8.7.0 is now available to all sites!! If you are using any version other than 8.7.0 it is **IMPERATIVE** that you update as soon as possible as it addresses several policy changes, error corrections, and avoid the risk of making improper payments to members.

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.**

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 8.7 prior to generating W2 files to myPay or DLA print.

Help Desk Online Office Hours

The IATS helpdesk is hosting online office hours Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10/23 through 11/7 to support questions and assistance with updating your IATS. This would be a good opportunity for 8.7.0 upgrade assistance. This is an open forum and you do not need to attend the entire 60-minute session. **Reminder – If you are on SQL Server, Administrator Privileges are required to upgrade the IATS database (your dba should attend with you)*

Office Hours 8:00am – 9:00am EST (M-W-TH)
https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetupjoin/19%3adod%3ameeting_86d8b1d6d72245ffa8fc1d687c394754%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22102d0191-eeae-4761-b1cb-1a83e86ef445%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222ddbc944-e6e5-412a-ae32-f9525ff9d7fe%22%7d

Office Hours 2:00pm – 3:00pm EST (M-W-TH)
https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/meetupjoin/19%3adod%3ameeting_651b06d9798e4ccfb8d90851fb2452e4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22102d0191-eeae-4761-b1cb-1a83e86ef445%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222ddbc944-e6e5-412a-ae32-f9525ff9d7fe%22%7d

If you cannot make these times or have issues joining as a guest, email the IATS Helpdesk at: 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/>

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: dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil

IATS Version 8.7 – NOW AVAILABLE!!

IATS version 8.7 was deployed October 21, 2024. It is IMPERATIVE that you update to this latest version as soon as it is available to receive two urgent policy updates as well as numerous 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 are:

- TQSE ALLOWANCE CHANGE – LODGINGS PLUS (TQSE-LP) AND ACTUAL EXPENSE (AE) – A memo was issued on July 1, 2024, that affects all travel offices that process civilian employee relocation travel. This rule adds a new Temporary Quarters Subsistence Expense (TQSE) methodology called TQSE – Lodgings Plus (TQSE-LP) and Actual Expense (TQSE-AE). This new rule uses the locality rate as opposed to the standard CONUS per diem rate that is used with TQSE-Actual Expense. TQSE-LP is applicable for relocations authorized after June 30, 2024 (use Issue Date of order on or after July 1, 2024).
- ALTERNATIVE FUELED POV /CIRCUITOUS ROUTE TO NEW PDS - CAP Item 22-24(E) issued on May 29, 2024, inserts clarifying language from a General Services Administration Federal Travel Regulation Final Rule that allows agencies greater flexibility for authorizing shipment of a relocated employee’s privately-owned alternative fueled vehicle (AFV) to the new PDS within the CONUS, as well as circuitous travel routes when authorized/approved for AFVs. This SCR adds another option in the What’s Authorized Section labeled “Alternative Fueled POV” with a checkbox to activate these special rules.
- EDIT DOV AND PAID DATE – Allows the user to remove or update the DOV and Paid date if manually posted in error.
- PROMPT WHEN THERE ARE MORE THAN 2 POV’S – A Military Service Member (SM) who performs a PCS from Permanent old duty station to new Permanent Duty station can be authorized up to 3 POV’s but only when the Secretarial Process has been approved. Currently there is no warning in IATS while processing a claim with 3 POV’s or a non-supplemental claim where 2 POV’s were previously paid to let the user know they might be overpaying if a 3rd POV was not authorized. This SCR allows for the processing of 3 POVs when approved.
- W2 FILE FORMAT CHANGE – Updates the file layout for DLA print requirements for 2024 W2s.

The most notable bug fixes included in version 8.7 are:

- TDY AND MOB FULL SUPPS ARE COMPUTING INCORRECTLY
- LOA OUT OF BALANCE ON MIDDLE PARTIAL SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
- CV AND COLLECTED DUE US AMOUNT SHOWING ON SUPPLEMENTAL
- DUE US AMOUNT DOUBLING WHEN CANCELLING IN COLLECTIONS
- 90 DAY INTEREST WARNING ISSUES

- SHIP POV INVOLVING OCONUS INCORRECTLY ADDED TO FEDERAL WAGES
- ERROR PRINTING VOUCHERS FROM HISTORY
- FOREIGN NATIONAL EFT METHOD NOT COMPATIBLE WITH DISBURSING SYSTEM MESSAGE
- UNDISBURSED IBA/CBA TAX REFUND SUMMARY SHOWING TAX ADJUST

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