

GENERAL POLICY

The information delineated in this document is only a summarization of UW Travel Policy from the UW System Travel Regulations (UWSTR). Refer to UW System Travel Regulations for more detail concerning policy, contract vendors and for Travel Expense Report (TER) preparation. For additional copies of the Pocket Travel Guide, contact your institution business office or print a copy from the UW System Travel web page: <<http://www.uwsa.edu/fadmin/travel.htm>>

Employees in travel status are expected to exercise good judgment when incurring travel costs. Only travel expenses related to UW business shall be reimbursed. Reimbursement shall not be claimed for items provided free of charge, not personally paid for by the claimant, previously reimbursed by any source, or costs which will be paid or reimbursed from any other source in the future. Any reimbursement which is received from another source after reimbursement has been received from the UW shall be deposited to the UW funding source which was initially charged.

It is recommended that a competitive process be used in procuring travel services. Use of the UW/State's and Big 10's contract vendors, i.e., corporate card, car rental, hotel, travel agency, moving, is strongly encouraged and in some instances may be mandatory.

Travel claims of all employees must be personally approved by the employee's supervisor. Noncompliance or abuse of travel policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

CORPORATE CARD

The UW System has a contract with GE Capital MasterCard for corporate card services. Employees who travel frequently should apply for a card.

AIR TRAVEL

Reimbursement for air travel is limited to the lowest logical fare. Section III of the Travel Regulations defines lowest logical fare. If the first round trip fare quote exceeds \$500, quotes from at least one other travel agency or airline should be obtained.

Often a lower fare can be obtained by adding additional days to the trip, e.g., staying over a Saturday or flying on particular days. Reasonable expenses for lodging and meals for the minimum necessary additional days may be claimed if the total cost of the reduced fare plus the additional days' expenses are less than the lowest available airfare would have been without the additional days of travel. Documentation of the cost savings to the UW must be provided with the TER. Reimbursement may only be granted under this provision for weekends and holidays.

TAXI AND LIMOUSINE

Reasonable and necessary charges for taxi or limousine service are reimbursable. However, limousine shuttle service (usually less expensive or free) should be utilized in place of a taxi whenever possible. Receipts are required for one-way fares exceeding \$15.

AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION

When using fleet vehicles, passengers must be limited to UW/State employees or students engaged in UW/State activities. When using privately owned vehicles, reimbursement is limited to business related travel at the mileage rates listed below. Explanations are required for mileage in excess of normal map mileage.

Vehicles	29¢ per mile when a UW/State vehicle is not available or mileage does not exceed institution's breakeven point. 19¢ per mile when a UW/State vehicle is available and mileage exceeds institution's breakeven point.
Handicap-Equipped Vans	50¢ per mile when a UW/State van is <u>not</u> available 45¢ per mile when a UW/State van is available
Motorcycles	14.4¢ per mile
Private Airplanes	29¢ per mile regardless of size of plane or number of passengers.

VEHICLE RENTALS

Rental vehicles may be used when the efficient conduct of UW business precludes the use of other means of transportation or the car rental is the most economical mode.

The State of Wisconsin and The Big 10 have ongoing contracts with car rental companies. Those contracts, which may also be used for leisure rental purposes, include free collision and liability insurance on most rentals. The basic contract information is as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Booking Code</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Enterprise	"State Rate"	800-736-8227	June 30, 2000
Alamo	BX146214	800-732-3232	June 30, 2000
National	5766241	800-227-7368	June 30, 2000

More detailed information including daily and weekly rates may be found on the Travel web page.

Use of the above vendors is mandatory. Use of non-contract vendors or rental of other than compact or midsize vehicles requires documentation for reimbursement to be considered.

Collision insurance should ALWAYS* be purchased in those situations where it is necessary to rent from a non-contract vendor or where a contract vendor's contract does not include the coverage.

*Exception: Rentals charged to the UW-sponsored GE Capital MasterCard include collision insurance.

Employees should refuel before returning the vehicle to avoid exorbitant charges by the rental company.

MEALS

Meal claims must be actual, reasonable and necessary and represent the amount actually spent. For a claim to be reimbursed in excess of the maximum, a receipt or charge card credit slip must be provided, and there must be documentation showing that the cost was incurred outside of the employee's control. This generally means that the employee had no choice in selection of the restaurant or the menu items therein. The maximums, which should not be used as per diems, are listed below. To be allowed breakfast, departure must be before 6:00 a.m.; lunch, departure must be before 10:30 a.m., and return after 2:30 p.m.; dinner, employee must return after 7:00 p.m. or depart his/her headquarters for overnight travel before 6:00 p.m.

<u>Cities with a lodging Maximum of</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Total</u>
Less than \$62	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$31.00
\$62 or more	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$19.00	\$37.00

When an employee is entitled to two or more consecutive meals in a day (this includes meals included in a registration fee, a lodging rate or served aboard a plane), he/she may exceed the maximum on one or more meal claims as desired, as long as the total allowable for the consecutive meals per day is not exceeded. Each day is considered separately for application of this policy. If meal maximums are not reached on one day, the savings do not accrue and cannot be applied to expenses claimed on another day or for other costs such as lodging.

LODGING

The maximum amount reimbursable per day for all in-state lodging and for lodging in out-of-state cities not listed in Appendix D, UWSTR shall be \$52, excluding tax through June 30, 2000. Employees may, with proper documentation, exceed the lodging maximums when staying at a conference site.

UW employees should rarely have to pay rack rate for lodging. Government and contracted rates should be requested when making reservations or registering at hotels/motels. Employees should carry an ID that identifies them as a UW and state government employee, because it may be required to obtain the

discounted/contract rates. Reimbursement is limited to the single rate. Tips and gratuities to hotel employees may not exceed \$1.00 per night/\$4.00 per stay.

UW employees, while traveling in Wisconsin on UW/State business, are exempt from paying taxes on lodging and should avoid such by furnishing the retailer with written documentation stating they are traveling on UW business. The UW/State's sales and use tax exemption number is ES-40706. Tax avoidance information for other states can be found on the Travel web page.

The UW and Big 10 have contracts with hotels in many frequently traveled-to cities. More specifics on locations, rates, phone numbers and booking codes are listed in Appendix E of the Travel Regulations. Government and contract rates are also available to UW employees at the following chains:

Radisson (ID# WP1602)	1-800-333-3333
Ramada (ID# 903111)	1-800-228-2828
Super 8 Motels (ID# 8800-102165)	1-800-800-8000

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Receipts and the portion of the brochure or registration form showing costs included in the registration fee are required for registration fee claims in excess of \$25.

One personal call is reimbursable up to \$3 per call for each night in travel status, for an unscheduled geographical location change, or for an unscheduled change in travel status resulting in more than an hour extension to the employee's originally scheduled return home. Receipts must be provided for business calls or fax charges if the claim exceeds \$5.00.

Tips/gratuities to porters and skycaps at commercial terminals may not exceed \$1.00 per bag/\$3.00 per occurrence. Claims for higher amounts must be explained and supported by receipts.

For other miscellaneous expenses, a complete description of the expense must be included on the TER and a receipt provided if the claim exceeds \$25.00.

INTERVIEW CANDIDATES AND OTHER NON-EMPLOYEES

Applicant interview candidates must conform to travel, meal and lodging maximums and receipt requirements as outlined in the UW System Travel Regulations. The candidate's portion of expenses must be charged to Class Code 2151. For other non-employees, adequate accounting to the UW is defined as follows:

Lodging: Must be single rate with original receipt.

Airfare: Must be other than first class with original or photocopy of the passenger coupon provided.

Car Rental: Must be mid-size or smaller with original receipts.

Meals: Must be reasonable.

Miscellaneous: Must be UW business-related and supported by receipt if over \$25.

It is not necessary that the claims be itemized on a per claim per day basis. Claims for travel reimbursement which are adequately accounted for and which do not involve a fee may be processed on a TER form and coded to Class Code 2150.

CLAIMS REQUIRING RECEIPTS

Airfare	Domestic -	Air passenger coupon
	Foreign -	Passenger coupon and invoice or copy of cancelled check showing amount paid
Taxi-Limo		If one-way exceeds \$15
Vehicle Rentals		Final invoice/billing plus gasoline receipts
Meals		If claims exceed the maximum. Also for meals purchased for other than the employee.
Lodging		Original itemized receipt
Registration Fee		If cost exceeds \$25
Laundry/Cleaning		From \$0 on up
Porterage/Tips		If cost exceeds \$3 at terminals or \$4 at hotel
Train/Bus		For intercity travel only
Telephone/Fax		If claim exceeds \$5.00
Parking		If claim exceeds \$10.00
Miscellaneous		Any claims in excess of \$25.00
ATM Charges		From \$0 on up

EXPENSES NOT REIMBURSABLE

- * Expenses which are not UW-business related
- * Alcoholic beverages except as provided under Section XIV.F.2 of the UWSTR
- * Spouse or family member's travel costs (Chancellor's and President's spouse and host may be allowable.)
- * Nonbusiness-related telephone calls (exceptions: Section XIII.B of the UWSTR)
- * Lost/stolen cash or personal property
- * Personal items and services, e.g., toiletries, luggage, clothes, haircuts, etc.
- * Laundry, cleaning, pressing costs for trips of three days or less
- * Avoidable expenses for nonbusiness-related activities, e.g., sightseeing tours, etc.
- * Traffic citations, parking tickets and other fines
- * Additional charges incurred for personal reasons involving vehicle rentals
- * Locksmith charges on either fleet, rental or personal vehicle, except when fleet or rental vehicles experience mechanical problems
- * Excess cost of circuitous or side trips for personal reasons
- * Parking costs at the assigned workplace
- * Repairs, towing service, lubrication, etc., for personal vehicles
- * Meals included in the cost of airfare, registration fees, lodging etc.
- * Pay for view movies in hotel/motel room
- * Personal entertainment
- * Extra costs for additional person(s) in room
- * Charges for late checkout or uncancelled guaranteed reservations (unless justified)
- * Lodging at unlicensed facilities unless there is a substantial cost benefit to the UW
- * Lodging within 50 miles of the headquarters city (unless properly justified and approved)
- * Flight insurance
- * Trip Insurance (exceptions may occasionally be granted for foreign travel when cleared in advance through the Institution Controller)
- * Extra baggage charges for personal items, such as golf clubs, skis, etc.
- * Airline, car, hotel, corporate card club membership dues
- * Childcare costs
- * Kennel fees
- * Late payment penalties and interest on corporate card

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

Lost or stolen GE MasterCard: 1-800-464-3603 if in U.S. and 1-801-464-3232 if outside the U.S.

The U.S. State Department offers current information on the safety of specific foreign locations. Call 202-647-5225.

Wisconsin road conditions: 1-800-762-3947

website: <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/dsp/roadcond.html>



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