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PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLE SHIPMENT ALLOWANCE POLICY

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References	(a) Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) (b) DTR 4500.9-R, Defense Transportation Regulation, August 2023 (c) Personal Property Consignment Instruction Guide (PPCIG) (d) DoD Instruction 1315.18 of 28 October 2015
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1. Eligibility

a. Eligibility requirements to ship a privately owned vehicle (POV) in the continental United States (CONUS) and outside of the continental United States (OCONUS) are outlined in reference (a), chapter 5.

b. Situations when a POV may not be transported to a permanent duty station (PDS) OCONUS are described in reference (a), chapter 5.

c. Notification of an assignment or a planned separation or retirement date does not constitute authorization to move a POV at government expense. Members personally procuring movement or storage of personal property or a vehicle that does not meet requirements in references (a) through (d) will not be reimbursed.

d. Regulations regarding POVs purchased in a non-foreign area OCONUS are outlined in reference (a).

e. Restrictions and limitations regarding shipment of POVs can be found in reference (c) within the Defense Personal Property System <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/pdfs.cfm>. POV shipment resources are also available at www.pcsmypov.com and Military OneSource <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>.

2. Using Designated Vehicle Processing Centers (VPC)

a. The Navy designates the ports or VPCs used. In the absence of a designation, reference (a) applies. Members may be subject to excess cost when they elect to ship a POV from or to an alternate VPC other than their authorized origin or destination VPC serving the official PDS.

b. POVs are authorized to be turned in at the designated origin VPC serving the old PDS or the POV VPC serving the passenger port of debarkation, as well as any POV port or VPC in between the old and new PDS, subject to excess cost.

c. Shipment of the POV is authorized between the VPC serving the old and new PDS or homeport change (HPC) when the member is ordered permanent change of station (PCS) to, from, or between an overseas PDS.

d. POV OCONUS and CONUS shipment may be authorized per reference (a). For a CONUS-CONUS initial HPC or regular operational HPC, commanding officers may approve a POV shipment due to insufficient time and operational needs for designated crewmembers "riding" the ship to the new homeport. POV shipments that are not in line with reference (a) or between locations other than the HPC are not authorized and are at a member's personal expense.

e. POV shipment may be authorized for personally procured transportation **only** when the member has not transported a POV at government expense on the current PCS order **and** the POV was shipped based on erroneous advice of a government representative. If approved, reimbursement is limited to what the transportation would have cost had the POV been transported by the government.

3. Using Alternate VPCs

a. There is no prior approval required by the member to request an alternate port or VPC, provided the alternate port is within the same country or in CONUS and the member reimburses the government for any excess cost, if applicable. More information may be provided by the local personal property shipping office on applicable excess costs.

b. POV shipment to or from an alternate port or VPC in a different country must be approved through the waiver process.

Service members will be responsible for reimbursing the government for all excess costs involved.

c. If a member delivers a POV to an alternate port or VPC within the same country, the port or VPC, when directed by United States Transportation Command, must calculate charges for any excess costs. Collections of excess cost will be per Department of Defense (DoD) component publications.

d. If the member delivers a POV to an alternate port or VPC in a different country without prior approval, the port or VPC may elect to not process the vehicle for movement.

e. Unless a member is assigned to the non-foreign or foreign location or the dependent(s) is (are) under an approved designated place in the foreign or non-foreign location, POV transportation to or from a foreign or non-foreign location is not authorized. Transportation is subject to the member's or dependent's expense.

f. Personnel who are authorized transportation of family members to a designated place overseas per reference (a), may use alternate port(s) serving the designated place in the same country or when the waiver process approves a foreign port, provided the member pays any applicable excess cost.

4. **Requesting an Alternate VPC.** Use of an alternate port or VPC in a different country must be pre-approved by Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Military Pay and Allowances Policy Branch (OPNAV N130C).

5. **Shipping Non-Conforming Privately Owned Vehicles.** Prior to transportation of any non-conforming POV, the vehicle must meet all safety standards requirements as regulated by the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, bumper standards under the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Act of 1972, air pollution control standards issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and reference (b), part IV, appendix K, attachment K-3.

a. As a general rule, all POVs less than 25 years old must comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. POVs less than 21 years old must comply with Federal emissions standards. Fulfillment of Federal requirements does not relieve the member from fulfilling requirements of a State or district of the United States. Additional information on importing or converting vehicles to U.S. specifications may be obtained from <https://www.nhtsa.gov/importing-vehicle/>.

b. In general, non-conforming POVs must have been purchased during the member's tour of duty at the current PDS, used and registered by the member or dependent prior to shipment. Members who purchase a POV while on individual augmentee, mobilization, or temporary duty orders are not eligible for shipment at government expense, regardless of whether the POV is non-conforming or purchased through overseas military car sales programs.

6. **OCONUS POV Shipments Using Power of Attorney (POA)**

a. A letter of authorization, POA, or other acceptable evidence of agency is required to deliver a vehicle by someone other than the member's spouse (when the spouse is on the orders).

b. If the vehicle is to be picked up by anyone other than the member, including the spouse (if listed on orders), that individual must have a POA or be identified as a designated agent in block 38 of [DD 788](#) Private Vehicle Shipping Document for Automobile, or commercial equivalent, and this designation or identification must be made at the time the form is prepared.

c. When members depart the OCONUS PDS with no return and insufficient time is available to out-process and ship their registered POV, to include non-conforming vehicles, a POA may be issued to ship the POV at a later date. All POAs to ship a POV from an OCONUS foreign country or non-foreign country should be executed within 6 months of a member's departure unless host nation officials and base vehicle registration officials approve an extension in writing.

d. When approved, POA shipment responsibilities may be approved for no more than 12 months after the member's departure from the old PDS, unless authorized through the waiver process and host nation in the foreign country. Naval Supply Systems Command Headquarters (NAVSUP HQ) Household Goods (HHG) Team is the approval authority.

7. **Replacement POV Shipments**

a. A POV may be replaced as authorized per reference (a).

b. A Service member may transport only one replacement POV during any 4-year period when the POV being transported replaces a POV that is worn out due to age and normal deterioration.

c. All requests must be supported by overseas command certification and supporting documents (e.g., police report, vehicle disposal or salvage turn-in letter, base vehicle de-registration, insurance settlement, etc.). If approved, the member must have 12 months remaining on the current tour overseas when the POV is turned over to the servicing VPC for shipment.

8. **Motorcycles, Miscellaneous Sporting Vehicles, and Boats.**

Refer to references (a) through (d) for additional requirements regarding shipping allowances for other personal craft, such as motorcycles, dirt bikes, boats, and personal watercraft.

9. **POV Storage**

a. Information regarding POV storage is contained in references (a) through (c).

b. NAVSUP HQ HHG Team may authorize additional POV storage. Member's justification requests must be in writing with all supporting documents. Approvals are to be for the shortest time appropriate under the circumstances.

10. **POV Shipment Time Limits**

a. Members must have at least 12 months remaining on an OCONUS tour from the date the POV is turned into the VPC for shipment per reference (b).

b. NAVSUP HQ HHG Policy Team may authorize exceptions to policy in special cases. Requests must be supported by PCS orders and overseas command certification that the POV shipment is in the Navy's best interest and not primarily for the member's convenience. OPNAV N130C is the appeal authority. Members should apply directly to OPNAV N130C when appealing. The appeal should describe the events and include a copy of the orders, justification, and supporting documents.

c. Reserve members on active duty for operational support (ADOS) orders are not authorized an OCONUS POV shipment, as OCONUS ADOS orders do not meet the prescribed tour length requirements for dependent accompanied orders or full HHG shipments per [MILPERSMAN 1300-308](#), reference (a), chapter 5, and reference (e).