SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This annual notice provides the 2017-2018 special per diem rates for taxpayers to use in substantiating the amount of ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred while traveling away from home, specifically (1) the special transportation industry meal and incidental expenses (M&IE) rates, (2) the rate for the incidental expenses only deduction, and (3) the rates and list of high-cost localities for purposes of the high-low substantiation method.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

Rev. Proc. 2011-47, 2011-42 I.R.B. 520, provides rules for using a per diem rate to substantiate, under § 274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code and § 1.274-5 of the Income Tax Regulations, the amount of ordinary and necessary business expenses paid or incurred while traveling away from home. Taxpayers using the rates and list of high-cost localities provided in this notice must comply with Rev. Proc. 2011-47. Notice 2016-58, 2016-41 I.R.B. 438, provides the rates and list of high-cost localities for the period October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017.
Section 3.02(3) of Rev. Proc. 2011-47 provides that the term “incidental expenses” has the same meaning as in the Federal Travel Regulations, 41 C.F.R. 300-3.1, and that future changes to the definition of incidental expenses in the Federal Travel Regulations would be announced in the annual per diem notice. Subsequent to the publication of Rev. Proc. 2011-47, the General Services Administration published final regulations revising the definition of incidental expenses under the Federal Travel Regulations to include only fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, hotel staff, and staff on ships. Transportation between places of lodging or business and places where meals are taken, and the mailing cost of filing travel vouchers and paying employer-sponsored charge card billings, are no longer included in incidental expenses. Accordingly, taxpayers using the per diem rates may separately deduct or be reimbursed for transportation and mailing expenses.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL M&IE RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

The special M&IE rates for taxpayers in the transportation industry are $63 for any locality of travel in the continental United States (CONUS) and $68 for any locality of travel outside the continental United States (OCONUS). See section 4.04 of Rev. Proc. 2011-47.

SECTION 4. RATE FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES ONLY DEDUCTION

The rate for any CONUS or OCONUS locality of travel for the incidental expenses only deduction is $5 per day. See section 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 2011-47.

SECTION 5. HIGH-LOW SUBSTANTIATION METHOD

1. Annual high-low rates. For purposes of the high-low substantiation method, the per diem rates in lieu of the rates described in Notice 2016-58 (the per diem
substantiation method) are $284 for travel to any high-cost locality and $191 for travel to any other locality within CONUS. The amount of the $284 high rate and $191 low rate that is treated as paid for meals for purposes of § 274(n) is $68 for travel to any high-cost locality and $57 for travel to any other locality within CONUS. See section 5.02 of Rev. Proc. 2011-47. The per diem rates in lieu of the rates described in Notice 2016-58 (the meal and incidental expenses only substantiation method) are $68 for travel to any high-cost locality and $57 for travel to any other locality within CONUS.

2. High-cost localities. The following localities have a federal per diem rate of $238 or more, and are high-cost localities for all of the calendar year or the portion of the calendar year specified in parentheses under the key city name.

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(December 1-March 31)
Telluride
Vail
(December 1-March 31 and
July 1-August 31)

Delaware
Lewes
(July 1-August 31)

District of Columbia
Washington D.C. (also the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, and the
counties of Arlington and Fairfax, in Virginia; and the counties of Montgomery and
Prince George’s in Maryland) (See also Maryland and Virginia)

Florida
Boca Raton/Delray Beach/Jupiter
(December 1-April 30)
Fort Lauderdale
(January 1-April 30)
Fort Meyers
(February 1-March 31)
Fort Walton Beach/De Funiak Springs
(June 1-July 31)
Key West
Miami
(December 1-March 31)
Naples
(December 1-April 30)

Illinois
Chicago
(October 1-November 30 and
April 1-September 30)

Maine
Bar Harbor
(October 1-October 31 and July 1-September 30)

Maryland
Ocean City
(July 1-August 31)
Washington, DC Metro Area
Montgomery and Prince George’s

Massachusetts
Boston/Cambridge
Suffolk, city of Cambridge
Falmouth
( July 1-August 31)

Hyannis
( July 1-August 31)

Martha's Vineyard
( June 1-September 30)

Nantucket
( June 1-September 30)

City limits of Falmouth

Barnstable less the city of
Falmouth

Dukes

Nantucket

Michigan

Petoskey
( July 1-August 31)

Traverse City/Leland
( July 1-August 31)

Emmet

Grand Traverse and Leelanau

New York

Lake Placid
( July 1-August 31)

New York City

Essex

Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond

Saratoga Springs/Schenectady
( July 1-August 31)

Saratoga and Schenectady

Oregon

Portland
( October 1-October 31 and March 1-September 30)

Seaside
( July 1-August 31)

Multnomah

Clatsop

Pennsylvania

Hershey
( June 1-August 31)

Philadelphia
( October 1-November 30 and April 1-September 30)

Hershey

Philadelphia

Rhode Island

Jamestown/Middletown/Newport
( October 1-October 31 and June 1-September 30)

Newport

South Carolina

Charleston
( October 1-November 30 and March 1-September 30)

Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester
Utah
Park City                               Summit
(December 1-March 31)

Virginia
Virginia Beach                           City of Virginia Beach
(June 1-August 31)
Wallops Island                           Accomack
(July 1-August 31)
Washington, DC Metro Area                Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and
(Washington, DC Metro Area)              Falls Church; counties of
(Arlington and Fairfax)

Washington
Seattle                                   King
Vancouver                                 Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania
(October 1-October 31 and March 1-September 30)

Wyoming
Jackson/Pinedale                          Teton and Sublette
(June 1-September 30)

3. Changes in high-cost localities. The list of high-cost localities in this notice differs
from the list of high-cost localities in section 5 of Notice 2016-58.

a. The following localities have been added to the list of high-cost localities:
   Oakland, California; Lewes, Delaware; Fort Myers, Florida; Hyannis,
   Massachusetts; Petoskey, Michigan; Portland, Oregon; Vancouver, Washington.

b. The following localities have changed the portion of the year in which they are
   high-cost localities: Aspen, Colorado; Denver/Aurora, Colorado; Telluride,
   Colorado; Vail, Colorado; Bar Harbor, Maine; Ocean City, Maryland; Nantucket,
   Massachusetts; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Jamestown/Middletown/Newport,
   Rhode Island; Jackson/Pinedale, Wyoming.

c. The following localities have been removed from the list of high-cost localities:
   Sedona, Arizona; Los Angeles, California; Vero Beach, Florida; Kill Devil, North
   Carolina.
SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This notice is effective for per diem allowances for lodging, meal and incidental expenses, or for meal and incidental expenses only, that are paid to any employee on or after October 1, 2017, for travel away from home on or after October 1, 2017. For purposes of computing the amount allowable as a deduction for travel away from home, this notice is effective for meal and incidental expenses or for incidental expenses only paid or incurred on or after October 1, 2017. See sections 4.06 and 5.04 of Rev. Proc. 2011-47 for transition rules for the last 3 months of calendar year 2017.

SECTION 7. EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

Notice 2016-58 is superseded.

DRAFTING INFORMATION

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