Please insure that people who work in travel see the information listed below.   August 2019

SUBJECT: Rates Update CD For August 2019

NOTE: YOU MAY HAVE TO CLEAR THE CACHE ON YOUR COMPUTER WHEN TRYING TO DOWNLOAD RATES.

The following is a list of items enclosed:

  A. Information cover sheet and instruction sheets for loading rates for IATS
  B. IATS flyer for August 2019
  C. 1 CD labeled: August 2019 RATES UPDATE (now with the IATS 7.1 manual)

IATS RATES UPDATE INSTRUCTIONS

A. This month's update includes OCONUS rates eff 8-01-2019 and RITA rates released July 24 eff on pre 2015 orders for Civ PCS performed 2018 and RITA filed 2019.

Step 1 Copy the file UPDATE295_Aug0119.ZIP to the location you will use for this and later updates. (You can leave the updates on the (CD) and have the system look for the update on the CD each month) Once IATS learns this location it will remember it from the previous update

Step 2 Login to Maintenance with a user who has rights to update rates. A Superuser works well.

Step 3 Expand the "Configuration/Base Parameters"

Step 4 Click the entry "Update All Rates/Locations"

Step 5 Browse the "Show update-files in directory" on the UPDATE RATES AND LOCATIONS screen and find where you copied the attached file. Note: If the files were copied in the same locations as last month's update, the file should be displayed.

Step 6 If step 5 was correct you will see the current update in the "Available update-files:" block. Click the "Update the rates/Locations using the Selected Files" button to begin.

Step 7 Answer the prompts

NOTE: Check these locations to insure the rates updated.   If WinIATS rates are different you will need to contact DFAS or your WinIATS support organization. <u>Do not do this lookup in Maintenance since you may accidentally override one of the dates. Use the rate lookup option.</u>

COUNTRY OR STATE /	CITY	DATE	LODGING	M&IE	MAXIMUM
BRAZIL	BELEM	8/01/2019	112	66	178
SOUTH AFRICA	OTHER	8/01/2019	123	69	192

These are only some of the locations that have changed. They are listed so you have a location toward the front of the alphabet and the end of the alphabet to check. If these updated correctly then the theory is that all the locations between have updated. You can use other locations from the PDTATAC web site to check the rates also.

Contact the following to obtain assistance IATS-HELPDESK
Email: dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil
Telephone - Commercial: (317) 212-7718 DSN: 699-7718

1)   RATES CAN BE E-MAILED TO SHIPS AT SEA OR LOCATIONS THAT HAVE E-MAIL BUT NOT ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND WANT THE RATES SENT TO THEM ELECTRONICALLY. SEND AN E-MAIL STATING IF IT IS CONTINUOUS OR JUST FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF MONTHS. INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.

GET THE RATES ELECTRONICALLY!!

You can get the rates through the INTERNET at **www.profsft.com (do not type http)** then click on SUPPORT. At the SUPPORT PAGE, select the appropriate rates then download the rates update file.

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NOTES TO IATS USERS

FINAL RITA RATES (Pre 2015 Orders)

GSA has released the Federal, State and Puerto Rico marginal tax tables that are used for RITA's processed against orders issued prior to 2015.   The 2018 RITA rates were released in Bulletin 19-05 on 24 July. In 2015 when GSA changed the rules to use the current year Federal Estimated Taxes and actual State Taxes paid by the employee, they stated that eventually they would no longer publish the Federal, State and Puerto Rico Tax. Bulletin 19-05 officially states that this year is the last year they will publish the separate tables and that next year all the RITA's will follow the new rules.

It is not known if GSA will publish a new State Tax Table or if they will update their State Tax table for 2019. Based on the new rules the rate used should be the state marginal tax rate from the employee's state tax return.

Thanks
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