



PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO TRAVEL BRANCH SUPERVISORS AND EXAMINERS

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The next version of IATS, 6.13, deployed on 1 December and will contain among other things the following features:

- **Add Return Request Button to Examiner View Request Selection Screen**
- **Allow Immediate Return of Voucher on Logging of Requests Screen**
- **Expand Remarks to 750 characters on Return Voucher Screen**
- **Add ID Who Ran the Backup Option in Maintenance**
- **Remove LT as Method of Reimbursement for Civilians**
- **SORT Report Changes for Navy**
- **Add NSPS Grades to Traveler's Profile**
- **Expand Title and FY Expense Allocation to 3 Fiscal Years**
- **Combine Create ASCII File to Upload to Disbursing Phase**
- **Add Purge Accounting Table Option to Utilities Module**
- **OCONUS Change to Allow Full or Reduced IE Rate to be Selected**
- **Correct Counts and Entitlements Management Report**
- **Add Suspense Summary Report to Debt Management Module**
- **Add Advance Detail Report to Management Report Module**
- **Add Settlement Detail Report to Management Report Module**
- **Correct Who Changed Financial Information Issue**
- **Lockdown Certain Marine Corps Accounting Screen Fields**
- **Warning Message for Marine Corps when Changing SDN Accounting Field on Due US Claims**
- **Army Configuration Add Accounting Pre-validation Switch in Maintenance**
- **Correct Navy MILPCS Due US Re-computes Issue**
- **Soft Code Gov't Credit Card Bank Account Information for Air Force**

Functional Corner

Make sure your Examiners, Auditors, Customer Service and System Administrators are aware

PCS MALT rate has been changed to \$.165 effective January 1, 2010. If one does a rate look-up in Maintenance it will show \$.17 per mile. Once the rates for January have been updated IATS pays correctly at the rate per mile \$.165. Make sure all travel related individuals are aware of the display issue

Insure the traveler has a valid mailing address to receive future W-2s

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When entering travel claims into IATS, for disbursement by ADS, please make sure to enter a valid mailing address for the traveler. Without having a valid mailing address, future W-2s are being delayed in being received by the traveler. Invalid mailing address affects; delays the traveler in receiving their future W-2; increase double and even triple the postage costs for mailing duplicate W-2s for one traveler, and corrections made to the W-2s are a manual process and time consuming. Cost adds up by missing a valid mailing address.

Free Software Helps Wage Reports Accuracy

AccuWage/AccuW2C is free software from Social Security. It allows you to check W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) and W-2c (W-2 correction) reports for correctness before you send them to Social Security. Using AccuWage and AccuW2C greatly reduces submission rejections. Download the latest version of the AccuWage software before you prepare your wage reports each year from:

<http://www.ssa.gov/employer/accuwage/index.html>

For more information go to

www.socialsecurity.gov/employer/software.htm

Looking for missing Travel TECH Messages?

Army Travel Offices that want to obtain missing Travel Tech Message can visit the following link: <http://asafm.army.mil/Default.aspx?aspxerrorpath=/secretariat/document/dfasPM/Default.aspx>. They are listed under "DFAS Policy Memoranda".

IATS-Help-Desk

When was the last time you ran your system tools? CHKDSK or DEFRAG

Is your overall computer running slower and slower? How about your server? When was the last time any system tools were run? Was a DEFRAG run on the computer in the last month or the last year? As a measure of preventative maintenance (PM) you should consider setting into your schedule some PM on your computer(s) in the near future.

Contact the following to obtain assistance

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