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CURRENT/FUTURE RELEASES

Current IATS Release is 7.0 for Army, COE, Navy and USMC

NOTE: DTOD 31 does not support XP machines. Do not remove your DTOD 28 on your XP machines.

New Federal Tax

The new 22% Federal Income Tax Withholding (FITW) rate is now in effect when using IATS. All new orders will be created with FITW set at 22%. The change does not impact existing orders, so those orders will continue to withhold FITW at 25%. When the user clicks on the Calculations tab, they can manually change the FITW percentage to 22%. You can contact the IATS Help Desk to request an update file to modify the FITW rate on all existing orders at the email address below.

IATS Help Desk

Contact the following to obtain assistance IATS-HELP-DESK

Email: dfas.indianapolis-in.ztd.other.iats-help-desk@mail.mil

Commercial: (317) 212-7718 DSN: 699-7718

Changes to SABRS

Navy version 6.21.8.1 was mailed with the November rates to incorporate the ability to handle both the current MILPCS and TOP accounting structure as well as the new FY18 and beyond accounting structure established for SABRS. This release incorporates the ability to handle both the current accounting structure for TAD/TDY, and also civilian permanent change of station (PCS) as well local travel (1164) for the new FY18 and beyond accounting structure established for SABRS. Implementation of SABRS LOAs occurred October 1st, 2017, so sites are encouraged to upgrade ASAP, you can also upgrade to IATS 7.0as it also has the SABRS accounting for Navy.

Rule 29 DTOD Help

the Official Distance is different in the opposite direction, **IT IS STILL THE OFFICIAL DISTANCE.** The Origin and Destination cannot be switched around.

Minor differences are to be expected. Roads and entrance/exit ramps are different lengths in opposite directions. Small differences in long routes can add up to pretty significant numbers. And One-Way roads are an obvious cause.

But when DTOD uses very different routes with very different distances it raises questions.

In MANY cases there is nothing wrong! DTOD determines the Official Distance through a complex algorithm that weighs all possible routes and selects the best one. The factors DTOD uses to compare roads include distance, travel time, road quality, and ease of route (things like right-turns are easier for cars and left-turns are easier for trucks). But the main trade off is distance vs. time.

DTOD gives more weight to the quicker roads when determining Travel distance, making this issue more likely to show up. Normally, because the shorter route and the faster route are so close in favorability that DTOD picks one one-way and the other the other.

Sometimes it's an Error, but it's not a simple as "The route DTOD uses is longer or shorter than it should be." What typically happens when there is an error is, DTOD considers a road segment or ramp to be longer/slower/in worse condition in one direction, which lowers the favorability of any route using that road segment, which results in DTOD using a completely different route which happens to have a significantly different distance.

Contact the DTOD 24-Hour HelpDeskWe can't tell if it's an error or not and we report all of these cases to the data vendor. They will figure out if there's an error and fix it.

Corrections to the DTOD road database will be included in the next version of DTOD or emergency override. DTOD is updated annually (1 October).

Even so, the problem may not get corrected, if there is not actually an error.