

Defence Determination (Door-to-door travel – amendment) 2018 (No. 3)

I, FIONA LOUISE MCSPEERIN, Assistant Secretary, People Policy and Employment Conditions, make the following Determination under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903.*

Dated 29 January 2018

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1 Name

This instrument is *Defence Determination (Door-to-door travel – amendment) 2018 (No. 3)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences 8 February 2018.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

**Schedule 1—Door-to-door travel amendments**

***Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service***

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| 1 | Section 9.1.12 (Door-to-door travel) |
|  | Omit the section, substitute: |

##### 9.1.12   Door-to-door travel

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| 1. | Door-to-door travel includes the reasonable cost of transport to and from airports, railway stations and coach terminals.  **Example:** Travel between the member's home and the nearest airport. | |
| 2. | To avoid doubt, door-to-door travel does not apply to remote location leave travel. | |
| 2 | Paragraph 9.2.6.c (Travel by the most economical means) | |
|  | After paragraph 9.2.6.c, insert: | |
|  | d. | Door-to-door travel as described in Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel. |
| 3 | Section 9.2.14 (Rail as the most economical means of travel), table | |
|  | Omit the table, substitute: | |

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| **Item** | **If the member...** | **the member...** | |
| 1. | travels by rail as the most economical means | a. | is expected to transfer baggage with their furniture and effects. If the baggage is carried by rail, the restrictions in section 9.1.10 apply. |
| b. | is eligible for reasonable costs for accommodation and meals for themselves and any dependants. |
| c. | is eligible for reasonable door-to-door travel costs. |
| d. | will not be reimbursed costs of accommodation and meals if travelling allowance is paid. |
| 2. | chooses to travel by air rather than rail | a. | may be approved air travel for all or part of the journey. |
| b. | will not be approved air travel until the member has paid any additional cost of travelling by air rather than by rail. |
| c. | must pay any excess baggage costs. |

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| **Item** | **If the member...** | **the member...** | |
| 3. | chooses to travel by private vehicle rather than rail | and their dependants may be authorised to travel and may be eligible for vehicle allowance up to the cost of first class rail travel. Both of the following conditions apply. | |
| a. | The member's rank does not matter. |
| b. | Any cost of sleeping berth accommodation is used in working out the cost of rail travel. This applies whether it is included in the fare or available as an additional cost. |
| **Note:** If the travel is on a working day, any time greater than the time it takes to travel by rail should be taken as leave. | |

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| 4 | Section 9.2.15 (Air as the most economical means of travel), table |
|  | Omit the table, substitute: |

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| **Item** | **If the member...** | **the member...** | | |
| 1. | travels by air as the most economical means with their dependants | a. | may have their baggage limit increased by: | |
| i. | one piece for each adult dependant, and |
| ii. | up to two pieces for children. |
| **Note:** This additional benefit should be used to transport cutlery, linen, curtains and similar items. The aim is to help the family take up Service accommodation as soon as possible. | | |
| b. | is eligible for reasonable costs for themselves and any dependants’ accommodation and meals. | |
| c. | is eligible for reasonable door-to-door travel costs. | |
| 2. | travels by air as the most economical means without dependants | a. | may have their baggage limit increased by: | |
| i. | up to three pieces for the following journeys:   * to or from Darwin, * between a remote location and the nearest capital city, or * between a place in an external territory and a place in Australia. |
|  | ii. | one piece of baggage for any other journey. |
| b. | is eligible for reasonable costs for themselves and any dependants’ accommodation and meals. | |
| c. | is eligible for reasonable door-to-door travel costs. | |
| 3. | chooses to travel by private vehicle rather than air | a. | and their dependants may be authorised to travel. | |
| b. | The member may be eligible for vehicle allowance up to the cost of air travel. | |
| **Note:** If the travel is on a working day, any time greater than the ***allowable travelling time*** should be taken as leave.  **See:** Part 6 section 9.6.7, Definitions | | |

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| 5 | Section 9.2.16 (Coach as the most economical means of travel), table |
|  | Omit table, substitute: |

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| **Item** | **If the member...** | **the member...** | |
| 1. | travels by coach as the most economical means | a. | may be eligible for travelling allowance and meal allowance. |
| b. | is eligible for reasonable costs for themselves and any dependants’ accommodation and meals. |
| c. | is eligible for reasonable door-to-door travel costs. |
| d. | must pay any additional baggage costs over the eligible maximum baggage limit under section 9.1.10.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.10, Baggage – general |
| 2. | chooses to travel by private vehicle rather than coach | a. | and their dependants may be authorised to travel. |
| b. | may be eligible for vehicle allowance up to the cost of coach travel. |
| **Note:** If the travel is on a working day, any time greater than the time it takes to travel by coach should be taken as leave. | |

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| 6 | Section 9.3.26 (Travel on maternity leave) |
|  | Omit the section, substitute: |

##### 9.3.26   Travel on maternity leave

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| 1. | A member this Division applies to is eligible for a return trip to a location in Australia. The trip must be in connection with the member's maternity leave. | |
| 2. | The Commonwealth assistance for the maternity leave travel is limited to both the following amounts. | |
|  | a. | The cost of travel by the most economical means. |
|  | b. | Door-to-door travel costs.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel |

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| 7 | Subsection 9.3.30.2 (Frequency and cost of reunion travel) | | |
|  | Omit the subsection, substitute: | | |
| 2. | For each reunion visit the member is eligible for both of the following. | | |
|  | a. | A return economy class air fare from the member’s place of duty to either of the following locations. | |
|  | | i. | Their dependants’ home location in Australia. |
|  | | ii. | The nearest international terminal in Australia that has flights to the country of the dependant's personal location. |
|  | b. | Door-to-door travel for travel in Australia.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | |
| 8 | Subsection 9.3.30.3 (Frequency and cost of reunion travel) | | |
|  | Omit the subsection. | | |
| 9 | Subsection 9.3.36.1 (Benefit) | | |
|  | Omit the subsection, substitute: | | |
| 1. | The member is eligible for one return journey for the child in each calendar year. The journey is provided on a door-to-door basis from where the child lives in the school location to the parent’s home in the posting location.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | | |
| 10 | Subsection 9.3.40.1 (Benefit) | | |
|  | Omit the subsection, substitute: | | |
| 1. | The member is eligible for two return journeys for the child each calendar year. The journey is provided on a door-to-door basis from where the child lives in the school location to the parent’s home in the remote location.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | | |
| 11 | Subsection 9.3.46.1 (Benefit) | | |
|  | Omit the subsection, insert: | | |
| 1. | The member is eligible for two return journeys for the tertiary student each calendar year. The journey is provided on a door-to-door basis from where the student lives in the location of their educational institution to the parent’s home in the posting location.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | | |

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| 12 | Subsection 9.3.57.1 (Means of travel) | |
|  | After subsection 9.3.57.1, insert: | |
| 1A. | Compassionate travel is provided on a door-to-door basis.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | |
| 13 | Subsection 9.4.7.2 (Recreation leave travel benefit) | |
|  | Omit the subsection, substitute: | |
| 2. | The Commonwealth assistance for recreation leave travel is limited to both the following amounts. | |
|  | a. | The cost of travel by the most economical means. |
|  | b. | Door-to-door travel costs. |
|  | **See:** Part 1 Section 9.1.3, Most economical means of travel Section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | |
| 14 | Section 9.4.17 (Benefit) | |
|  | Omit the section, substitute: | |

##### 9.4.17   Benefit

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| 1. | A member may be granted assistance with the cost of travel within Australia to the location of their nominated family. Both of the following conditions must be met. | |
|  | a. | The member has been granted pre-deployment leave under Chapter 5 Part 9 Division 7.  **See:** Chapter 5 Part 9 Division 7, Pre-deployment leave |
|  | b. | The member's nominated family is not at the member's place of duty. |
| 2. | Pre-deployment leave travel is provided on a door-to-door basis.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | |

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| 15 | Section 9.4.21 (Benefit) |
|  | Omit the section, substitute: |

##### 9.4.21   Benefit

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| 1. | A member may be granted assistance with the cost of travel within Australia to the location of their nominated family. Both the following conditions must be met. | |
|  | a. | The member has returned to Australia from an area that attracted pre-deployment leave. |
|  | b. | The member's nominated family is not at the member's place of duty. |
| 2. | Post-deployment leave travel is provided on a door-to-door basis.  **See:** Part 1 section 9.1.12, Door-to-door travel | |
| 16 | Section 9.4.23 (Purpose), Note | |
|  | Omit the note, substitute: | |
|  | **Notes:**  1. Remote locations and the corresponding ADF district allowance grades are listed at Annex 4.4.A, Remote locations for ADF district allowance. 2. Door-to-door travel provisions in Part 1 section 9.1.12, do not apply to remote location leave travel. | |