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## **Lodging and M&IE Rate Changes**

Effective October 1, 2016, default CONUS (Continental United States) lodging and M&IE rates have been updated by the US GSA (General Services Administration). As a result, university travel lodging and M&IE rates will be adjusted in accordance with policy.

The standard lodging rate increased from \$89.00 to \$91.00. The standard M&IE rate is \$51.00 (no change). All six tiers for M&IE rates stayed the same for FY17.

The following localities will move to the standard rates for lodging and M&IE:

Destination/State	
Lexington Park/Leonardtown/Lusby, MD	
New Bern, NC	
Minot, ND	

Please note there are now seasonal lodging rates for Blacksburg and Richmond City.

Destination/State	Season	Lodging Rate
Blacksburg, VA	Oct 1 – Jun 30	\$101
Blacksburg, VA	Jul 1 – Sep 30	\$119
Richmond City, VA	Oct 1 – Oct 31	\$143
Richmond City, VA	Nov 1 – Aug 31	\$132
Richmond City, VA	Sep 1 – Sep 30	\$143

For additional details, visit http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/142071

CONUS rates will be updated on the Controller's Office website at procedure 20335r (http://www.co.vt.edu/Procedures/p20335r.html) by October 1, 2016.

If you have created Travel Authorizations in the Banner Travel & Expense Management (TEM) system prior to October 1, 2016, for travel that will occur after October 1, 2016, be sure to use the recalculate per diem function in the TEM system when you generate your expense report to obtain the new rates effective October 1, 2016.

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