

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENTAL  
FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES MANUAL

TITLE: Other/Miscellaneous Expenses

Proc #: 6-715

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**A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this procedure is to provide information on expenses that do not fall neatly into other descriptive categories but are reimbursable unless otherwise noted.

**B. DESIGNATED STAFF & RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

Individual travelers  
Budget Unit Directors  
Office of Finance

**C. PROCESSING CYCLE**

Daily or upon need arising for business travel.

**D. REQUIRED RESOURCE MATERIALS**

Pre-Approval Request – online in Chrome River  
Expense Report – online in Chrome River  
Business Related Meal Expense Statement – online – Office of Finance website  
Hotel Zero Balance Receipt  
Misc. Receipts

**E. GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

CAPP Section 20335 – “Travel Regulations” - most recent effective date  
University Policies #1051 – Business Travel Policy  
Internal Revenue Code Sections Governing Business Expenses  
Office of Finance Policies and Procedures  
University Policy #3310, Allowance for Usage of Personal Mobile Devices and Wireless Services for University Business

**F. CROSS REFERENCE TO OTHERS**

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**G. OTHER ODU OFFICES IMPACTED**

Office of Finance – Accounts Payable

**H. INVOLVEMENT EXTERNAL TO ODU**

Vendors providing travel related goods or services to ODU employees on official University business.

**I. PROCEDURE:**

1. **Taxes and surcharges** paid by the traveler for lodging are reimbursable.
2. **Parking and Tolls** are reimbursable when paid for by the traveler in the course of conducting official State business. If the reimbursement claim exceeds \$75, a receipt is required. In all cases, the name of the facility (bridge, tunnel or turnpike) as well as the names and reasons for inclusion of a charge for passengers, where applicable, must be included in the Comments section when preparing an Expense Report.
3. **Gratuities (tips)** are *not reimbursable* since they are included in the M&IE per diem, except for taxi or shuttle services. A maximum tip of 15% of the taxi cab or shuttle fare is reimbursable as a transportation cost that is separate from the M&IE per diem. When actual meal costs are reimbursed under the non-travel related meal reimbursement policy (business meals), meal tips are reimbursable within the applicable meal rate. The meal plus tip may not exceed the allowable meal per diem for the specified meal.
4. **Business Travel and Vacation Leave** may be combined if prior approval is obtained from the Agency Head.
  - Reimbursable transportation and accommodation expenses will correspond with a roundtrip to the designated area of official business.
  - Reimbursement will be appropriate only for the time during which official business is conducted.
  - If the traveler leaves the designated area after business is conducted, there will be no reimbursement from that moment on, except for those expenses relating to the second half of the roundtrip.
  - If the employee would normally be expected to remain in the area of official business overnight and return the following morning, hotel

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expenses for that night and prorated expenses for a return travel day are reimbursable.

- The State will not be responsible for any expenses related to accident or injury while the employee is not on official business.

**5. Business Telephone Calls, Telegrams, Internet Access, Hotel Business Center Charges, and Facsimiles** made for official business purposes and paid for by the traveler may be claimed on the Expense Report. A full

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Funeral attendance expenses are reimbursable for one (1) employee selected by the Agency Head to represent the agency, provided the employee must travel outside of his/her official station. No reimbursement shall be made if the services are held within the employee's official station.

**8. Private or Chartered Plane Travel**