

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

Date: JUN 16 2016

From: Secretary (00)

Subj: Delegation of Authority to Approve an Exception to the 50-Mile Distance Requirement for Relocation Entitlements (VAIQ# 7682265)

To: Deputy Secretary (001)

1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority delineated in paragraph two, I hereby delegate to the Deputy Secretary the authorization to approve an exception to the 50-mile distance requirement for relocation entitlements on a case-by-case basis when it is in the best interest of the Government.
2. AUTHORITY. The Federal Travel Regulation contained in 41 Code of Federal Regulations §302-2.6 provides the head of an agency or designee the authority to grant an exception to the 50-mile threshold on a case-by-case basis when he/she determines that it is in the best interest of the Government.
3. RESTRICTIONS. Generally, employees may not be reimbursed for relocation expenses if an employee relocates to a new official station that does not meet the 50-mile distance test. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved in writing stating the need and extenuating circumstances. All relevant documentation, background materials, and the signed exception shall be retained for a period of 6 years.
4. RE-DELEGATION. This authority may only be re-delegated to Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials with no further re-delegation authorized.
5. RESCISSION. This delegation rescinds the Deputy Secretary's Delegation of Authority to Approve an Exception to the 50-Mile Distance Requirement for Relocation Entitlements memorandum dated April 12, 2016.
6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The 2-year sunset requirement is waived for this delegation. By waiving the sunset requirement, this delegation of authority and any subsequent re-delegation by the Deputy Secretary will remain in effect until rescinded.



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1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority delineated in paragraph two, I hereby delegate to the Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials the authorization to approve an exception to the 50-mile distance requirement for relocation entitlements on a case-by-case basis when it is in the best interest of the Government.

2. AUTHORITY. The Federal Travel Regulation contained in 41 Code of Federal Regulations §302-2.6 provides the head of an agency or designee the authority to grant an exception to the 50-mile threshold on a case-by-case basis when he/she determines that it is in the best interest of the Government.

3. RESTRICTIONS. Generally, employees may not be reimbursed for relocation expenses if an employee relocates to a new official station that does not meet the 50-mile distance test. Exceptions to this must be approved in writing stating the need and extenuating circumstances. All relevant documentation, background materials, and the signed exception shall be retained for a period of 6 years.

4. RE-DELEGATION. This authority may not be re-delegated.

5. RESCISSION. This delegation rescinds the Deputy Secretary Delegation of Authority to Approve an Exception to the 50-Mile Distance Requirement for Relocation Entitlements memorandum dated April 12, 2016.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Secretary has waived the 2-year time limit for this re-delegation; therefore, this delegation will remain in effect until it is rescinded.



Sloan D. Gibson

Attachment