

Department of  
Veterans Affairs

# Memorandum

Date: JUN 16 2016  
From: Secretary (00)  
Subj: Delegation of Authority to Authorize Other Expenses for Training (Local Per Diem)  
(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 determine if other expenses for training (e.g., local per diem, meals, etc.) constitute a necessary expense of training under the Government Employees Training Act (GETA).
2. AUTHORITY. Title 5 United States Code, Section 4109 (a), provides the authority to the head of an agency to determine which expenses constitute necessary training expenses.
3. RESTRICTIONS. Training events must be classified as a bonafide GETA training event and be approved by VA's Human Resources and Office of General Counsel in advance of the event. The Administration or Staff Office making the determination that other expenses (i.e., local per diem, meals, etc.) are necessary for the attendee(s) to obtain the full benefit of the training must document in writing the rationale for this decision. Blanket authorizations covering multiple training events are not permitted.
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 Secretary's Delegation of Authority to Authorize Other Expenses for Training (Local Per Diem) 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this delegation of authority and any subsequent re-delegation by the Deputy Secretary will remain in effect until rescinded.



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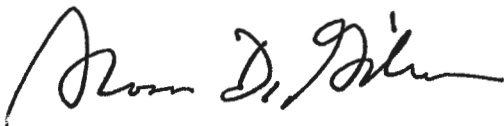
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From: Deputy Secretary (001)

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To: Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials

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 determine if other expenses for training (e.g., local per diem, meals, etc.) constitute a necessary expense of training under the Government Employees Training Act (GETA).
2. AUTHORITY. Title 5 United States Code, Section 4109 (a), provides the authority to the head of an agency to determine which expenses constitute necessary expenses. The Secretary has delegated this authority allowing for the re-delegation to the Under and Assistant Secretaries only.
3. RESTRICTIONS. Training events must be classified as a bonafide GETA training event and be approved by VA's Human Resources and Office of General Counsel in advance of the event. The Administration or Staff Office making the determination that other expenses (i.e., local per diem, meals, etc.) are necessary for the attendee(s) to obtain the full benefit of the training must document in writing the rationale for this decision. Blanket authorizations covering multiple training events are not permitted.
4. RE-DELEGATION. This authority may not be re-delegated.
5. RESCISSION. This delegation rescinds the Deputy Secretary Delegation of Authority to Authorize Other Expenses for Training (Local Per Diem) 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.



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Attachment