## Travel Tips

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### After Travel

1. Complete Travel Expense Claim  
2. Attach approved RAT  
3. Attach all receipts $75 or more  
4. Attach proof of payments and Itemized receipts if applicable: Airfare, Hotel and/or Registration  
5. Mileage - attach Google Map  

### Restrictions

A. Subsistence expenses for travel within 25 miles of an employee's headquarters or residence will not be reimbursed.  

B. Transportation expenses will be reimbursed based on the most economical mode of transportation and the most commonly traveled route consistent with the purpose of the trip.  

C. Travel banned states: Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas  

D. Mileage reimbursement will be for between home and the assignment location or between the normal work location and the assignment location, whichever is less.  

E. Meal reimbursements associated with trips without an overnight stay must be reported to the IRS as taxable income. The amount will be reported to Payroll and included in Box 1 of the employee's W-2 form. Under no circumstances will expenses for lunch be reimbursed for travel of less than 24 hours.

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