



This FAM policy was revised to be consistent with the Collective Agreement between the Union of Northern Workers and the Minister Responsible for the Public Service (Expires March 31, 2009).

Specifically, section 4.15.1 (d) of the FAM, was revised in accordance with section 45.05 (b) of the Collective Agreement:

Existing:

"Where *duty travel* extends beyond 15 calendar days in one location and housekeeping units or reasonable room and board (e.g. bed and breakfast) are available, **the maximum per diem rate for meals after 15 calendar days is \$15.00 per day**. It is the employees department's responsibility to seek available housekeeping units or reasonable room and board otherwise if a housekeeping unit or reasonable room and board is not available then the per diem rate would not be reduced."

New:

"Where *duty travel* extends beyond 15 calendar days in one location and housekeeping units or reasonable room and board (e.g. bed and breakfast) are available, **the maximum per diem rate for meals after 15 calendar days shall be reduced to fifty (50%) percent of the approved per diem rate for all days in excess of 15 calendar days**. It is the employees department's responsibility to seek available housekeeping units or reasonable room and board, otherwise if a housekeeping unit or reasonable room and board is not available then the per diem rate would not be reduced."

Approval of this policy is within the scope of powers and duties entrusted to the Comptroller General (FAM 1042 – Approval Process). Government Accounting is responsible for the language and interpretation of this policy.

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