



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

April 1, 2022

CBCA 7277-RELO

In the Matter of HARRIS Q.

Harris Q., Claimant.

Connie J. Rabel, Director, Travel Mission Area, Enterprise Solutions and Standards, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Indianapolis, IN, appearing for Department of Defense.

VERGILIO, Board Judge.

The claimant, a civilian employee subject to the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), seeks payment for temporary quarters subsistence expenses (TQSE) incurred in connection with the initial hire move to a permanent duty station (PDS) located within the continental United States, with a start date in 2020. Despite the statement in the job announcement that TQSE was available and the assurances provided by various Government employees that TQSE was reimbursable, TQSE is not reimbursable for initial hires. JTR 054202, tbl.5-83, at 2.d (July 2020) (TQSE not authorized for a “new appointee assigned to a first PDS”), 054801-D, tbl.5-98, at 2.d (again, expressly indicating that TQSE is not an authorized allowance for travel to the first duty station); *Richard K. Guffey*, CBCA 5983-RELO, 18-1 BCA ¶ 37,021. Unable to find entitlement to allowances that are disallowed by statute and regulation, the Board must deny the claimant’s request for reimbursement of TQSE.

Joseph A. Vergilio
JOSEPH A. VERGILIO
Board Judge