



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

March 26, 2025

CBCA 8330-RELO

In the Matter of TERRENCE M.

Terrence M., Claimant.

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

SULLIVAN, Board Judge.

Claimant, a new appointee, received orders to report to his duty station at U.S. Southern Command Headquarters in Florida. The orders indicated that claimant would be reimbursed temporary quarters subsistence expenses (TQSE). When claimant sought reimbursement of TQSE, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service denied reimbursement because claimant was not eligible to receive TQSE as a new appointee to the federal government.

New appointees may not receive TQSE. 41 CFR 302-6.5 (2023); Joint Travel Regulation 054202, tbl. 5-83, at 2.d. (Jan. 2024). The agency's mistake on claimant's travel orders does not change that prohibition. *Richard K. Guffey*, CBCA 5983-RELO, 18-1 BCA ¶ 37,021, at 180,281; *Justin M. Kearns*, CBCA 2842-RELO, 12-2 BCA ¶ 35,065, at 172,239.

Decision

The claim is denied.

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Board Judge