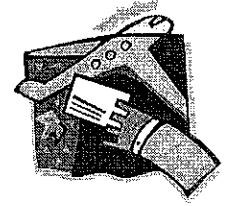


EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL FOR DoDDS COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following matrix explains how it is possible to maximize government-paid travel for your children who are eligible for educational travel. Using this sequence you will be able to have your children visit twice a year. This is possible by combining Return Agreement Travel (RAT), Educational



Travel (ED), and private payment by the parents (PAY). If you are eligible for LQA, you are also eligible for educational travel for your college-bound children. However maximum travel is only possible if you enjoy RAT and LQA. If you follow the following sequence, you will have to pay privately for two round-trip tickets.

The government will pay six times.

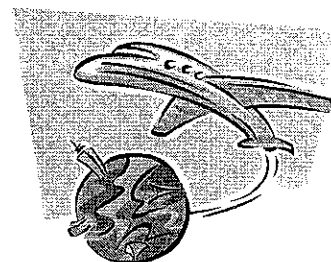
Student Departs Europe in June:

College Year	June	December	January	May
1	RAT	RAT	ED	ED
2	PAY	PAY	ED	ED
3	RAT	RAT	ED	ED
4	PAY	PAY	ED	ED

RAT can only begin during the summer recess. This explains the reason for the sequence in the matrix. If your RAT cycle does not coincide with this matrix, remember that you can have RAT moved up one year by applying and being accepted for summer attendance at a university. You must apply at the same time as application is made for sabbaticals and educational leave without pay. If your course of study is approved, DoDDS will allow you to move up your RAT to provide for transportation (reference 25 February 88 memo to principals from Hayden Horne).

- According to Chapter 176, part C-2306 of the JTR, Volume II, a student dependent is authorized 350 pounds of unaccompanied baggage to or from school. The cheapest and most expedient form of transport is U.S. parcel post, but this must be authorized ahead of time in the travel orders.
- RAT will end for your student becomes 21 years old.
- Education continues until graduation or age 23.
- LQA must be re-adjusted upon your child's departure/return until the age of 21.

Source: Michael Bauernfeind - April 1995



UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE LIST

Unaccompanied baggage is that portion of your weight entitlement that is shipped by an expedited mode to be made readily available to you and your dependents upon arrival at your next duty station. Unaccompanied baggage may include some of the following examples:

COMPUTERS
CLOTHING
UNIFORMS
POTS & PANS
CRIBS
PLAYPENS
CARRIAGES
IRONS
IRONING BOARDS
COFFEE POTS
TOASTERS
SMALL RADIOS / COMPACT STERIO EQUIPMENT
PORTABLE TELEVISION SETS (21 inch or smaller)
PORTABLE SEWING MACHINES
VOLTAGE TRANSFORMERS
PORTABLE AIR-CONDITIONERS
MICROWAVE OVENS
SPORTING EQUIPMENT (SMALL)
LINENS
DISHES
CUTLERY
BOOKS
BICYCLES

Unaccompanied baggage may not include major items of furniture such as chairs, tables, cabinets, washers, dryers, freezers, large refrigerators, beds, mattresses, etc., items of extraordinary value not essential to the health and welfare of the member and/or dependents.

