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REMOVAL EXPENSES
(Revised ~~10/24~~)

Removal expenses may be provided for certain new appointees to academic positions (APM 560-14). For those eligible, removal expenses are paid and taxed in accordance with University and IRS regulations. New appointees are encouraged to consult with their tax advisor regarding the impact of removal reimbursement. Any exceptions to policy, including full removal expenses, must be requested at the time of appointment.

Please note: references to UC Policy BFB G-13 only apply to *procedural and process* aspects of managing reimbursement of removal expenses. *Policies* described in BFB G-13 do not apply to academic employees.

UC Policy (one-half of the total cost)

University policy allows for coverage of one-half of the total eligible costs associated with a single move from one physical location, including the following:

1. Packing, freight and insurance of normal household goods (see definition below), when properly supported by invoices and/or receipts, in accord with Section V of UC Policy BFB-G-13: Policy and Regulations Governing Moving and Relocation.
2. Air coach transportation for the appointee and members of the household or an equivalent amount for other travel in accordance with standard airline fare policies and University travel regulation.
3. Meals en route for the appointee and members of the household in accordance with University travel regulations. If travel is by automobile, the cost of meals is an allowable expense only to the extent that might have been necessary if travel had been by air coach.

An appointee may have the total cost of removal of their personal library covered, but only if the library is to be made generally available to students and faculty; otherwise coverage is one-half of the total cost. It will be necessary for the involved appointee to secure from their moving company a breakout of the shipping costs for the portion of the shipment that is for library-related materials. Without this estimate, only 50% coverage will be allowed.

Household goods include: personal property such as furniture, clothing, musical instruments, household appliances, and other items which are usual and necessary for the maintenance of a household.

Full Removal

An exception to allow for full removal coverage may be requested by the Department at the time the start-up commitment is request. If full removal is provided, all reasonable removal costs will be covered for a single move, in accord with UC Policy BFB-G-13: Policy and Regulations Governing Moving and Relocation and subject to the following conditions.

Appointees receiving 100% removal will have travel for themselves and members of the household made on the lesser of one-way coach fare, or actual expenses (airfare or mileage reimbursement, **temporary** lodging, and meals en route) at UC allowable rates per G-28, Policy & Regulations Governing Travel and G-13, Policy & Regulations Governing Moving and Relocation. Receipts will be required. If, for personal reasons, an indirect route is traveled or the trip is extended, coverage shall be based only on such charges as would have been incurred by the usually traveled route. All appointees must purchase the least expensive air tickets to the Santa Barbara area.

Prospective employees should be aware that costs for the following cannot be covered:

- transport of trailers, boats, other motorized recreational vehicles, or more than two motor vehicles

- transport of belongings related to commercial enterprises engaged in by the employee
- transport of building materials
- transport of animals other than household pets
- assembly and disassembly of unusual items such as, but not limited to, satellite dishes, storage sheds or pool tables.
- Canned, frozen or bulk foodstuff.
- Plants

Advance approval will be required for coverage of costs associated with a move from more than one physical location (a staged move) or any other exception to policy.

~~Although the reimbursement policy outlined in UC Policy BFB G-13: Policy and Regulations Governing Moving and Relocation does not apply to academic employees, the procedures and processes in G-13 are applicable when managing academic employee removal expenses.~~