



UNITED STATES  
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

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November 6, 2019

CBCA 6514-RELO

In the Matter of JOSE M. HERNANDEZ

Jose M. Hernandez, London, United Kingdom, Claimant.

Suzanne R. Torres, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, APO Area Europe, appearing for Department of the Army.

**VERGILIO**, Board Judge.

Although authorized to receive temporary quarters subsistence allowance (TQSA) reimbursement before departure, the claimant did not occupy temporary quarters. The claimant has not demonstrated entitlement to recover TQSA.

Jose M. Hernandez, claimant, was a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, involved in separation travel, departing from outside the continental United States (OCONUS) to return to CONUS. The claimant seeks \$8341.03 in TQSA (for self and family) for lodging and meals for the period of June 24 through July 23, 2018, incurred upon departure after completion of service requirements.

For this situation, TQSA means an allowance granted to an employee for the reasonable cost of temporary quarters, meals, and laundry expenses incurred for a period not to exceed thirty days immediately preceding final departure from the post subsequent to the necessary vacating of residence quarters. Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) 121. An employee may obtain TQSA when it is necessary for the employee to occupy temporary quarters immediately preceding final departure from the post. DSSR 124.1.a, b.

The claimant does not take issue with the assertion by the agency that the claimant (and family) did not occupy temporary quarters, but instead remained at previously occupied quarters through the time of separation. Under the regulation, the claimant is not entitled to receive TQSA, because it was not necessary for the claimant to occupy temporary quarters.

The claimant has not established entitlement to the requested reimbursement.

*Joseph A. Vergilio*  
JOSEPH A. VERGILIO  
Board Judge