



Defence Determination 2007/29

I, STEVEN RICHARD GRZESKOWIAK, Director General Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions, Personnel Executive, make this Determination under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Dated 28 May 2007

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Director General
Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions
Personnel Executive

1 Citation

This Determination is Defence Determination 2007/29, Overseas conditions — School transport costs.

2 Commencement

This Determination commences on the date of signature.

3 Amendment

Defence Determination 2005/15, Conditions of Service, as amended,¹ is amended as set out in this Determination.

4 Clause 15.6.12 (School transport costs)

substitute

1. In this clause a **year** is the period from 1 March in a calendar year to 28 February in the next calendar year (or 29 February if it ends in a leap year).
2. A member is entitled to be reimbursed for the costs of the child travelling to and from school. The reimbursement can be made for these types of travel.
 - a. Public transport.
 - b. Transport contracted by the school, but not levied by the school.
3. The entitlement is an amount equal to the lesser of these fares.
 - a. Fares that would be payable if the child attended a benchmark school.
 - b. Fares paid by the member for the child.

Example: A child attends a school in Washington. It costs USD 200 a year to travel to and from a non-benchmark school. The fares for the benchmark school are USD 300. The member is only entitled to USD 200, less the contribution under subclause 4.

4. The annual entitlement for school transport costs must be reduced by a member contribution, which is worked out in local currency using the following formula.

$$\text{AUD } 56 \times \text{A} \times 2 \times \text{B}\%$$

A is the exchange rate used to pay salary to a member at the posting location on the payday immediately before 1 March in that year.

B is the post index in force on the payday immediately before 1 March in that year, expressed as a percentage. If a post index does not exist for the location on this date, **B** is the post index for the location at the date the member begins duty there.

Note 1: Information on items **A** and **B** is available from the Overseas Administration Centre (see Chapter 12 [Part 2](#) clause 12.2.2).

Note 2: AUD 56 is the cost of a school term bus ticket in Canberra on 1 March 2007.

Example: A school term bus ticket in Canberra cost AUD 56 on 1 March 2007. The USD exchange rate on the previous payday was 0.79. The US post index in force on the next payday was 109.2. This table shows how to apply the member's school transport contribution.

Step	Action
1.	Multiply the cost of a school term bus ticket in Canberra on 1 March by the exchange rate for the payday immediately before 1 March. $AUD\ 56 \times 0.79 = USD\ 44.24$
2.	Multiply the result of step 1 by 2. $USD\ 44.24 \times 2 = USD\ 88.48$
3.	Multiply the result of step 2 by the local post index for the payday immediately before 1 March. This is the member's contribution. $USD\ 88.48 \times 106.6\% = USD\ 94.32$
4.	Subtract the result of step 3 (the member contribution) from the allowable annual fare under subclause 2. $USD\ 200.00 - USD\ 94.32 = USD\ 105.68$

5. The Commonwealth will not reimburse costs to privately transport a child to and from school.

NOTE

1. Defence Determination 2005/15 commenced on 31 May 2005. For previous amendments see Note to Defence Determination 2007/1 and see also Defence Determinations 2007/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This Determination amends Defence Determination 2005/15, Conditions of Service (the Principal Determination), made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Act). Chapter 15 of the Principal Determination sets out conditions of service for members living and working on a long-term posting overseas.

This Determination updates the example in Subclause 15.6.12.3.

Clause 1 of this Determination sets out the manner in which this Determination may be cited.

Clause 2 provides that the Determination commences on the date of signature.

Clause 3 specifies that the amendment is made to the Principal Determination, as amended.

Clause 4 substitutes Clause 15.6.12 of the Principal Determination in order to:

- add a subclause at the beginning of the clause explaining what period a year covers for the purposes of the clause, and
- bring the figures in the example up to date. Step 2 of clause 4 simplifies the formula to produce the same outcome.

Authority: Section 58B of the
Defence Act 1903