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Relocation Expenses

Objective The objective is to outline the policy and procedures for the payment

of relocation expenses.

Authority The Financial Administration Act, 1993, clause 5(a), subsection 10(2)

Applicability This policy applies to ministries.

Background The Public Service Regulations, 1999, section 87 states:

"The permanent head supervising an employee may allow the employee a relocation allowance in accordance with commission policy."

Treasury Board Policy

.01 All relocation expenses shall be paid in accordance with the rates and terms established by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and in a manner prescribed by the Provincial Comptroller.

Provincial Comptroller Directives

.02 Refer to the following sections of the <u>Saskatchewan Public</u>
<u>Service Commission Human Resource Manual</u> for PSC's rates
and terms:

- PS 706 Relocation Expenses
- PS 706-A Return Service Commitment Appendix A; and
- PS 706-B Relocation Housing Subsidy Appendix B.

Accountable Advance

.03 Where an accountable advance is granted, in accordance with PS 706, refer to Section 3132 Advances to Individuals for more information.

Relocation Payment with an Advance

- .04 Upon receiving all required receipts for an employee who has an accountable advance, the employing ministry shall:
 - compare actual receipts to estimates; and
 - collect overpayment from employee or remit underpayment to employee.

Relocation Payment without an Advance

- .05 Upon receiving all required receipts for an employee who has not received an accountable advance, the employing ministry shall:
 - compute the amount of relocation allowance which the employee is eligible to receive; and



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• remit the relocation allowance to the employee.

Commercial Movers

.06 Commercial movers should be selected from a listing of Standing Offers managed by the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement. Existing standing offers are available electronically at http://www.standingoffers.gov.sk.ca/buyers/index.html.

Payment of Movers

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Where a commercial mover is used, the employing ministry is required to send a copy of the moving company's invoice, weigh tickets and signed Bill of Lading to the employee for verification. A Bill of Lading signed by the mover and the employee/appointee at the origin and destination is required as verification of goods received.

The Bill of Lading serves as:

- a receipt issued and signed by the mover that the listed goods are in their possession and ready for shipment; and
- a contract between the mover and employee/appointee for the transport of household goods to a stated destination.
- .08 The employing ministry verifies the following information on the invoice:
 - the reasonability of travel distances;
 - the weight of the items shipped by reviewing the weigh scale ticket; and
 - the transportation and other charges rates to ensure the rates used agree to the rates listed in the Standing Offer Agreement.
- .09 After resolving any discrepancies with the moving company, the employing ministry pays the invoice and retains supporting documentation including a signed bill of lading, the original mover's invoice and weigh scale tickets.

Rented or Owned Truck

When a rented or owned truck is used in accordance with PS 706, the employee submits a cost estimate to the employing ministry for packing and/or crating, loading, transporting (via rented truck), unloading and unpacking of the employee's primary household effects to the new location.



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References 3101 GRF Payment Responsibilities

3110 Petty Cash and Cash Register Floats

3132 Advances to Individuals

3134 Travel Cards

3136 Travel Expense Claims3156 Taxes on Goods and Services

4125 Insurance

Saskatchewan Public Service Commission Human Resource Manual, PS 706

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between The Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union

The Union Management Agreement between The Government of Saskatchewan and The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 600-3

The Public Service Regulations, 1999

Standing Offers Listing

