

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

UNIFORM RELOCATION ACT - MSDGC RESIDENTIAL RELOCATION GUIDELINES

Note that eligibility must be established by MSDGC and expenditures preapproved in order to receive reimbursement

MOVING OPTION AND ELIGIBLE COSTS & EXPENSES		
ADVISORY SERVICES	SELF MOVE - FIXED PAYMENT MOVE SCHEDULE	ACTUAL COST SELF, COMMERCIAL OR COMBINATION MOVES
Supply appropriate information concerning Federal and State housing programs and provide technical assistance to persons applying for services and benefits	Actual moving and related expenses, as MSDGC determines to be reasonable and necessary	Actual moving and related expenses, as MSDGC determines to be reasonable and necessary
Minimize hardships to persons in adjusting to relocation by providing counseling, advice as to other sources of assistance that may be available, and such other help as may be appropriate	Reimbursement is based on the number of rooms of personal property/furniture in the dwelling; Calculated to include all moving costs, including but not limited to, the reconnection of appliances and utilities such as phone or cable	Transportation costs for a distance of 50 miles, or beyond 50 miles as deemed justified by MSDGC
Advise of potential eligibility for government housing assistance at the replacement dwelling and any requirements of such government housing assistance program that would limit the size of the replacement dwelling, as well as of the long term nature of such rent subsidy, and the limited (42 month) duration of the relocation rental assistance payment	The number of rooms of furniture in the dwelling and are referred to as “pay rooms	Packing/crating all personal property in boxes, loading the boxes onto the truck, unloading the boxes, and unpacking/uncrating the boxes at the replacement dwelling
Determine relocation needs and preferences and explain the relocation payments and other assistance for which the person may be eligible, the related eligibility requirements, and the procedures for obtaining such assistance	Only in extraordinary circumstances are hallways, foyers, closets, bathrooms, utility rooms, etc., considered pay rooms	Disconnecting, dismantling, removing, reassembling and reinstalling relocated household appliances and other personal property
Provide current and continuing information on the availability, purchase prices, and rental costs of comparable replacement dwellings: Explain that the person cannot be required to move unless at least one comparable replacement dwelling is made available	Additional pay rooms may be reimbursed to cover the cost of moving personal property from storage rooms, workshops, garages, basements, etc., within the dwelling or outbuildings outside the dwelling	Reimbursement of costs to reconnect telephones and cable TV (if such services were present at displacement site), including gas dryers to nearby gas lines and refrigerator ice makers to water lines; excluding major plumbing alterations to accommodate appliances
Provide the specific comparable replacement dwelling and the price or rent used for establishing the upper limit of the replacement housing payment	Additional pay rooms may be reimbursed to cover the cost of moving an item of personal property which is difficult to move or requires special handling (e.g., pool table or piano)	Storage of the personal property for a period not to exceed 12 months; Insurance for the replacement value of the personal property
Inspect and confirm that all replacement dwellings are decent, safe and sanitary Identify all replacement options any advance relocation payments required for the move	The fixed payment schedule is established and published by the Federal Highway Administration - the current move cost schedule is published at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/fixsch96.htm	Replacement value of property lost, stolen, or damaged in the process of moving;
Provide transportation to inspect replacement housing; Assist the displaced person to obtain and become established in a suitable replacement dwelling		Other moving related expenses, which are not listed as ineligible below, but are determined by MSDGC to be reasonable and necessary
	INELIGIBLE MOVE EXPENSES	
	Cost of moving any structure or other real property improvement retained by the business; Interest on a loan to cover moving expenses; Personal injury; Legal fees or other costs for preparing a claim for a relocation payment or for representing the claimant before the MSDGC; Expenses incurred searching for a replacement dwelling; Costs for storage of personal property on real property already owned or leased by the displaced person; and, Refundable security and utility deposits	