



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Paul C. Bostwick

File: B-235615

Date: August 2, 1990

DECISION

The issue in this decision is whether Mr. Paul C. Bostwick is entitled to additional temporary quarters subsistence expenses (TQSE) under the circumstances of his change of duty station.^{1/} The agency denied reimbursement for TQSE for Mr. Bostwick's spouse and daughter at his old duty station after May 3, 1988, the date Mr. Bostwick moved into permanent quarters at his new duty station. Mr. Bostwick's spouse was under a physician's order restricting her ability to travel. Mr. Bostwick was authorized 60 days TQSE plus an additional 60 days TQSE for his wife and daughter due to his wife's travel restriction. During the period of temporary quarters for his spouse and daughter, they had moved out of their permanent residence and were staying with relatives.


Under the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR), para. 2-5.2f (Supp. 10, Mar. 13, 1984),^{2/} occupancy of permanent quarters at the employee's new duty station by the employee or any member of the employee's immediate family terminates entitlement to TQSE for all members of the family. See Gerald G. Shockley, B-230848, Sept. 6, 1988; Roger Patrick Watson, B-234721, Oct. 10, 1989, and cases cited therein. The FTR does not make an exception for an employee whose family's occupancy is delayed because of a medical restriction, and thus the authorization Mr. Bostwick received for TQSE for that purpose was of no effect. Therefore, TQSE for Mr. Bostwick's family terminated on the day he moved into permanent quarters.

^{1/} This responds to a request from Larry W. Faulkner, Authorized Certifying Officer, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

^{2/} Incorp. by ref., 41 C.F.R. § 101-7.003 (1988).

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Accordingly, we sustain the agency's denial of
Mr. Bostwick's claim.



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