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# 5 U.S. Code § 5731 - Expenses limited to lowest first-class rate

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**(a)** The allowance for actual expenses for transportation may not exceed the lowest first-class rate by the transportation facility used unless it is certified, in accordance with regulations prescribed under [section 5738 of this title](#), that—

**(1)** lowest first-class accommodations are not available; or

**(2)** use of a compartment or other accommodation authorized or approved by the head of the [agency](#) concerned or his designee is required for security purposes.

**(b)** Instead of the maximum fixed by subsection (a) of this section, the allowance to an employee of the Government for actual expenses for transportation on an inter-island steamship in Hawaii may not exceed the rate for accommodations on the steamship that is equivalent as nearly as possible to the rate for the lowest first-class accommodations on trans-pacific steamships.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 506; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, § 1723(b) (4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 105-264, § 6(10), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)



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