

DOJ TRANSIT SUBSIDY
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are Frequently Asked Questions and answers from the recently revised Department of Justice Employee Transit Savings (JETS) Program policy located on the FASS webpage on DOJNET. Citations to the policy sections are in parentheses following the answer.

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the Department of Justice Employee Transit Savings (JETS) Program?

A: Any DOJ employee, a federal employee who is detailed to DOJ pursuant to an appropriate administrative action, and any student intern, who commute via public mass transportation or an eligible commuter highway vehicle, are eligible to participate in the JETS Program. **(Policy: I.A.)**

Q: What is the current maximum Transit Benefit amount?

A: The maximum amount an employee can receive as a non-taxable Transit Benefit is set by **legislation**. The current amount authorized is posted on the Transit Subsidy section of the JMD FASS webpage on DOJNET. **(Policy: 1.8.4.)**

Q: May an employee outside of the National Capital Region (NCR) receive the Transit Benefit?

A: An Employee outside of the NCR may receive the transit benefit; however, the media he or she receives will vary depending on his or her agency's method of implementing the Program. An employee should contact his or her Transit Benefit Coordinator for the specifics of his or her component's Program.

Q: Do commuting costs include parking expenses?

A: No. **(Policy: 1.8.)**

Q: May the value of the JETS benefit accepted by the participant exceed the commuting costs?

A: No. If a participant does not use the entire Transit Benefit amount for the period for which it was issued, the balance will be returned to the agency. However, if the

participant has experienced a change in his or her commute, thereby changing the cost, he or she must revise the application to reflect that change.

Q: May a JETS participant be provided with a subsidized parking space or authorized use of a vehicle for home-to-work transportation?

A: No. An employee must relinquish his or her parking permit before receiving a transit subsidy. **(Policy: I.C.1)**