

# IPS 1-98 EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL FOR CHILDREN

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Responsible Offices: Office of Chief Financial Officer

\*This policy is effective as of the date below and will be incorporated into MS 812, "Staff Travel," at its next revision.\*

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## 1.0 EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Pursuant to section 280, "Educational Travel," of the Department of State's Standardized Regulations (Government, Civilians, Foreign Areas), which is incorporated herein by reference, eligible children of Peace Corps employees may be authorized educational travel to a school in the United States for secondary education and for college education. Subject to the restrictions in section 280, which are summarized below, a child may receive one educational travel round trip per year.

### 1.1 Eligibility

A child must be a member of the employee's family, described in section 040(m)(2) of the Standardized Regulations, and must be under 21 for secondary school and under 23 for post-secondary school. Additional eligibility requirements are described in section 284 of the Standardized Regulations.

### 1.2 Timing

The first leg of the first trip from Post normally establishes the anniversary date for travel eligibility purposes. In subsequent years, trips may not be begun before the anniversary date. See section 283(1)(b) of the Standardized Regulations for the rule when first travel is from school to Post.

Educational travel to a foreign area will not be authorized for the child when the Peace Corps anticipates authorizing the employee's transfer to the U.S., or when home-leave travel for the employee is scheduled within 30 days of the scheduled date of the child's departure for the Post.

Children must be outside the United States for 14 consecutive days prior to departure on educational travel trips to the U.S., except when a child's trip abroad within the 14 days was not at Peace Corps expense. The first round trip must originate from Post.

### 1.3 Education Allowance

A child may not receive both educational travel and an education allowance (though in some cases the education allowance includes travel). If the child may be authorized either, the employee must choose which to take advantage of. See MS 642, "Conditions of Service for U.S. Overseas Staff" and section 270, "Education Allowance," of the Standardized Regulations.

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