

Tax Status of Moving Expense Payments Renters

Item	Amount Deductible
Shipment of household goods, including disconnecting and connecting appliances.	All reasonable expenses – no dollar limit. Not taxed.
Shipment of primary auto(s) - up to 2	Not taxed.
Disconnecting and connecting utilities.	Not deductible. Taxable.
Travel expenses to new location.	All reasonable expenses except meals – no dollar limit. Not taxed. (Exception: meals and mileage reimbursement in excess of IRS standard allowance are taxable)
Pre-move apartment or house-hunting trip.	Not deductible. Taxable.
Temporary living expenses at new location for up to 30 days.	Not deductible. Taxable.
Expenses to break and acquire lease or rental accommodations, including lease cancellation fee. (Must not be prepayment of rent or security deposit.)	Not deductible. Taxable.
Return visits.	Not deductible. Taxable.
Relocation allowance.	Not deductible. Taxable.

To qualify for the deductions, the distance from the employee's new work location to the former residence must be at least 50 miles greater than the distance from the old work location to the former residence. In addition, the employee must be full time at the new location for at least 39 weeks unless terminated because of death, disability, involuntary separation, or transfer for the benefit of the employer.

The above list includes a variety of expenses and is for reference regarding taxability only ; does not indicate an individual's allowable relocation benefits.