

# PBP&E

Professional Books, Papers, & Equipment (PBP&E)- The military has issued you professional gear (Pro-Gear) in order to do your job, you can claim this property as PBP&E and it will not be charged against your max weight entitlement. **YOUR SPOUSE CAN CLAIM UP TO 500 LBS** as well. Please see below for more information. **Military can claim up to 2,000 lbs** total among all shipments. Civilians can claim the weight of their PBP&E only if specified in the order.

## The following items are PBP&E:

- Reference material not ordinarily available at the next PDS;
- Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, medical professionals, musicians and members of the professions;
- Specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronauts' suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing;
- Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment; and
- Government or uniformed service owned accountable organizational clothing and individual equipment issued to the Civilian employee or member by the Service/DoD COMPONENT for official use.
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## Excluded from PBP&E are:

- Commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business (AVON, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, etc);
- Sports equipment;
- Office furniture;
- Household furniture;
- Shop fixtures;
- Furniture of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E (e.g., bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks);
- Personal computer equipment and peripheral devices;
- Memorabilia including awards, plaques or other objects presented for past performance;
- Table service including flatware (including serving pieces), dishes (including serving pieces, salvers and their heating units), other utensils, and glassware; and/or
- Other items of a professional nature that are not necessary at the next/subsequent PDS, such as text books from previous schools unrelated to future duties, personal books, even if used as part of a past professional reading program or course of instruction and reference material that ordinarily would be available at the next/subsequent PDS either in hard copy or available on the Internet.

## What You Must Do to Ensure You're Not Charged for the Weight of Your PBP&E:

- Segregate PBP&E from everything.
- If claiming spouse and military PBP&E it is recommended write on a piece of paper "Military PBP&E" and place on-top and separate spouse's gear and write "Spouse's PBP&E". ALSO
  - Review inventory for completeness, legibility, and a distinct separation of PBP&E for a member and a dependent spouse must be made.
- PBP&E must be separately packed, marked with the word "M-PRO" for the member and "S-PRO" for the dependent spouse, inventoried and weighed.

**Recommended: Provide a bathroom scale for accurate weight!**

