

INFORMATION PAPER**SUBJECT:** Nontactical (Government) Vehicle Usage**BOTTOM LINE:** The use of nontactical, or government, vehicles is restricted to official use only. AR 58-1, para. 2-3.**DISCUSSION:**

- References. NTV usage is governed by DoD 4500.36R, *Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles*, 16 March 2007, and AR 58-1, *Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles*.
- Definitions.
 - “Nontactical Vehicle (NTV), c/k/a “Government-owned vehicle (GOV)”— A motor vehicle or trailer of commercial design acquired and assigned on the basis of authorization documents and used for providing administrative, direct mission, or operational transportation support of military functions. All DOD sedans, station wagons, carryalls, vans, and buses are considered “nontactical”. AR 58-1 at Glossary, Section II.
 - “Official Use” is use which, in consideration of all applicable factors, furthers the successful completion of a DoD function, action, or operation, and is otherwise consistent with the purpose for which DoD originally acquired the vehicle. Generally, “official use” does not include; private social functions; personal errands or side trips for unofficial purposes; personal medical appointments not required as a condition of employment or service in the Army; transportation of dependents or visitors without an accompanying official; or in support of non-DoD activities unless specifically approved under Army Regulations. AR 58-1, para. 2-4.
- Travel to/from Airports. NTV use for travel to and from commercial and military airports is permitted only when (AR 58-1, paras. 2-3i(1)):
 - Used by principal diplomatic officials or the Secretary of the Army or the Chief of Staff, Army.
 - Required for emergencies (See AR 58-1, para. 2-3f for authorized use of a NTV during emergency leave to transport personnel to the airport quickly.) or for security.
 - Terminals are located where other means of transportation are not available or cannot meet mission requirements.
 - Justified by cost analysis (AR 235-5) and approved by the Secretary of the Army.
 - Authorized in the National Capitol Region by DODI 4515.7.Notwithstanding the above, NTVs may be provided to personnel in receipt of valid TDY orders provided such factors as need, distance involved, duration of the mission, and other applicable conditions are considered to justify NTV use. However, TDY orders alone do not justify authorization of a NTV. AR 58-1, para. 2-3i(2).

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- Travel to/from Residences. Generally, NTVs will not be used for domicile-to-duty (D-T-D) travel, unless a very limited exception applies. AR 58-1, para. 2-4d. (See AR 58-1 at Chapter 4 for a list of narrow exceptions.) However, if an individual is on valid TDY orders and a NTV is authorized, a NTV may be permitted- and even overnight at the individual's residence. The basic consideration will be that the individual would have to travel a long distance to pick up the vehicle and then turn around and drive back in the same direction to proceed to the TDY site. AR 58-1, para. 4-3e. Additionally, the use of NTVs for travel to/from places of residence and airports is not permitted, absent a narrow exception as outlined above and in AR 58-1, para. 4-6.
- Travel to/from Restaurants. NTVs must not be used for transportation to or be parked at commissaries, post or base exchanges (including all concessions), bowling alleys, officer and NCO clubs, or non-appropriated fund activity unless personnel using the NTVs are on official business or TDY. AR 58-1, para. 2-4c. Even if service members are on official business, a stop at a fast food establishment is generally considered a personal errand or side trip for unofficial purposes, and therefore not authorized.
- NTV Use & Senior Officers. NTVs will not be provided based solely on reasons of rank, position, prestige, or personal convenience. AR 58-1, para. 2-4a. If a senior officer is participating in an official ceremony, transportation with the NTV must begin and end at the senior officer's normal place of duty, or other officially designated assembly area, but not a personal residence. AR 58-1, para. 2-3a(3).
- NTV Use & Distinguished Visitors (DVs). NTVs may provide transportation to DVs when accompanied by official personnel conducting official business. AR 58-1, para. 2-3 & 2-4b.
- NTV Use & Spouses. The spouse of a Government employee may be transported in an Army motor vehicle only when accompanying the military member or civilian employee in the Government vehicle. Such use will be authorized beforehand to accomplish official business, and depends on space available (DOD 4500.36-R, paragraph 2-5g). The ordering of additional or larger vehicles to take advantage of the spouse transportation provision will be considered misuse. AR 58-1, para. 2-3b.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

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