

# Office of the Integrity Commissioner



## Items to Consider Before and During Your Trip

### Transportation

Choose the most economical and practical form of transportation

This could be airplane, train, government car, rental car, personal car, taxi, shuttle, or public transit.

#### Airplane

- Choose the most economical fares.  
Air Canada (Basic, Standard, Flexible) - Porter (Firm, Flexible).
- Book in advance or as soon as possible to get a choice of the most economical fares.
- Double check times and dates to minimize change fees.
- Request flat rate taxi fares to and from the airport.

#### Train

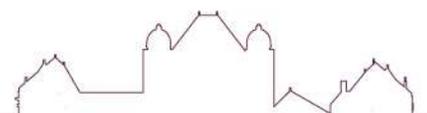
- Book an economy coach class ticket.

#### Car rental

- Book the car in advance.
- Rent the car under “Her Majesty the Queen” and then the Ministry (if applicable).
- Choose the most appropriate and economical vehicle for the business purpose.
- Decline the Collision Damage Insurance if booking with a corporate card.
- Refuel the vehicle before returning it to the rental agency.
- Do not choose the prepaid fuel option.

#### Personal vehicle

- Include a Google or MapQuest map with indicated route.
- Provide the starting and end points of travel.
- Ensure the correct rates have been used (\$0.40 / km South / \$0.41/km North) – Round the distance travelled to the nearest km.
- For longer distances, provide explanation why a personal vehicle was chosen over a rental vehicle.



## Accommodation and Meals

### Hotel

- Choose an appropriate hotel, taking into account cost, safety and proximity to the event.
- Ensure that a standard single accommodation is booked. Suites and rooms on executive or concierge floors will not be reimbursed.
- Use the [Federal Accommodation Database](#) to determine a reasonable guideline for a hotel rate.
- Ask for the government rate.
- Remove any personal items from the hotel bill.

### Meals

- Ensure that you are familiar with the meal rates. You may claim the meal rate regardless of the meal cost incurred.

These rates include taxes and gratuities:

*Breakfast = \$10.00 Lunch = \$12.50 Dinner = \$22.50*

- Receipts for meal expenses are not required.
- Meals must have been purchased for a claim to be made.
- Do not claim for a meal if it is provided in the cost of accommodation, conference, or travel.

### General

- Keep all your receipts and submit them with each claim.
- Submit expenses as soon as possible after completing your trip.
- Try and group all expenses for the trip together. Reference any expenses paid for by another person on your behalf.

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