# UNLOCK FLEET SAVINGS WITH PER DIEM AMID ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

## LEARN HOW TO SAVE **\$2,811**/DRIVER





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# AGENDA

- FLEET SAVINGS FROM PER DIEM
- CASE STUDY
- DRIVER TAX SAVINGS FROM PER DIEM
- ONE FLEET'S CREATIVE RETENTION SOLUTION
- TRUCKER PER DIEM RULES REVIEW





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# **PER DIEM ANALYSIS**













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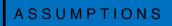
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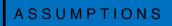
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Number of Over-The-Road Drivers

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**Combined Annual Fleet Savings / Driver** 

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**Annual Fleet Savings** 

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# WHICH PER DIEM METHOD IS MOST BENEFICIAL TO DRIVERS?

- Substantiated
- The distance a driver travels has no correlation to the need to eat 3 meals a day
- Substantiated per diem can be earned during a 34-hour restarts and unforeseen delays like detention, breakdowns, or weather

# **CASE STUDY**









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### LEARN HOW DRIVERS CAN SAVE \$5,099 IN FEDERAL TAXES





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# **TAX LAW REMINDER**

As of January 1, 2018, employee drivers can no longer claim per diem as a deduction on their individual income taxes.

Source: 2017 Tax Cuts & Jobs Act

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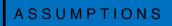
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# ONE FLEET'S CREATIVE RECRUITING & RETENTION SOLUTION





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### **PER DIEM BACKSTORY**

**Issue**: Motor carrier competes with 3 large carriers in their recruiting territory

**Challenge**: Create a superior compensation plan to standout from the competition

**Solution**: Introduce a substantiated per diem program that is paid <u>in addition</u> to a driver's weekly wages



### PER DIEM ANALYSIS ASSUMPTIONS

### 2750 WEEKLY MILES / DRIVER

\$50 PER DIEM RATE \$75,000 ANNUAL DRIVER WAGES

250 AVERAGE NIGHTS AWAY FROM HOME 10% CORPORATE INCOME \$10/\$100 WORKERS COMP RATE



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### **COST TO FLEET / DRIVER**

**PER DIEM vs WAGES** 

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Taxable Wages To Driver	\$12,500
Per Diem x 250 Days Away From Home	N/A
20% Non-Deductible Per Diem	N/A
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Federal Income Tax	\$11,510	\$8,760
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### **PER DIEM RESULTS**

**Recruiting:** The unique per diem plan stands out from the competition

**Retention**: New and existing drivers love the tax free "bonus"

Participation: 100%

Flexibility: Can incrementally increase up to \$69 to fund additional "raises"





## **TRUCKER PER DIEM RULES**





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### WHAT ARE THE CURRENT PER DIEM RATES?

# United States \$69

### Canada \$74

Source: IRS Notice 2022-44

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### CAN A DRIVER RECEIVE PARTIAL PER DIEM?

Yes

- A partial day is ¾ of the per diem rate
- Per Diem Plus records ¾ per diem if a driver starts an OTR truck driving trip AFTER noon or returns from an OTR trip BEFORE noon
- Must meet all other IRS requirements

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2011-47 Sec 6.04



### CASE STUDY

#### **354 DRIVERS**

Drivers Receiving At Least 1 Partial Per Diem Weekly	128
Annual Partial Per Diem Days	8,580
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### SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY PER DIEM

- Established "per day" travel expense allowance for away-from-home travel
- Eliminated receipts for meals & incidental expenses
- Defined a "day" as 12:01 am Midnight

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2000-39, 2000-9 Sec 4.04 [Notice 2000-48]



### SPECIAL RULES FOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

- A motor carrier carrier can only pay a per diem for meal and incidental expenses
- Directly involves moving people or goods by truck
- Drivers regularly travel away from home to localities with differing federal per diem rates



### WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PER DIEM IS DEDUCTIBLE?

- Per diem is ordinarily subject to an 80% deduction limitation
- Congress temporarily increased the per diem deduction to 100% for 2021 and 2022

Source: IRS Notice 2021-25 & 2021-63, Sec 201 of Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020, Division EE of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

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### **IS PER DIEM TAXABLE TO DRIVERS?**

No.

 All amounts paid under an accountable plan and are excluded from income and wages

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2011-47

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### WHICH DRIVERS CAN RECEIVE PER DIEM?

Only employee drivers that:

- Are subject to DOT Hours of Service
- Who travel away from home overnight where sleep or rest is required, and
- Do not start and end a trip at home on the same 14-hour DOT HOS clock

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2011-47



### PER DIEM METHODS USED IN TRUCKING

Per Diem Substantiation Method

Fixed daily amount

Flat Rate or Stated Schedule

• Cent-per-mile rate

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2011-47 Sec 4.04(3) & (4)



### IS TRUCKER PER DIEM A WAGE RECLASSIFICATION?

- No. The trucking industry has been treating a portion of an employee's wages as per diem for over 30 years
- Neither substantiated or cent-per-mile are considered an improper "wage reclassification

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2000-39, 2000-9 Sec 4.04 [Notice 2000-48]



### SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY PER DIEM

- 1990: IRS introduced per diem (per day) allowances
- 1991: First transportation industry guidance published
- 2000: Special Transportation Industry rate introduced

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 90-60, 2000-39, 2000-9 Sec 4.04 [Notice 2000-48]



### **REVENUE RULING 2012-25**

- Issued in response to an emerging audit trend
- Businesses that did not historically offer per diem were implementing abusive per diem plans
- The plans recharacterized taxable wages as nontaxable reimbursements or allowances

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2000-39, 2000-9 Sec 4.04 [Notice 2000-48]



## **REVENUE RULING 2012-25**

- This revenue ruling is inapplicable to transportation industry
- Revenue rulings apply to a specific set of facts
- 1991: IRS ruled a driver's weekly compensation may be reduced by amounts designated as a per diem allowance for meals and incidental expenses.

Source: TAM 9146003; Kristin Hickman, <u>IRB Guidance: The No Man's Land of Tax Code Interpretation</u>, 2009 MICH. ST. L. REV. 239 (2009)).



## **REVENUE RULING 2012-25**

- The facts do not parallel the transportation industry
- Cable TV contractors, nurses, construction workers and house cleaners do not have industryspecific rules prescribed by the IRS
- Three of the four cases failed to fulfill the basic business connection requirement of the regulations

Source: TAM 9146003; Kristin Hickman, IRB Guidance: The No Man's Land of Tax Code Interpretation, 2009 MICH. ST. L. REV. 239 (2009)).



## PER DIEM SUBSTANTIATION RULES





## HOW OFTEN ARE TRUCKER PER DIEM RATES REVISED?

Annually

Notice 2022-44 was issued September 26, 2022



## WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PROVE PER DIEM?

 Fleet must identify the elements of "time, amount and place" for each per diem event

Source: IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-47 Sec 4.03, Treasury Regulation 1.274-5A



## **PERIODIC RULE FOR CENT-PER-MILE**

- Not less than monthly
- A fleet must compare the total per diem allowance paid for the period to the sum computed under substantiated per diem

Source: IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-47 Sec 4.03, Treasury Regulation 1.274-5A



#### **EXAMPLE: SUBSTANTIATED METHOD**

- Driver travels away from home for 10 days during a calendar month
- Fleet pays \$69 special transportation industry per diem
- The amount deemed substantiated is \$690 -10 days away from home at \$69 per day

See IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-47 Sec 4.03, Treasury Regulation 1.274-5A



#### **EXAMPLE: CENT-PER-MILE METHOD**

- Driver is paid a "cents-per-mile" allowance under a flat rate
- The driver travels away from home for 10 days during a calendar month
- Employer pays an allowance of \$500 for the 10 days
- The substantiated per diem rate is \$69
- The driver only drives for 8 days
- The amount deemed substantiated is the full \$500 does not exceed \$690 (10 days away from home at \$69 per day)

Source: IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-47 Sec 4.03, Treasury Regulation 1.274-5A



## WHAT SUBSTANTIATION MEETS THE IRS REQUIREMENT?

- Per Diem Plus Fleets
- ELD Backups (Logbooks)

Source: IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-47, Treasury Regulation 1.274-5A



#### Example

Start Date End Date							
05/15/2022	05/21/2022						
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Source: Per Diem Plus



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## HOW LONG SHOULD DOCUMENTATION BE RETAINED?

- No less than 3 years from <u>filing date of the</u> corporate income tax return
- Per Diem Plus has a 4-year data retention policy



## LOCAL DRIVER EXAMPLE

The driver:

- Starts and ends trip at your terminal within 14hour DOT HOS day
- Gets an hour off duty to eat and not to sleep
- The brief time off is not an adequate rest period The driver is <u>not</u> traveling away from home



# NON-ACCOUNTABLE TRUCKER PER DIEM PLAN







#### CAN A FLEET INCLUDE A LODGING PER DIEM?

*"Your company is using the lodging option, so your amounts are \$59 for meals and \$74 for lodging"* 

"Meal per diem can be awarded each day, while lodging is limited to 2 days a week"

"Lodging can be used but it follows some different rules. The daily total is limited to \$155 which we stay well under to ensure compliance"

"Lodging has always been 100% deductible, that's why some people use that option"

"Both options (meals and incidentals only, meals and lodging) are compliant with IRS regulations"



#### CAN A FLEET INCLUDE A LODGING PER DIEM?

- No, the Special Transportation Industry per diem is exclusively for meals and incidental expenses
- IRS revenue procedures do not provide rules for using per diem to substantiate the amount of lodging expenses only
- Using both Special Transportation Industry & federal per diem violates the double reimbursement or deduction provisions

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2011-47 Sec 4.04(1), 3.01 & 6.06, IRC 267(b), Tres. Reg. Sec 1.274-5(c)(2)(iii)



#### CAN A FLEET INCLUDE A LODGING PER DIEM?

- Any per diem payments are treated as paid under a nonaccountable plan
- Are included in an employee's gross income and reported as wages on Form W-2
- It is not reasonable for a fleet to anticipate lodging expenses will be incurred by a driver with a sleeper-cab
- No US Appeals or Supreme Court case exists that allowed lodging-only per diem in trucking

Source: IRS Rev. Proc. 2011-47 Sec 4.04(1), 3.01 & 6.06, IRC 267(b), Tres. Reg. Sec 1.274-5(c)(2)(iii)



# Questions?

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