



6.2.8 Individual Travel Credit Cards

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I. Purpose

To establish requirements for authorization and issuance of a travel card to UT Health San Antonio travelers.

II. Scope

This policy applies to qualified UT Health San Antonio travelers and to the usage of an individual State issued travel credit card.

III. Policy

A. State Contract Travel Credit Card

The Texas Building and Procurement Commission, Division of Travel and Transportation, has selected an approved corporate account to provide travel credit card services to state travelers.

The travel card is issued to UT Health San Antonio (UTHSA) employees that travel three or more trips per fiscal year or will spend more than \$500 per fiscal year on business travel. Travelers may purchase airfare, train, lodging, and car rentals on their account. Additionally, they may use the card for meals and retail expenses related to business travel while away from their headquarters city.

Applications and processing are handled by the Travel Services Office, extension 210-562-6216.

B. Individual Liability

The individual travel card is an individual liability account. The responsibility to pay for charges on this card rests solely with the card holder. Cards will be cancelled for delinquency by the issuing bank. Final approval for the account is given only by the issuing bank.

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C. Airline Tickets

All airfares must be purchased through a State-sponsored account, either with a State of Texas travel card or the UTHSA's account for central billing (UPT). See the Institutional Handbook of Operating Policies (IHOP), Policy [6.2.12 Purchase of Airline Tickets](#) for procedures to purchase airfare using the central bill account. State contract airfares may be purchased only with a State-sponsored account. The reason(s) for purchasing an airfare with a means other than a State of Texas corporate account must be indicated on the State of Texas Travel Contractor Usage Statement. See the IHOP, Policy [6.2.5 UT Contracted Travel Agency Use](#) for additional information.

D. Other Official Purchases

State issued corporate travel cards may be used for other business travel related purchases outside of the traveler's headquarters city, such as lodging, rental cars, meals, registrations, books, and materials, etc., whether or not these purchases are reimbursed. These purchases may also be made using a personal credit card or other payment means of the individual's choice.

Currently, the State of Texas does not offer any card for payment of entertainment expenses, including business luncheons and/or alcoholic beverages. The individual travel card is not appropriate for such purchases.

E. Personal Use

State issued corporate travel cards may be used for State of Texas business travel purposes only in accordance with State Ethics Commission Ethics Advisory Opinion 89 112. University employees may use their state credit cards for business travel related purposes whether or not the purchase is in whole, or part reimbursed by the UTHSA.

IV. Definitions

There are no defined terms used in this Policy.

V. Related References

There are no related documents associated with this Policy.

VI. Review and Approval History

- A. The approving authority of this policy is the UTHSA Executive Committee.
- B. The review frequency cycle is set for three years following the last review date, a time period that is not mandated by regulatory, accreditation, or other authority.

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