



FACT SHEET Telework

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Background

Telework is a flexible work arrangement under which an employee performs the duties and responsibilities of such employee's position, and other authorized activities, from an appropriate alternative worksite (AW). The AW is a location other than the officer's official or temporary duty station (as stated in the officer's official personnel orders) at which the officer's supervisor has authorized said officer to perform his/her official duties. This may be the officer's residence, a telework center, or other approved worksite. This fact sheet addresses regular, previously-arranged telework days. It is not intended to cover episodic telework. Telework is a benefit, not an entitlement.

Eligibility

- ▶ PHS Officers in HHS agencies are subject to telework guidelines as established by DCCPR
- ▶ Officers in *non*-HHS agencies are subject to guidelines as established by their respective organization (e.g., DOD or BOP).
- ▶ Positions or billets eligible for telework are those which include work activities with these characteristics:
 - Portable (not dependent on the officer's presence at his/her official duty station)
 - Conducive to supervisory oversight at the AW
 - Example work activities: writing, policy development, research, data entry, and analysis
- ▶ An officer whose performance is satisfactory and who can function independently and:
 - Must not be under any current or pending disciplinary or negative administrative action
 - Has no unresolved security issues that might influence telework
 - In some situations, operating divisions (OPDIV) may require one year of probationary status where the officer is not able to telework.

Highlights

- ▶ Required to complete telework training annually and place completion certificate in your AW file or eOPF: http://www.telework.gov/tools_and_resources/training/employees/index.aspx
- ▶ Telework may be allowed either full-time (5 days per week) or part-time (less than 5 days per week). As with most aspects of the telework program, OPDIV, STAFFDIV and non-HHS organizations to which PHS Officers are assigned may define arrangements and parameters for participation within their specific telework policies and agreements.
- ▶ Eligible officers may telework on a periodic basis, on regularly-scheduled days, or both
- ▶ All telework agreements must be written and reviewed annually in accordance with the specific requirements in the [Telework Commissioned Corps Instruction](#).

Resources

- ▶ Commissioned Corps official telework policy : <http://dcp.psc.gov/eccis/documents/CC313.01.pdf>
- ▶ 2014 FAQ updates: http://dcp.psc.gov/CCMIS/PDF_docs/Telework%20FAQ.pdf
- ▶ List of telework center locations: http://www.telework.gov/Reports_and_Studies/tw_rpt01/Dec01AppA.aspx

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