

## Department of Administrative Services - State Accounting Enterprise

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1. Meal reimbursement shall be allowed only in conjunction with an overnight stay, except:
  - a) When a meal is provided and is an integral part of a meeting, conference, retreat, or special event, and prior approval is obtained from the Department Head.
  - b) When approved by the Department Head and the DAS Director for any such meal reimbursements.
  - c) When meal reimbursement is allowed by the Code of Iowa to specific board, commission, advisory council, and task force members. The actual Code reference must be included on the claim.
2. "Integral" is defined as a basic, indispensable or necessary element of the meeting. The employee is required to remain through the meal time(s) because the employee's presence is essential to the continuation of the meeting while business is conducted. The following examples are for illustrative purposes only and meant to provide general guidelines.

Examples of a meal which is an integral part of a meeting, conference, retreat or special event:

**Example A:** A board meeting is scheduled from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Because of the limited time, lunch is delivered to the meeting and consumed as the meeting continues.

**Example B:** An employee is required to remain onsite at a training, conference, or special event, which results in meals being provided to the employee onsite.

Example of a meal which is not an integral part of a meeting, conference, retreat or special event:

**Example A:** A meeting is scheduled from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Because the attendees are dismissed for a noon meal, and are not required to remain present at the meeting, the meal is not an integral part of the meeting.