

## Professional Books, Papers and Equipment Change to the Definition and a Weight Limit

A very important change was made regarding shipping personal books, papers and equipment, also referred to as “Pro Gear” or PBP&E.

Beginning with orders issue date on or after 1 May 2014, PBP&E is limited to a maximum net weight of 2000 lbs with no authority to waive the limitation. Those who transported more than 2000 lbs of PBP&E overseas prior to the change will be grandfathered and allowed to return the same amount to the CONUS. See Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Chapter 5, Part D paragraph 5310 for further information.

Civilian employees PBP&E are household goods and are a part of the PCS weight allowance. PBP&E may be moved under Joint Travel Regulations, Chapter 5, Part D, paragraph C5154, but the maximum weight allowed is 2000 lbs.

Also, PBP&E has been redefined, “*PBP&E includes household goods in a member’s/employee’s possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later permanent duty station (PDS).*”

**Excluded** from PBP&E are the following:

- Personal computer equipment or peripheral devices
- Memorabilia including awards, plaques or other objects presented for past performance-including going away gifts
- Table service, including flatware (and serving pieces), dishes (including serving pieces, salvers and their heating units) other utensils and glassware
- Other items of a professional nature that will not be necessary at the next or subsequent PDS, such as text books from previous schools unrelated to future duties, personal books, even if used as a part of a past professional reading program or course of instruction and reference material that ordinarily would be available at the next/subsequent PDS either in hard copy or available on the internet

When PBP&E weight is unobtainable by conventional weighing methods, the weight is now **7 (seven)** lbs per cubic foot.

If you have any questions regarding these changes contact your local Traffic Management Office or JPPSO.