

## **PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E)**

General PBP&E is also referred to as PRO or PRO-Gear.

### **SPOUSE PRO GEAR-- U 5310 C**

#### **C. Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment (PBP&E).**

1. A member is authorized PBP&E (APP A definition) transportation IAW the Agency/Service regulations, when the member certifies the PBP&E as necessary for official duty and the Service agrees. As long as all of the PBP&E meet the PBP&E definition, PBP&E weight may not be constrained.
2. **The Secretarial Process for each Service may authorize a member an additional weight allowance NTE 500lbs. for PBP&E (APP A) that belongs to the member's spouse when on a PCS.**
3. PBP&E is transported in the same manner as HHG, including incident to separation, relief from active duty or retirement, but is not charged against the authorized weight allowances in par. U5310- B or UB limit in par.U5320-B.
4. When an item no longer qualifies as PBP&E, it may be transported or placed in NTS incident to the next PCS as PBP&E if it is still HHG.
5. An article which loses its identity as PBP&E continues as HHG, if otherwise qualified.
6. **PBP&E must be declared at origin and documented IAW Agency/Service transportation policy and procedures. HHG not declared and/or documented as PBP&E prior to the HHG transportation or not PBP&E for that move is part of the HHG counted against the applicable HHG weight allowance except as noted in par. U5310-C4 for the move following the transition of the HHG from PBP&E to ordinary HHG.**

Appendix A1 Part 1 (Definition)

**D. MEMBER'S DEPENDENT SPOUSE**

1. General

a. This is *not* applicable to an *employee's* dependent spouse.

**b. PBP&E includes HHG in a spouse's possession needed for the spouse's employment or community support activities at the next or a later destination.**

2. The following items are PBP&E:

a. Reference material,

b. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, and members of the professions;

c. Specialized clothing such as diving suit, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, nurse uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing.

d. Personal computers and accompanying equipment used for business or community support activities (i.e., CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse, 1 printer, 1 set of small computer speakers).