

## PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (PBP&E) DEC 15

### A. General. PBP&E:

1. Is also referred to as PRO or PRO-Gear.
2. Includes HHG in a member's/employee's possession needed for the performance of official duties at the next or a later PDS. See [B-171877.03, 15 December 1976](#), [B-196994, 9 May 1980](#), and [B-251563, 14 June 1993](#).

### B. PBP&E Inclusions. The following items are PBP&E:

1. Reference material not ordinarily available at the next PDS;
2. Instruments, tools, and equipment peculiar to technicians, mechanics, medical professionals, musicians and members of the professions;
3. Specialized clothing such as diving suits, astronauts' suits, flying suits and helmets, band uniforms, chaplains' vestments, and other specialized apparel not normal or usual uniform or clothing;
4. Communication equipment used by a DoD employee or DoD member in association with the MARS ([DoDI 4650.02](#));
5. Individually owned or specially issued field clothing and equipment; and
6. Gov't or uniformed service owned accountable organizational clothing and individual clothing (OC&IE) property issued to the employee or member by the Service/DoD COMPONENT for official use.

### C. PBP&E Exclusions. Excluded from PBP&E are:

1. Commercial products for sale/resale used in conducting business;
2. Sports equipment;
3. Office furniture;
4. Household furniture;
5. Shop fixtures;
6. Furniture of any kind even though used ICW the PBP&E (e.g., bookcases, study/computer desks, file cabinets, and racks);
7. Personal computer equipment and peripheral devices;
8. Memorabilia including awards, plaques or other objects presented for past performance;
9. Table service including flatware (including serving pieces), dishes (including serving pieces, salvers and their heating units), other utensils, and glassware; and/or
10. Other items of a professional nature that are not necessary at the next/subsequent PDS, such as text books from previous schools unrelated to future duties, personal books, even if used as 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.