

Royal Travel Fund

Purpose

The purpose of this Fund is to provide support to the Crown of the Kingdom of Lochac to travel to events around the Kingdom

Definitions

Royal Travel Fund (RTF): A sum of money allocated for the reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the Crown of Lochac.

Council of Extraordinary Expenditure (CoEE): A group formed on an ad-hoc basis when it is necessary to consider possible extraordinary expenditure beyond the regular royal travel fund allocation. Voting members on the council will consist of the Kingdom Seneschal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl Marshal and the Arts and Sciences Minister. Where the Kingdom Officer has stepped into a Crown role, the nominated Deputy will be included in process.

Council of the Purse (CoP): A group made up of the Kingdom Seneschal, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Their Royal Majesties. The CoP has delegation over the Royal Travel Fund.

Exchequer: Chancellor of the Exchequer of the Kingdom of Lochac, the Kingdom's (chief) Financial Officer.

Deputy Exchequer: Deputy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This officer resides in the country the Exchequer does not.

Kingdom Seneschal: Chief Kingdom Administrator

The Crown: the Sovereign (winner of the Crown Tournament and who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen) and their Consort (person who was fought for in the Crown Tournament and who has been crowned with the title of King or Queen).

Branch: An individual SCA group within the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Lochac (Australia and New Zealand/Aotearoa)

SCA: The Society of Creative Anachronism

Scope

This fund is designed to assist TRM's with the high cost of traveling around the Kingdom. This allows for TRM's to travel around the Kingdom of Lochac (Mundanelly Australia and New Zealand) with an option to use a limited portion of this allowance for Inter-Kingdom travel.

To remove ambiguity, support for travel includes but is not limited to:

- Airfares
- Excess baggage charges
- Ferry tickets
- Car rentals
- Accommodation
- Car fuel costs

Responsibilities

Chancellor of the Exchequer	• Sit upon the Council of the Purse • Undertake a review cost of travel in conjunction with the value of the allowance in this policy • Lead periodic reviews of this policy • Call a meeting of the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure when needed
CoP	• Take decision on following reign's allowance • Participate in reviews of this policy
Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer	• Sit upon the Council of the Purse • Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure
TRM's	• Sit upon the Council of the Purse • Have Right of Veto over decisions regarding the following reign's RTF • Cannot vote on approving extraordinary event payments
Kingdom Seneschal	• Sit upon the Council of the Purse • Assist with review of this policy • Assist with review of travel cost • Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure
Earl Marshal	• Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure (when called upon)
Arts and Sciences Minister	• Sit upon the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure (when called upon)

Value

As from the first reign of (mundanely) 2025 the value of the fund will be \$6000, irrespective of which country TRM's are residing in (assuming AUD1:NZD1 due to air travel being relative between the two countries). The value will increase as per the below table (See Figure 1). Increases reflect projected inflation figures from both the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, as available in April 2025. After the completion of the table, a sense-check and revision of this policy will be required, to ensure the fund keeps up with cost of travel.

The terms of the fund also allow for TRM to use a portion of the fund to assist with travel to another Kingdom. This is set at no more than 25% of their reigns allowance. This too is shown in figure one.

Year	Total Value of Allowance (Per Reign)	Portion available for Inter-Kingdom travel (Per Reign)
Autumn Crown 2025	6000	1500
Spring Crown 2025	6090	1520
Autumn Crown 2026	6180 + 5% (see note) = 6489	1545 + 5% (see note) = 1622
Spring Crown 2026	6275 + 5% (see note) = 6589	1570 + 5% (see note) = 1648
Autumn Crown 2027	6370	1590

Figure 1 - Values for next 5 Crowns

Note: Allowances originally calculated for the Autumn and Spring Crown reigns in 2026 were reviewed in light of changes to airfares not anticipated during the 2025 review of this policy. The 5% increase reflects increased travel costs mid-2026, assumed to continue until early 2027.

Extraordinary events

Should there be an event that requires TRM's at short notice to travel to an event, an extra ordinary allowance amount of no more than \$500 can be applied for. As this will be during Their reign, TRM cannot vote on this allowance being approved. For the purpose of this event, an Extraordinary Council of Expenditure will be called, consisting of the Kingdom Seneschal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer, Earl Marshal, and Arts and Sciences Minister.

Abertridwr Endowment

History

Through the closure of a branch, the populace of that branch were polled on what they wanted done with the cash assets of the branch. The poll came out with a portion of the populace in favour of the Kingdom taking some of the money to contribute to the Royal Travel Fund.

Scope

Through this contribution was born the Abertridwr Endowment. This endowment provides for \$500 per calendar year to attend the major camping event held in the Western Australian branches, similar to Abertridwr's Pencampwr event.

Conditions of the fund

This endowment is only available once per calendar year, to attend the major camping event in Western Australia. If TRM's decide not to attend in a particular year, that portion of the endowment is held over for an additional year (i.e. rolls forward). Should an event not be held in a particular

year, that portion of the endowment is passed into the regular Kingdom Funds. The total value of the fund was \$5000, in 2019. As at the beginning of 2025, there remains \$3,500 available.

Review Period

This policy is required to be reviewed for its relevance to the current situations of the Kingdom of Lochac at minimum once every tenure of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Kingdom Seneschal, therefore being at minimum every two years. The value of the allowance within this fund is required to be reviewed as necessary by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but not exceeding the end of the year 2025.

Should there be any material change to travel costs beyond the CPI indexation used to calculate the forward schedule of allowances in this policy, the Chancellor of the Exchequer may propose an amendment to the schedule at any time, for ratification by the members of the Council of Extraordinary Expenditure. The basis of the amendment must be documented to the satisfaction of the CoEE.

References

<https://www.ceicdata.com/en/new-zealand/consumer-price-index-forecast-reserve-bank-of-new-zealand/rbnz-forecast-consumer-price-index-yoy-quarterly> (downloaded 15 April 2025) predicts an average 2% p.a. inflation in NZ, during the period covered by this review.

(<https://www.ceicdata.com/en/australia/consumer-price-index-forecast/rba-forecast-cpi-inflation-high>) (downloaded 15 April 2025) predicts an average 3% p.a. inflation in Australia, during the period covered by this review.

Review History

Adopted:	31 December 2019
1 st review	15 January 2021
2 nd review:	15 April 2025
3 rd review:	12 July 2026
Next review	15 April 2027