Are all employees eligible to receive an allowance for a personally-owned Mobile Communication Device (MCD)?

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Supplemental to University Policy 602.10, Mobile Communication Device Allowances and MCD Procedures.

1. No. You should only receive an allowance if your job duties require you to maintain a personal device for substantial noncompensatory business reasons and your Supervisor, Department Head, and VC of Business Affairs, if applicable, approve your use of a personally-owned MCD for business purposes. Reference this FAQ for examples of substantial noncompensatory business reasons.

   - This policy does not cover devices that strictly use free wireless services, e.g., iPads that connect via the University's NinerWiFi or eduroam networks.

   - MCD equipment charges, including insurance/protection plans, are not covered by this allowance.

   - Temporary employees are not generally considered eligible for an MCD allowance and cannot be routed through the electronic approval process. Contact the Assistant Controller of Tax & Payroll for questions and additional guidance.

2. Eligible employees who plan to request an MCD allowance should discuss the request with their Supervisor and Department Head or Delegate (e.g., College/Service Unit Business Officer) prior to submitting the MCD eForm.

3. Regardless of eligibility, MCD allowances are at the department's discretion.

Related Articles

- What are the deadlines for requesting/renewing a MCD allowance?
- What fund should I enter in the "Allowance Fund" field of the MCD eForm?
- What supporting documentation should I submit with my MCD Allowance Request eForm?
- How do I purchase mobile "apps" needed on a University-owned Mobile Communication Device (MCD)?
- Why is my personally-owned Mobile Communication Device (MCD) excluded from my taxable compensation?