

## ON-SITE MEAL MONEY

The GME Office provides funds for meals during some call hours when residents are on service at VUMC or at the VA Medical Center. House Staff with the following patient care obligations are issued On-Site Meal Money for use to purchase meals anywhere on VUMC campus (except the VUH Gift Shop) that accepts the Badge Bucks, accessed by presenting a VUMC ID Badge:

Call:	Definition:	Meals allotted (amounts of On-Site Meal money for particular meals are defined below):
Overnight	>24 hours	1 dinner meal amount and 1 breakfast meal amount
Late Night	14-23 hours	1 dinner meal amount
Morning After Night Shift	Shifts scheduled to start in PM, end in AM	1 dinner meal amount
Extended Shifts	≥ 10 day shifts in a row of ≥ 12 hours each (scheduled in advance)	2 dinner meal amounts per 10 shifts

The dollar amount is preloaded according to the scheduled shifts and is allocated twice a year, on July 1st and January 1st. **ALL FUNDS EXPIRE on June 30th.** If you start on August 1st, you will receive a deposit for your final month of the current year on July 1st. You will receive your first deposit for the following year on August 1st. Although more food may be purchased than is allotted above, there is a maximum of \$20 in a single purchase and \$40 in total purchases in a day. Amounts for On-Site Meal Money meal costs are periodically evaluated and subject to change.

Questions regarding On-Site Meal Money may be directed to the GME Office at 615-322-4916. On-Site Meal Money may not be used to purchase non-food items, including gift cards, at any outlet. If such purchases, including but not limited to gift cards and movie tickets, are made with On-Site Meal Money, then the amount of the purchase may be deemed taxable income and subject to reimbursement to the GME office for the amount of the purchase.

New Innovations, including reporting from the prior year, will be periodically audited to determine whether the shifts worked are congruent with the scheduled shifts reported, as well as to determine the overall suitability of allocation to the programs.

Additionally, House Staff may open a personal Badge Bucks account in order to add money via debit or credit card for use when on call funds are exhausted or if they want to have money on their card for other purchases. House Staff can access and manage their accounts online at: <https://get.cbord.com/vumc> by following the instructions at

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the GET link. Questions regarding Badge Bucks may be directed to the Card Services office at [newcard.vumc@vumc.org](mailto:newcard.vumc@vumc.org) or by calling 615-936-3350. The Courtyard Café (hospital cafeteria) is located on the second floor of The Vanderbilt Clinic (TVC) and operates from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Children's Way Café is also located on the second floor of the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital (VCH).

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