



United Airlines Military Baggage Allowance: Size, Weight & Fees

United Airlines Military Baggage refers to special checked-baggage benefits available to eligible active U.S. military personnel and, in certain circumstances, their dependents.

United's current contract of carriage states that active U.S. military members and accompanying dependents traveling for personal purposes can receive an allowance of **three checked bags**, with each bag weighing **up to 70 pounds** and measuring up to **62 linear inches**, without excess or overweight charges. [Poder 360](#)

Military travel on official orders can qualify for a larger allowance.

United Airlines Military Baggage



Personal Travel Allowance

For eligible active U.S. military personnel and accompanying dependents traveling for personal reasons,

United provides:

- Up to 3 **checked bags**
- Maximum 70 **pounds per bag**
- Maximum **62 linear inches per bag**
- No excess-baggage charge within these limits
- No overweight charge when the bag remains within the 70-pound limit
- Applies to eligible United and United Express-operated flights

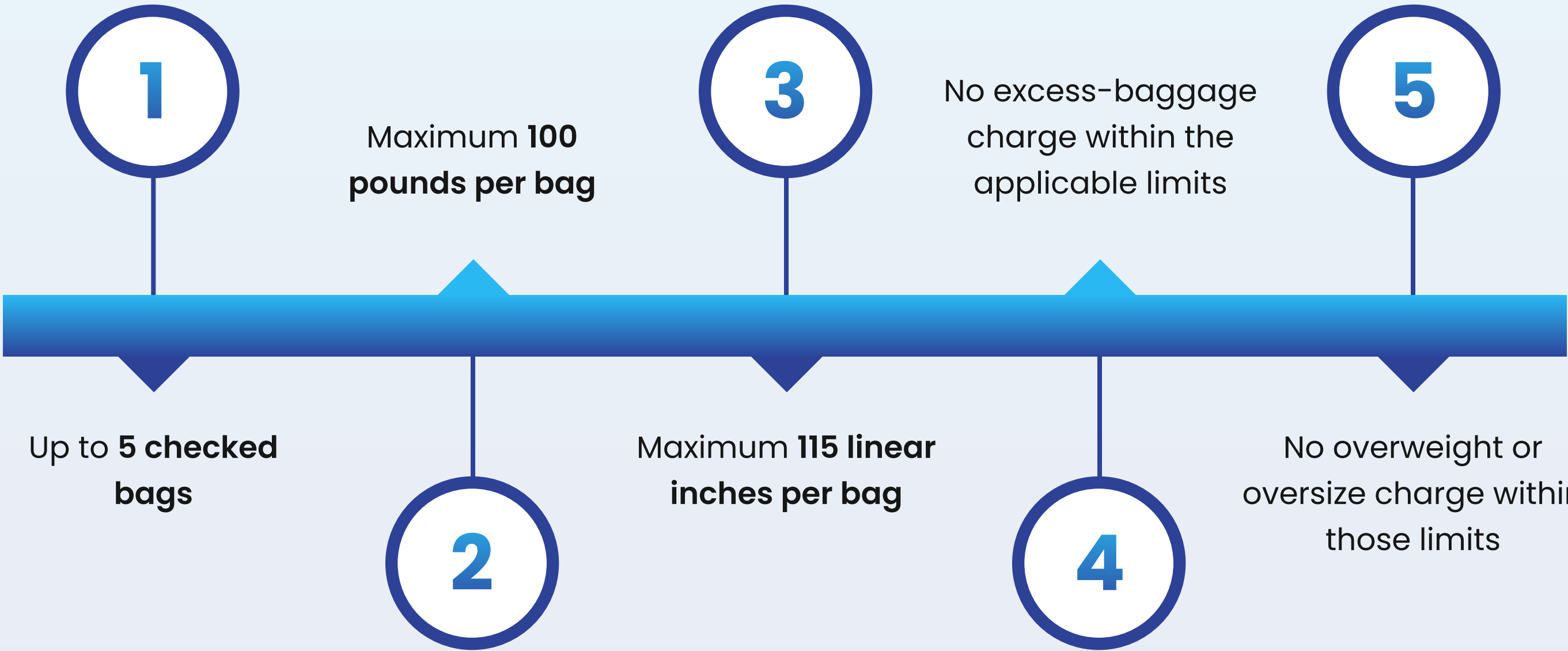
This allowance can provide substantial savings compared with standard baggage charges.



Military Orders Allowance

Traveling under military orders generally provides a higher baggage allowance. For active U.S. military personnel traveling on orders, and military personnel and eligible dependents traveling on orders for relocation, United's current

Contract Provides:



*The current United contract of carriage specifies this enhanced allowance for eligible military travel. **Poder 360***

Understanding Baggage Weight Limits

Weight is one of the most important parts of the **United Airlines Military Baggage policy**.

For personal travel, each qualifying checked bag can weigh **up to 70 pounds (32 kg)**.

For qualifying military orders or relocation travel, each checked bag can weigh up to **100 pounds (45 kg)**.

Travelers should weigh their luggage before leaving for the airport. A home luggage scale can help prevent unexpected problems during check-in.

Understanding Size Limits

United measures checked-bag size using **linear inches**.

Linear dimensions are calculated by adding:
Length + Width + Height = Linear Inches

For personal military travel:
Maximum: 62 linear inches

For qualifying military orders:
Maximum: 115 linear inches

For example, a bag measuring 30 × 20 × 12 inches equals 62 linear inches.
Travelers should measure bags before arriving at the airport, especially when transporting large military or household equipment.



Military Baggage Fees

One of the major advantages of the **United Airlines Military Baggage allowance** is that eligible military travelers can avoid applicable checked-baggage charges when their bags remain within the military allowance.

For personal travel, qualifying baggage is generally exempt from excess and overweight charges when it stays within the three-bag, 70-pound, 62-linear-inch limits.

For qualifying military orders or relocation travel, the larger five-bag allowance can include bags weighing up to 100 pounds and measuring up to 115 linear inches without applicable excess, overweight, or oversize charges. **Poder 360**

Documents Military Travelers Should Carry

Military dependents can also qualify for special baggage benefits, but eligibility depends on the type of travel and circumstances.

United's contract specifically addresses accompanying dependents traveling with active military personnel and dependents traveling under relocation orders. Non-accompanying dependents traveling for reasons unrelated to relocation orders may not qualify for the enhanced allowance. [Poder 360](#)

Therefore, dependents should confirm their eligibility and carry appropriate documentation before traveling.



Documentation to Carry

Military travelers should be prepared to demonstrate their eligibility when checking baggage.

Useful documentation may include:

*Valid military
identification*

*Official military travel
orders*

*Relocation orders, when
applicable*

Travel itinerary

Dependent documentation, when relevant

Having documents available can make the check-in process easier if an agent needs to verify eligibility.

Carry-On Baggage

Military baggage benefits primarily concern checked baggage. Carry-on rules are separate and can depend on the ticket, route, aircraft, and other United baggage requirements.

Passengers should distinguish between:

- **Personal item:** A smaller item that fits under the seat.
- **Carry-on bag:** A larger cabin bag that meets United's applicable size requirements.
- **Checked baggage:** Bags handed to United at the airport and transported in the aircraft's baggage compartment.

Military status does not necessarily mean every cabin-bag restriction is automatically waived, so travelers should check the specific itinerary.



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