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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

20 CFR Part 638

Job Corps: Allowances and Allotments

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Job Corps is amending its regulations on student allowances and allotments. The objectives are: to increase the length of enrollment requirements for readjustment allowance eligibility, in order to encourage students to lengthen their enrollment and maximize Job Corps offerings and benefits; and to amend the allotment section to coincide with revisions in readjustment allowance accrual.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dana Davidson Johnson, Office of Job Corps, Division of Program Management and Review. Telephone: (202) 219-6568 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Job Corps is implementing a new pay and allotment system which will provide students with enough money to meet their basic needs, while adding greater incentives than are available in the current system to encourage student retention, performance, program completion, and length of enrollment. The rule enables the Job Corps Director to increase the number of paid days for eligibility for readjustment allowances. This will encourage students to stay in the program longer. Students thus can be better prepared for employment, particularly because this added time will encourage students to acquire social skills along with vocational and academic training.

Payroll will be conducted on a biweekly schedule versus the current twice-monthly procedure. The rule ties into the implementation of the new Student Pay, Allowance and Management Information System (SPAMIS) utilized by Job Corps. The

new pay system will be much more responsive than the current system, with individual student pay levels and leave status maintained on a current basis and status changes made by the Job Corps Centers as they occur. The rule allows the accrual of readjustment allowances to be set for each paid day and allotments to be processed on a biweekly basis.

This was published as a proposed rule, with a request for comments, on November 1, 1994, 59 FR 54539-54540. Only one comment was received in response to the proposed rule—the Georgia Department of Labor encourages Job Corps to promulgate the rule in final as proposed. The Department of Labor agrees and in this document is doing so.

This rule applies only to allowances and allotments for Job Corps students. The rule is not classified as a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review”. It does not (1) materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (2) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates in the President’s priorities. It is not likely (3) to result in having an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; or (4) to create a serious inconsistency or interfere with action taken or planned by another agency. As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Department of Labor at the time the proposed rule was published, notified the Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, and made the certification pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 638

Contract programs, Labor, Training and employment programs.

Final Rule

Accordingly, 20 CFR part 638 is amended as follows:

1. The authority for part 638 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1579(a).

2. In § 638.524, paragraphs (b) and (c) are revised to read as follows:

§ 638.524 Allowances and allotments.

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(b) The Job Corps Director shall ensure that each student receives a readjustment allowance for each paid day of satisfactory participation in Job Corps after termination from the program if he/she terminates after 210 days in pay status or after 180 days if

he/she is a maximum benefits or vocational completer. In the event that a student receives a medical termination, he/she shall be eligible for the accrued readjustment allowance, regardless of length of stay or other considerations. See also paragraph (d) of this section. (Section 429(c)).

(c) The Job Corps Director shall establish procedures to allow students to authorize deductions from their readjustment allowance, which shall be matched by an equal amount from Job Corps funds and sent biweekly as an allotment by the SPAMIS Data Center to the student’s spouse, child(ren) or other dependent, if such spouse, child(ren) or other dependent resides in any State in the United States.

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Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of April 1995.

Robert B. Reich,
Secretary of Labor.

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1960

Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs; Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: OSHA is amending the recordkeeping requirements of its basic program element for Federal employee occupational safety and health programs. The changes hereby being made in 29 CFR part 1960 reflect the reporting requirements for private sector employers set forth at 29 CFR 1904.8.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This regulation is effective April 14, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John E. Plummer, Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs, Room N3112, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C., 20210 (202-219-9329).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This modification to the requirements for reporting of fatalities and catastrophes occurring in Federal agencies set forth at 29 CFR 1960.70 is undertaken to make the reporting of such occurrences involving employees of the Federal government the same as those in private industry. The Federal workers should enjoy the same level of protection afforded an employee in the private