

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 255

Air carriers, Antitrust, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, the Department of Transportation amends 14 CFR Part 255, Carrier-owned Computer Reservations Systems, as follows:

PART 255—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 255 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 40101, 40102, 40105, 40113, 41712, recodifying 49 U.S.C. 1301, 1302, 1324, 1381, 1502 (1992 ed.).

2. Section 255.4(a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 255.4 Display of information.

(a) All systems shall provide at least one integrated display that includes the schedules, fares, rules and availability of all participating carriers in accordance with the provisions of this section. This display shall be at least as useful for subscribers, in terms of functions or enhancements offered and the ease with which such functions or enhancements can be performed or implemented, as any other displays maintained by the system vendor. No system shall make available to subscribers any integrated display unless that display complies with the requirements of this section.

(1) Each system must offer an integrated display that uses the same editing and ranking criteria for both on-line and interline connections and does not give on-line connections a system-imposed preference over interline connections. This display shall be at least as useful for subscribers, in terms of functions or enhancements offered and the ease with which such functions or enhancements can be performed or implemented, as any other display maintained by the system vendor.

(2) Each integrated display offered by a system must either use elapsed time as a significant factor in selecting service options from the database or give single-plane flights a preference over connecting services in ranking services in displays.

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Rodney E. Slater,

Secretary of Transportation.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

29 CFR Part 1614

Federal Sector Equal Employment Opportunity

CFR Correction

In title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 900 to 1899, revised as of July 1, 1997, on page 275, in § 1614.204, in paragraph (d)(1), in the fourth line, "shall be" should read "shall not be".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05-97-082]

RIN 2115-AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, Manasquan River

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Brielle Railroad Bridge across the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway, Manasquan River at mile 0.9, in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. Beginning January 12 through March 13, 1998, this deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; and 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays. This closure is necessary to facilitate extensive repairs and maintain the bridge's operational integrity while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: The deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on January 12, 1998 until 3:30 p.m. on March 13, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brielle Railroad Bridge is owned and operated by New Jersey Transit (NJ Transit). On October 7, 1997, a letter was forwarded to the Coast Guard by NJ Transit requesting a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the bridge to implement extensive repairs. Presently, the draw is required to open on signal at all times. These repairs entail replacement or reinforcement of stringers, floor beams,

laterals and bearings. Removing the existing rivets and installing bolts is a major portion of the work. To perform these repairs, and use equipment and labor safety, maintaining the drawbridge span in the closed position is needed part of the time.

Discussions with marine interests revealed that approximately four commercial party vessels transit through the bridge during the winter months. However, these vessels normally depart between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Vessels engaged in half day transits return around noon, with full day transits returning at 6 p.m. Therefore, these vessels are not expected to be negatively impacted by the temporary deviation.

From January 12 until March 13, 1998, this deviation allows the draw of the Brielle Railroad Bridge to remain closed to navigation between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; and 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Roger T. Rufe, Jr.,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-A194

Veterans Education: Increased Allowances for the Educational Assistance Test Program

AGENCIES: Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The law provides that rates of subsistence allowance and educational assistance payable under the Educational Assistance Test Program shall be adjusted annually by the Secretary of Defense based upon the average actual cost of attendance at public institutions of higher education in the twelve-month period since the rates were last adjusted. After consultation with the Department of Education, the Department of Defense has concluded that the rates for the 1997-98 academic year should be increased by 6% over the rates payable for the 1996-97 academic year. The

regulations dealing with these rates are amended accordingly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June C. Schaeffer, Assistant Director for Policy and Program Administration, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 202-273-7187.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The law (10 U.S.C. 2145) provides that the Secretary of Defense shall adjust the amount of educational assistance which may be provided in any academic year under the Educational Assistance Test Program, and the amount of subsistence allowance authorized under that program. The adjustment is to be based upon the twelve-month increase in the average actual cost of attendance at public institutions of higher education. As required by law, the Department of Defense has consulted with the Department of Education. The Department of Defense has concluded that these costs increased by 6% in the 1996-97 academic year. Accordingly, this revision changes 38 CFR 21.5820 and 21.5822 to reflect a 6% increase in the rates payable in the 1997-98 academic year.

Administrative Procedure Act

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 there is good cause for finding that notice and public procedure are impractical, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest and there is good cause for dispensing with a 30 day delay of the effective date. The rates of subsistence allowance and educational assistance payable under the Educational Assistance Test Program are determined based on a statutory formula and, in essence, the calculation of rates merely constitutes a non-discretionary ministerial act.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense have certified that these amended regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the amended regulations, therefore, are exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604.

This certification can be made because the amended regulations directly affect only individuals. They will have no significant economic impact on small entities, i.e., small businesses, small private and nonprofit organizations and small governmental jurisdictions.

There is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the program affected by these regulations.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 21

Administrative practice and procedure, Armed forces, Civil rights, Claims, Colleges and universities, Conflict of interests, Defense Department, Education, Employment, Grant programs-education, Grant programs-veterans, Loan programs-education, Loan programs-veterans, Manpower training programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans, Vocational education, Vocational rehabilitation.

Approved: October 17, 1997.

Hershel W. Gober,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Approved: November 13, 1997.

Normand G. Lezy,

Lieutenant General, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Military Personnel Policy).

For the reasons set out above, 38 CFR part 21 (subpart H) is amended as set forth below.

PART 21—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

Subpart H—Educational Assistance Test Program

1. The authority citation for part 21, subpart H, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 10 U.S.C. chapter 107, Pub. L. 96-342.

§ 21.5820 [Amended]

2. In § 21.5820, paragraph (b)(1) is amended by removing "1996-97" and adding, in its place, "1997-98", and by removing "\$2,927" and adding, in its place, "\$3,103"; paragraph (b)(2)(ii) is amended by removing "1996-97" and adding, in its place "1997-98"; paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(A) is amended by removing "\$325.22" and adding, in its place, "\$344.78", and by removing "\$162.61" and adding, in its place, "\$172.39"; paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(B) is amended by removing "\$10.84" and adding, in its place, "\$11.49", and by removing "\$5.42", and adding, in its place, "\$5.75"; paragraph (b)(2)(ii)(C) is amended by removing "increased" both times it appears and adding, in its place, "decreased"; paragraph (b)(3)(ii) is amended by removing "1996-97" and adding, in its place, "1997-98"; paragraph (b)(3)(ii)(A) is amended by removing "\$325.22" and adding, in its place, "\$344.78", and by removing "\$162.61" and adding, in its place, "\$172.39"; paragraph (b)(3)(ii)(B) is amended by removing "\$10.84" and adding, in its place "\$11.49", and by removing "\$5.42" and adding, in its place, "\$5.75"; and paragraph (b)(3)(ii)(C) is amended by removing

"increased" both times it appears and adding, in its place, "decreased".

§ 21.5822 [Amended]

3. In § 21.5822, paragraph (b)(1)(i) is amended by removing "\$729" and adding, in its place, "\$773" and by removing "1996-97" and adding in its place, "1997-98"; paragraph (b)(1)(ii) is amended by removing "\$364.50" and adding, in its place, "\$386.50" and by removing "1996-97" and adding, in its place, "1997-98"; paragraph (b)(2)(i) is amended by removing "1996-97" and adding, in its place, "1997-98" and by removing "\$729" and adding, in its place, "\$773"; and paragraph (b)(2)(ii) is amended by removing "1996-97" and adding, in its place, "1997-98" and by removing "\$364.50", and adding, in its place, "\$386.50".

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-AH91

Veterans Education: Approval of Correspondence Programs or Courses

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the VA-administered educational assistance and educational benefits regulations concerning approval of programs of education pursued exclusively by correspondence and the correspondence portion of correspondence-residence courses for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) training. A number of changes are made to conform to statutory changes. The regulations are also amended to require that the educational institution offering a correspondence program or course certify to the State approving agency (SAA) that at least 50 percent of those pursuing the program or course require six months or more to complete it based on the six-month period immediately preceding the educational institution's application for approval. The certification is to enable the SAA to determine whether the program or course meets the statutory requirement that at least 50 percent of those pursuing the program or course require six months or more to complete it. The regulations are also amended to expressly provide that the SAA may periodically review the program or course approvals already granted and that this determination would be based