

§ 3393. Career appointments

(a) Each agency shall establish a recruitment program, in accordance with guidelines which shall be issued by the Office of Personnel Management, which provides for recruitment of career appointees from—

- (1) all groups of qualified individuals within the civil service; or
- (2) all groups of qualified individuals whether or not within the civil service.

(b) Each agency shall establish one or more executive resources boards, as appropriate, the members of which shall be appointed by the head of the agency from among employees of the agency or commissioned officers of the uniformed services serving on active duty in such agency. The boards shall, in accordance with merit staffing requirements established by the Office, conduct the merit staffing process for career appointees, including—

- (1) reviewing the executive qualifications of each candidate for a position to be filled by a career appointee; and
- (2) making written recommendations to the appropriate appointing authority concerning such candidates.

(c)(1) The Office shall establish one or more qualifications review boards, as appropriate. It is the function of the boards to certify the executive qualifications of candidates for initial appointment as career appointees in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office. Of the members of each board more than one-half shall be appointed from among career appointees. Appointments to such boards shall be made on a non-partisan basis, the sole selection criterion being the professional knowledge of public management and knowledge of the appropriate occupational fields of the intended appointee.

(2) The Office shall, in consultation with the various qualification review boards, prescribe criteria for establishing executive qualifications for appointment of career appointees. The criteria shall provide for—

- (A) consideration of demonstrated executive experience;
- (B) consideration of successful participation in a career executive development program which is approved by the Office; and
- (C) sufficient flexibility to allow for the appointment of individuals who have special or unique qualities which indicate a likelihood of executive success and who would not otherwise be eligible for appointment.

(d) An individual's initial appointment as a career appointee shall become final only after the individual has served a 1-year probationary period as a career appointee.

(e) Each career appointee shall meet the executive qualifications of the position to which appointed, as determined in writing by the appointing authority.

(f) The title of each career reserved position shall be published in the Federal Register.

(g) A career appointee may not be removed from the Senior Executive Service or civil service except in accordance with the applicable provisions of sections 1215.,¹ 3592, 3595, 7532, or 7543 of this title.

¹ So in original.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §403(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1161; amended Pub. L. 97-35, title XVII, §1704(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 758; Pub. L. 98-615, title III, §306(b)(1), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3220; Pub. L. 101-12, §9(b), Apr. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 35; Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §506(b)(2), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1758; Pub. L. 101-280, §6(d)(1), May 4, 1990, 104 Stat. 160; Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, §1321(a)(1)(A), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2296.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3393, added Pub. L. 95-437, §3(a), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1057, which related to limitations concerning part-time career employment opportunities, was renumbered as section 3403 of this title by Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(c)(1)(B), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1226.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 107-296 struck out “3393a” after “1215.”

1990—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 101-280 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 101-194, see 1989 Amendment below.

1989—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 101-194, as amended by Pub. L. 101-280, inserted “3393a,” after “1215.”

Pub. L. 101-12 substituted “1215” for “1207”.

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-615 inserted provision referring to commissioned officers of the uniformed services serving on active duty in such agency in provisions preceding par. (1).

1981—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-35 added subsec. (g).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-194 effective Jan. 1, 1991, see section 506(d) of Pub. L. 101-194, set out as a note under section 3151 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-12 effective 90 days following Apr. 10, 1989, see section 11 of Pub. L. 101-12, set out as a note under section 1201 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 307 of title III of Pub. L. 98-615 provided that: “The amendments made by this title [enacting section 3595a of this title, amending this section and sections 3135, 3593 to 3595, 4312, 5383, and 5384 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3131 of this title] shall be effective following the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 8, 1984], except that the amendments made by section 304 [amending sections 3395, 3595, 7543, and 8336 of this title] shall be effective as of such date of enactment.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective June 1, 1981, with certain exceptions and conditions, see section 1704(e) of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3595 of this title.

[§ 3393a. Repealed. Pub. L. 107-296, title XIII, § 1321(a)(1)(B), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2296]

Section, added Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §506(a)(1), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1756, related to recertification of career appointees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

§ 3394. Noncareer and limited appointments

(a) Each noncareer appointee, limited term appointee, and limited emergency appointee shall