§ 8332. Creditable service

(a) The total service of an employee or Member is the full years and twelfth parts thereof, excluding from the aggregate the fractional part of a month, if any.

(b) The service of an employee shall be credited from the date of original employment to the date of separation on which title to annuity is based in the civilian service of the Government. Except as provided in paragraph (13) of this subsection, credit may not be allowed for a period of separation from the service in excess of 3 calendar days. The service includes—

1. employment as a substitute in the postal field service;
2. service in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;
3. subject to sections 8334 (c) and 8339 (i) of this title, service performed before July 10, 1960, as an employee of a county committee established under section 590h (b) of title 16 or of a committee or an association of producers described by section 610 (b) of title 7;
4. service as a student-employee as defined by section 5351 of this title only if he later becomes subject to this subchapter;
5. a period of satisfactory service of a volunteer or volunteer leader under chapter 34 of title 22 only if he later becomes subject to this subchapter;
6. employment under section 709 of title 32 or any prior corresponding provision of law;
7. a period of service of a volunteer under part A of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, or a period of service of a full-time volunteer enrolled in a program of at least one year's duration under part A, B, or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 only if he later becomes subject to this subchapter;
8. subject to sections 8334 (c) and 8339 (i) of this title, service performed after February 18, 1929, and before noon on January 3, 1971, as a United States Capitol Guide;
9. subject to sections 8334 (c) and 8339 (i) of this title, service as a substitute teacher for the government of the District of Columbia after July 1, 1955, if such service is not credited for benefits under any other retirement system established by a law of the United States;
10. periods of imprisonment of a foreign national for which compensation is provided under section 410 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, if the individual
   (A) was subject to this subchapter during employment with the Government last preceding imprisonment, or
   (B) is qualified for an annuity under this subchapter on the basis of other service of the individual;
11. subject to sections 8334 (c) and 8339 (i) of this title, service in any capacity of at least 130 days (or its equivalent) per calendar year performed after July 1, 1946, for the National Committee for a Free Europe; Free Europe Committee, Incorporated; Free Europe, Incorporated; Radio Liberation Committee; Radio Liberty Committee; subdivisions of any of those organizations; Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Incorporated, Radio Free Asia; the Asia Foundation; or the Armed Forces Network, Europe (AFN–E), but only if such service is not credited for benefits under any other retirement system which is established for such entities and funded in whole or in part by the Government and only if the individual later becomes subject to this subchapter;
12. service as a justice or judge of the United States, as defined by section 451 of title 28, and service as a judge of a court created by Act of Congress in a territory which is invested with any
jurisdiction of a district court of the United States, but no credit shall be allowed for such service if the employee is entitled to a salary or an annuity under section 371, 372, or 373 of title 28;

(13) subject to sections 8334 (c) and 8339 (i) of this title, service performed on or after December 6, 1967, and before the effective date of this paragraph as an employee of the House Beauty Shop, only if he serves as such an employee for a period of at least five years after such effective date;

(14) one year of service to be credited for each year in which a Native of the Pribilof Islands performs service in the taking and curing of fur seal skins and other activities in connection with the administration of the Pribilof Islands, notwithstanding any period of separation from the service, and regardless of whether the Native who performs the service retires before, on, or after the effective date of this paragraph;

(15) subject to sections 8334 (c) and 8339 (i) of this title, service performed on or after January 3, 1969, and before January 4, 1973, as the Washington Representative for Guam or the Washington Representative for the Virgin Islands, only if the individual serves as a Member for a period of at least five years after January 2, 1973;

(16) service performed by any individual as an employee described in section 2105 (c) of this title after June 18, 1952, and before January 1, 1966, if

(A) such service involved conducting an arts and crafts, drama, music, library, service club, youth activities, sports, or recreation program (including any outdoor recreation program) for personnel of the armed forces, and

(B) such individual is an employee subject to this subchapter on the day before the date of the enactment of the Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Employees’ Retirement Credit Act of 1986; and

(17) service performed by any individual as an employee paid from nonappropriated funds of an instrumentality of the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard described in section 2105 (c) that is not covered by paragraph (16) and that is not otherwise creditable, if the individual elects (in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office) to have such service credited under this paragraph.

The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Secretary of Agriculture or his designee concerning service for the purpose of this subchapter of the type performed by an employee named by paragraph (3) of this subsection. The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Secretary of Commerce or his designee concerning service for the purpose of this subchapter of the type performed by an employee named by paragraph (14) of this subsection. The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Capitol Guide Board concerning service for the purpose of this subchapter of the type described in paragraph (8) of this subsection and performed by an employee. The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives concerning service for the purpose of this subchapter of the type described in paragraph (13) of this subsection. For the purpose of paragraph (5) of this subsection—

(A) a volunteer and a volunteer leader are deemed receiving pay during their service at the respective rates of readjustment allowances payable under sections 2504 (c) and 2505 (1) of title 22; and

(B) the period of an individual’s service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under chapter 34 of title 22 is the period between enrollment as a volunteer or volunteer leader and the termination of that service by the President or by death or resignation.

The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Executive Director of the Board for International Broadcasting, and the Secretary of State with respect to the Asia Foundation and the Secretary of Defense with respect to the Armed Forces Network, Europe (AFN–E), concerning services for the purposes of this subchapter of the type described in paragraph (11) of this subsection. For the purpose of this subchapter, service of the type
described in paragraph (15) of this subsection shall be considered Member service. The Office of Personnel Management shall accept, for the purposes of this subchapter, the certification of the head of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the United States concerning service of the type described in paragraph (16) or (17) of this subsection which was performed for such appropriated fund instrumentality. Service credited under paragraph (17) may not also be credited under any other retirement system provided for employees paid from nonappropriated funds of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (4) of this subsection and subsection (d) of this section—

(A) the service of an individual who first becomes an employee or Member before October 1, 1982, shall include credit for each period of military service performed before the date of the separation on which the entitlement to an annuity under this subchapter is based, subject to section 8332 (j) of this title; and

(B) the service of an individual who first becomes an employee or Member on or after October 1, 1982, shall include credit for—

(i) each period of military service performed before January 1, 1957, and

(ii) each period of military service performed after December 31, 1956, and before the separation on which the entitlement to annuity under this subchapter is based, only if a deposit (with interest, if any) is made with respect to that period, as provided in section 8334 (j) of this title.

(2) If an employee or Member is awarded retired pay based on any period of military service, the service of the employee or Member may not include credit for such period of military service unless the retired pay is awarded—

(A) based on a service-connected disability—

(i) incurred in combat with an enemy of the United States; or

(ii) caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in line of duty during a period of war as defined by section 1101 of title 38; or

(B) under chapter 1223 of title 10 (or under chapter 67 of that title as in effect before the effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act).

(3) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, for purposes of computing a survivor annuity for a survivor of an employee or Member—

(i) who was awarded retired pay based on any period of military service, and

(ii) whose death occurs before separation from the service, creditable service of the deceased employee or Member shall include each period of military service includable under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, as applicable. In carrying out this subparagraph, any amount deposited under section 8334 (h) of this title shall be taken into account.

(B) A survivor annuity computed based on an amount which, under authority of subparagraph (A), takes into consideration any period of military service shall be reduced by the amount of any survivor’s benefits—

(i) payable to a survivor (other than a child) under a retirement system for members of the uniformed services;

(ii) if, or to the extent that, such benefits are based on such period of military service.

(C) The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this paragraph, including regulations under which—

(i) a survivor may elect not to be covered by this paragraph; and

(ii) this paragraph shall be carried out in any case which involves a former spouse.
(4) If, after January 1, 1997, an employee or Member waives retired pay that is subject to a court order for which there has been effective service on the Secretary concerned for purposes of section 1408 of title 10, the military service on which the retired pay is based may be credited as service for purposes of this subchapter only if the employee or Member authorizes the Director to deduct and withhold from the annuity payable to the employee or Member under this subchapter an amount equal to the amount that, if the annuity payment was instead a payment of the employee’s or Member’s retired pay, would have been deducted and withheld and paid to the former spouse covered by the court order under such section 1408. The amount deducted and withheld under this paragraph shall be paid to that former spouse. The period of civil service employment by the employee or Member shall not be taken into consideration in determining the amount of the deductions and withholding or the amount of the payment to the former spouse. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this paragraph.

(d) For the purpose of section 8339 (c)(1) of this title, a Member—

(1) shall be allowed credit only for periods of military service not exceeding 5 years, plus military service performed by the Member on leaving his office, for the purpose of performing military service, during a war or national emergency proclaimed by the President or declared by Congress and before his final separation from service as Member; and

(2) may not receive credit for military service for which credit is allowed for purpose of retired pay under other statute.

(e) This subchapter does not affect the right of an employee or Member to retired pay, pension, or compensation in addition to an annuity payable under this subchapter.

(f) Credit shall be allowed for leaves of absence without pay granted an employee while performing military service or while receiving benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title. An employee or former employee who returns to duty after a period of separation is deemed, for the purpose of this subsection, to have been in a leave of absence without pay for that part of the period in which he was receiving benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title or any earlier statute on which such subchapter is based. Except for a substitute in the postal field service and service described in paragraph (14) of subsection (b) of this section, credit may not be allowed for so much of other leaves of absence without pay as exceeds 6 months in the aggregate in a calendar year.

(g) An employee who during the period of a war, or of a national emergency as proclaimed by the President or declared by Congress, leaves his position to enter the military service is deemed, for the purpose of this subchapter, as not separated from his civilian position because of that military service, unless he applies for and receives a lump-sum credit under this subchapter. However, the employee is deemed as not retaining his civilian position after December 31, 1956, or after the expiration of 5 years of that military service, whichever is later.

(h) An employee who—

(1) has at least 5 years’ Member service; and

(2) serves as a Member at any time after August 2, 1946;

may not be allowed credit for service which is used in the computation of an annuity under section 8339 (c) of this title.

(i) An individual who qualifies as an employee under section 8331 (1)(E) of this title is entitled to credit for his service as a United States Commissioner, which is not credited for the purpose of this subchapter for service performed by him in a capacity other than Commissioner, on the basis of—

(1) 1/313 of a year for each day on which he performed service as a Commissioner before July 1, 1945; and

(2) 1/260 of a year for each day on which he performed service as a Commissioner after June 30, 1945.
Credit for service performed as Commissioner may not exceed 313 days in a year before July 1, 1945, or 260 days in a year after June 30, 1945. For the purpose of this subchapter, the employment and pay of a Commissioner is deemed on a daily basis when actually employed.

(j) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, military service, except military service covered by military leave with pay from a civilian position, performed by an individual after December 1956, the period of an individual’s services as a volunteer under part A of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the period of an individual’s service as a full-time volunteer enrolled in a program of at least 1 year’s duration under part A, B, 2 or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, and the period of an individual’s service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under chapter 34 of title 22, shall be excluded in determining the aggregate period of service on which an annuity payable under this subchapter to the individual or to his spouse, former spouse or child is based, if the individual, spouse, former spouse, or child is entitled, or would on proper application be entitled, at the time of that determination, to monthly old-age or survivors benefits under section 402 of title 42 based on the individual’s wages and self-employment income. If the military service or service as a volunteer under part A of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, as a full-time volunteer enrolled in a program of at least 1 year’s duration under part A, B, 2 or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or as a volunteer or volunteer leader under chapter 34 of title 22 is not excluded by the preceding sentence, but on becoming 62 years of age, the individual or spouse, former spouse 4 becomes entitled, or would on proper application be entitled, to the described benefits, the Office of Personnel Management shall redetermine the aggregate period of service on which the annuity is based, effective as of the first day of the month in which he or she becomes 62 years of age, so as to exclude that service. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, on request of the Office, shall inform the Office whether or not the individual, spouse, former spouse, or child is entitled at any named time to the described benefits. For the purpose of this subsection, the period of an individual’s service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under chapter 34 of title 22 is the period between enrollment as a volunteer or volunteer leader and termination of that service by the President or by death or resignation, and the period of an individual’s service as a volunteer under part A of title VIII of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or under part A, B, 2 or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 is the period between enrollment as a volunteer and termination of that service by the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity or the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, as appropriate, or by death or resignation.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection relating to credit for military service shall not apply to—

(A) any period of military service of an employee or Member with respect to which the employee or Member has made a deposit with interest, if any, under section 8334 (j) of this title; or

(B) the service of any employee or Member described in section 8332 (c)(1)(B) of this title.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (1) relating to credit for service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, part A, B, 2 or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or the Peace Corps Act shall not apply to any period of service as a volunteer or volunteer leader of an employee or Member with respect to which the employee or Member has made the deposit with interest, if any, required by section 8334 (l).

(k) (1) An employee who enters on approved leave without pay to serve as a full-time officer or employee of an organization composed primarily of employees as defined by section 8331 (1) of this title, within 60 days after entering on that leave without pay, may file with his employing agency an election to receive full retirement credit for his periods of that leave without pay and arrange to pay currently into the Fund, through his employing agency, amounts equal to the
retirement deductions and agency contributions that would be applicable if he were in pay status. If the election and all payments provided by this paragraph are not made, the employee may not receive credit for the periods of leave without pay occurring after July 17, 1966, notwithstanding the third sentence of subsection (f) of this section. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, “employee” includes an employee who was on approved leave without pay and serving as a full-time officer or employee of such an organization on July 18, 1966, and who filed a similar election before September 17, 1966.

(2) An employee may deposit with interest an amount equal to retirement deductions representing any period or periods of approved leave without pay while serving, before July 18, 1966, as a full-time officer or employee of an organization composed primarily of employees as defined by section 8331 (1) of this title. An employee who makes the deposit shall be allowed full retirement credit for the period or periods of leave without pay. If the employee dies, a survivor as defined by section 8331 (10) of this title may make the deposit. If the deposit is not made in full, retirement credit shall be allowed in accordance with the third sentence of subsection (f) of this section.

(l) (1) Any employee or Member who—
(A) is of Japanese ancestry; and
(B) while a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, was interned or otherwise detained at any time during World War II in any camp, installation, or other facility in the United States, or in any territory or possession of the United States, under any policy or program of the United States respecting individuals of Japanese ancestry which was established during World War II in the interests of national security pursuant to—
(i) Executive Order Numbered 9066, dated February 19, 1942;
(ii) section 67 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii”, approved April 30, 1900 (chapter 339, Fifty-sixth Congress; 31 Stat. 153);
(iii) Executive Order Numbered 9489, dated October 18, 1944;
(iv) sections 4067 through 4070 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; or
(v) any other statute, rule, regulation, or order; or
(C) is of Aleut ancestry and while a citizen of the United States was interned or otherwise detained in, or relocated to any camp, installation, or other facility in the Territory of Alaska which was established during World War II for the purpose of the internment, detention, or relocation of Aleuts pursuant to any statute, rule, regulation, or order;
shall be allowed credit (as civilian service) for any period during which such employee or Member was so interned or otherwise detained after such employee became 18 years of age.

(2) For the purpose of this subsection, “World War II” means the period beginning on December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946.

(m) (1) Upon application to the Office of Personnel Management, any individual who is an employee on the date of the enactment of this subsection, and who has on such date or thereafter acquires 5 years or more of creditable civilian service under this section (exclusive of service for which credit is allowed under this subsection) shall be allowed credit (as service as a Congressional employee) for service before the date of the enactment of this subsection while employed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, or the Republican National Congressional Committee, if—
(A) such employee has at least 4 years and 6 months of service on such committees as of December 12, 1980; and
(B) such employee makes a deposit to the Fund in an amount equal to the amount which would be required under section 8334 (c) of this title if such service were service as a Congressional employee.
(2) Upon application to the Office of Personnel Management, any individual who was an employee on the date of enactment of this paragraph, and who has on such date or thereafter acquires 5 years or more of creditable civilian service under this section (exclusive of service for which credit is allowed under this subsection) shall be allowed credit (as service as a congressional employee) for service before December 31, 1990, while employed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, or the Republican National Congressional Committee, if—

(A) such employee has at least 4 years and 6 months of service on such committees as of December 31, 1990; and

(B) such employee makes a deposit to the Fund in an amount equal to the amount which would be required under section 8334 (c) if such service were service as a congressional employee.

(3) The Office shall accept the certification of the President of the Senate (or his designee) or the Speaker of the House (or his designee), as the case may be, concerning the service of, and the amount of compensation received by, an employee with respect to which credit is to be sought under this subsection.

(4) An individual receiving credit for service for any period under this subsection shall not be granted credit for such service under the provisions of the Social Security Act.

(n) Any employee who—

(1) served in a position in which the employee was excluded from coverage under this subchapter because the employee was covered under a retirement system established under section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act; and

(2) transferred without a break in service to a position to which the employee was appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and in which position the employee is subject to this subchapter,

shall be treated for all purposes of this subchapter as if any service that would have been creditable under the retirement system established under section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act was service performed while subject to this subchapter if any employee and employer deductions, contributions or rights with respect to the employee’s service are transferred from such retirement system to the Fund.

(o) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the service of an individual finally convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not be taken into account for purposes of this subchapter, except that this sentence applies only to service rendered as a Member (irrespective of when rendered). Any such individual (or other person determined under section 8342 (c), if applicable) shall be entitled to be paid so much of such individual’s lump-sum credit as is attributable to service to which the preceding sentence applies.

(2) (A) An offense described in this paragraph is any offense described in subparagraph (B) for which the following apply:

(i) Every act or omission of the individual (referred to in paragraph (1)) that is needed to satisfy the elements of the offense occurs while the individual is a Member.

(ii) Every act or omission of the individual that is needed to satisfy the elements of the offense directly relates to the performance of the individual’s official duties as a Member.

(iii) The offense is committed after the date of enactment of this subsection.

(B) An offense described in this subparagraph is only the following, and only to the extent that the offense is a felony:

(i) An offense under section 201 of title 18 (relating to bribery of public officials and witnesses).

(ii) An offense under section 219 of title 18 (relating to officers and employees acting as agents of foreign principals).
(iii) An offense under section 1343 of title 18 (relating to fraud by wire, radio, or television, including as part of a scheme to deprive citizens of honest services thereby).

(iv) An offense under section 104(a) of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (relating to prohibited foreign trade practices by domestic concerns).

(v) An offense under section 1957 of title 18 (relating to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity).

(vi) An offense under section 1512 of title 18 (relating to tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant).

(vii) An offense under chapter 96 of title 18 (relating to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations).

(viii) An offense under section 371 of title 18 (relating to conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud United States), to the extent of any conspiracy to commit an act which constitutes—

(I) an offense under clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), or (vii); or

(II) an offense under section 207 of title 18 (relating to restrictions on former officers, employees, and elected officials of the executive and legislative branches).

(ix) Perjury committed under section 1621 of title 18 in falsely denying the commission of an act which constitutes—

(I) an offense under clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), or (vii); or

(II) an offense under clause (viii), to the extent provided in such clause.

(x) Subornation of perjury committed under section 1622 of title 18 in connection with the false denial or false testimony of another individual as specified in clause (ix).

(3) An individual convicted of an offense described in paragraph (2) shall not, after the date of the final conviction, be eligible to participate in the retirement system under this subchapter or chapter 84 while serving as a Member.

(4) The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe any regulations necessary to carry out this subsection. Such regulations shall include—

(A) provisions under which interest on any lump-sum payment under the second sentence of paragraph (1) shall be limited in a manner similar to that specified in the last sentence of section 8316 (b); and

(B) provisions under which the Office may provide for—

(i) the payment, to the spouse or children of any individual referred to in the first sentence of paragraph (1), of any amounts which (but for this clause) would otherwise have been nonpayable by reason of such first sentence, subject to paragraph (5); and

(ii) an appropriate adjustment in the amount of any lump-sum payment under the second sentence of paragraph (1) to reflect the application of clause (i).

(5) Regulations to carry out clause (i) of paragraph (4)(B) shall include provisions to ensure that the authority to make any payment to the spouse or children of an individual under such clause shall be available only to the extent that the application of such clause is considered necessary and appropriate taking into account the totality of the circumstances, including the financial needs of the spouse or children, whether the spouse or children participated in an offense described in paragraph (2) of which such individual was finally convicted, and what measures, if any, may be necessary to ensure that the convicted individual does not benefit from any such payment.

(6) For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the terms “finally convicted” and “final conviction” refer to a conviction

(i) which has not been appealed and is no longer appealable because the time for taking an appeal has expired, or

(ii) which has been appealed and the appeals process for which is completed;
(B) the term “Member” has the meaning given such term by section 2106, notwithstanding section 8331 (2); and

(C) the term “child” has the meaning given such term by section 8341.

Footnotes
1 So in original. Probably should be paragraph “(14)”.
2 See References in Text note below.
3 So in original.
4 So in original. Probably should be “individual, spouse, or former spouse”.
5 See 1986 Amendment note below.


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The section is reorganized for clarity.

Subsection (b)(B) is added on authority of section 2522 (e) of title 22.

In subsection (c)(1)(B), the words “as that term is defined by section 301 of title 38” are coextensive with and substituted for “as that term is used in chapter 11 of Title 38”.

In subsection (c)(2), the words “under chapter 67 of title 10” are substituted for “title III of Public Law 810, Eightieth Congress” on authority of the Act of Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 104, § 49(b), 70A Stat. 640.

In subsection (f), the words “without pay” are added after “leaves of absence” in the first sentence for clarity and to align it with the use of the term in the second sentence. The words “postal field service” are coextensive with and substituted for “postal service”.

In subsection (g), the words “has left” are omitted as executed.

In subsection (i), the words “but nothing contained in this chapter [chapter 30 of title 5] shall affect, otherwise than for the purposes of this chapter, the basis, under applicable law other than this chapter, on which such United States Commissioner is employed or on which his compensation is determined and paid” are omitted from the last sentence as surplusage as there is nothing in the chapter that can reasonably be construed to affect that basis other than for the purposes of the chapter.

In subsection (j), the words “or section 2504 (f) of Title 22” are omitted as unnecessary since the provisions of that section applicable to this subchapter are carried into subsection (b). The last sentence is added on authority of section 2522 (e) of title 22.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

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In subsection (k)(1), the words “as defined by section 8331 (1) of this title” are substituted for “as defined in section 1(a) of this Act”. The words “occurring after July 17, 1966” are substituted for “occurring on or after date of enactment of this subsection”. The words “notwithstanding the second sentence of subsection (f) of this section” are substituted for “notwithstanding the provisions of the second sentence of section 3(c) of this Act”. The last sentence is substituted for the second sentence of former subsection (k)(1) to reflect the current effect of the subsection with regard to those employees who were on leave without pay on July 18, 1966, and who filed a similar election within the time prescribed by that sentence.

In subsection (k)(2), the words “before July 18, 1966” are substituted for “prior to the date of enactment of this subsection”. The words “as defined by section 8331 (1) of this title” are substituted for “as defined in section 1(a) of this Act”. The second sentence is substituted for “and may receive full retirement credit for such period or periods of leave without pay”. The words “If the employee dies” are substituted for “In the event of his death”. The words “as defined in this paragraph” following “If the deposits” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “the second sentence of subsection (f) of this section” are substituted for “notwithstanding the provisions of the second sentence of section 3(c) of this Act”. In the last sentence, the words “described in this paragraph” following “If the deposit” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “the second sentence of subsection (f) of this section” are substituted for “notwithstanding the second sentence of section 3(c) of this Act”.

References in Text


Section 410 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, referred to in subsec. (b)(10), is classified to section 3970 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

The effective date of this paragraph, referred to in subsec. (b)(13), is Jan. 3, 1978, the effective date of section 111(2) of Pub. L. 98–51. See Effective Date of 1983 Amendment note below.

The effective date of this paragraph, referred to in subsec. (b)(14), is Oct. 14, 1983, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 98–129.

The date of the enactment of the Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities Employees’ Retirement Credit Act of 1986, referred to in subsec. (b)(16), is the date of enactment of section 2 of Pub. L. 99–638, which was approved Nov. 10, 1986.

Chapter 67 of that title as in effect before the effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(B), means chapter 67 (§ 1331 et seq.) of Title 10, Armed Forces, prior to its transfer to part II of subtitle E of Title 10, its renumbering as chapter 1223, and its general revision by section 1662(j)(1) of Pub. L. 103–337. A new chapter 67 (§ 1331) of Title 10 was added by section 1662(j)(7) of Pub. L. 103–337. For effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act (Pub. L. 103–337, title XVI), see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103–337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of Title 10.

The Peace Corps Act, referred to in subsec. (j)(3), is Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, which is classified principally to chapter 34 (§ 2501 et seq.) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of Title 22 and Tables.

Section 67 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii”, approved April 30, 1900 (chapter 339, Fifty-sixth Congress; 31 Stat. 153), referred to in subsec. (l)(1)(B)(ii), formerly classified to section 532 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions, was omitted from such Title following the statehood of Hawaii.

The date of enactment of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (m)(1), means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 96–523 which was approved Dec. 12, 1980.

The date of enactment of this paragraph, referred to in subsec. (m)(2), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 106–554, which was approved Dec. 21, 2000.

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (m)(4), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, which is classified generally to chapter 7 (§ 301 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

Section 10 of the Federal Reserve Act, referred to in subsec. (n), is section 10 of act Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, 38 Stat. 260. For classification of section 10 to the Code, see Codification note set out under section 241 of Title 12, Banks and Banking, and Tables.

The date of enactment of this subsection, referred to in subsec. (o)(2)(A)(iii), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–81, which was approved Sept. 14, 2007.

Section 104(a) of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, referred to in subsec. (o)(2)(B)(iv), is classified to section 78dd–2 (a) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

Amendments


2001—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107–107, § 1132(a)(1)(D), (E), in concluding provisions, inserted “or (17)” after “service of the type described in paragraph (16)” and inserted at end “Service credited under paragraph (17) may not also be credited under any other retirement system provided for employees paid from nonappropriated funds of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality.”


2000—Subsec. (m)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 106–554 added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (4), respectively.

1999—Subsec. (m)(1)(A). Pub. L. 106–57 amended subpar. (A) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (A) read as follows: “such employee has at least 5 years service on such committees as of the effective date of this section, and”.  


Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 104–201, § 637(a)(2), in introductory provisions, substituted “Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (4)” for “Except as provided in paragraph (2)”.


1994—Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 103–337 substituted “chapter 1223 of title 10 (or under chapter 67 of that title as in effect before the effective date of the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act)” for “chapter 67 of title 10”.

1993—Subsec. (j)(1). Pub. L. 103–82, § 405(b), which directed that “the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service” be substituted for “the Director of ACTION”, could not be executed because “the Director of ACTION” does not appear in text.


Pub. L. 103–82, § 371(a)(1)(A)(iii), in last sentence inserted “or under part A, B, or C of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973” after “Economic Opportunity Act of 1964”, and inserted “or the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, as appropriate,” after “Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity”.


1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101–530 struck out at beginning of last paragraph “service referred to in paragraph (6) is allowable only in the case of persons performing service under section 709 of title 32 after December 31, 1968.”

1987—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100–204 inserted “, and the Secretary of State with respect to the Asia Foundation and the Secretary of Defense with respect to the Armed Forces Network, Europe (AFN–E),” after “Board for International Broadcasting” in last paragraph.

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99–638 which directed the amendment of subchapter (b) of section 8332 by adding par. (16) and closing provision relating to acceptance by the Office of Personnel Management of the certification of a nonappropriated fund instrumentality concerning service of the type described in par. (16) was executed to subsec. (b) of this section, as the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 99–335, § 207(g)(1)(C), (D), substituted “paragraph (14)” for “paragraph (13)” in second sentence following par. (15), and inserted last sentence providing that for purposes of this subchapter, service of the type described in par. (15) of this subsection shall be considered Member service.

Subsec. (b)(13) to (15). Pub. L. 99–335, § 207(g)(1)(A), (B), redesignated the par. (13), relating to service credits for Pribilof Island Natives for taking and curing of fur seal skins and other activities, as par. (14), and added par. (15).


Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 99–335, § 207(g)(2), substituted “paragraph (14)” for “paragraph (13)”.


Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 99–335, § 207(g)(3), which directed the substitution of “third” for “second” in last sentence of par. (1), was executed by substituting “third” for “second” in penultimate sentence of par. (1) and last sentence of par. (2) as the probable intent of Congress.

1984—Subsec. (b)(13). Pub. L. 98–369 inserted in the par. (13) added by Pub. L. 98–129 “, and regardless of whether the Native who performs the service retires before, on, or after the effective date of this paragraph”.

1983—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98–129 substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (13) of this subsection, credit” for “Credit” in provisions preceding par. (1), and inserted in provisions immediately following par. (13) the sentence providing that the Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Secretary of Commerce or his designee concerning service for the purpose of this subchapter of the type performed by an employee named by par. (13) of this subsection.

Pub. L. 98–51, § 111(2)(D), inserted in provisions immediately following par. (13) the sentence providing that the Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Clerk of the House of Representatives concerning service for the purpose of this subchapter of the type described in par. (13) of this subsection.

Subsec. (b)(13). Pub. L. 98–129 added a par. (13) relating to service performed by Pribilof Island Natives.

Pub. L. 98–51, § 111(2)(A)–(C), added a par. (13) relating to service by a person as an employee of the House Beauty Shop.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 98–129 inserted “and service described in paragraph (13) of subsection (b) of this section,” after “postal field service”.


Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97–253, § 306(b), designated existing first sentence as par. (1), inserted provision differentiating between individuals who become employees or Members before Oct. 1, 1982, and those who become so on or after Oct. 1, 1982, and designated existing second sentence as par. (2) with accommodating redesignations of paragraphs and subparagraphs as subparagraphs and clauses accordingly.

Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 97–346, § 3(a), substituted “period” for “month”.

Subsec. (c)(1)(B). Pub. L. 97–346, § 3(b), redesignated provisions following “shall include credit for” as cl. (i), substituted “each period of military service performed before January 1, 1957, and” for “each month of military service (performed before the date of the separation on which the entitlement to an annuity under this subchapter is based)” only if a deposit with interest, if any, is made with respect to that month, as provided in section 8334 (j) of this title”, and added cl. (2).

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 97–253, § 306(c), redesignated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).


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1980—Subsec. (b)(10), (11). Pub. L. 96–465 added pars. (10) and (11) and last sentence relating to acceptance by the Office of Personnel Management of the certification of the Executive Director of the Board for International Broadcasting.


Subsec. (b)(8). Pub. L. 94–183, § 2(32), substituted “after February 18, 1929, and before noon on January 3, 1971” for “on and after February 19, 1929, and prior to the effective date of section 442 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970”.

Subsec. (b)(9). Pub. L. 94–183, § 2(33), substituted “8339(j)” for “8339(h)”.


Pub. L. 92–297 substituted “8339(i)” for “8339(h)” in pars. (3) and (8).

1971—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 91–658 provided for leave-without-pay status for retirement purposes of employees or former employees who return to duty after a period of separation during which compensation benefits were received.

1970—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91–510 added par. (8) and provision for Civil Service Commission acceptance of certification of Capitol Guide Board concerning service for purpose of this subchapter, respectively.


Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 91–177, § 112(a)(2), excluded period of an individual’s services as a VISTA volunteer under part A of subchapter VIII of title 42, from aggregate period of service determining annuity payments.

Pub. L. 91–177, § 112(a)(3), inserted provision for computation of period of service of a VISTA volunteer under part A of subchapter VIII of title 42.

1968—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90–486 added par. (6), and provisions that service referred to in par. (6) is allowable only in the case of persons performing service under section 709 of title 32, on or after the specified effective date.

Change of Name

Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare redesignated Secretary of Health and Human Services by section 3508 of Title 20, Education.

Effective Date of 2001 Amendment

Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title XI, § 1132(c), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1244, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 8334, 8339, 8411, 8415, and 8422 of this title] shall apply only to separations from service as an employee of the United States on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 28, 2001].”

Effective Date of 1996 Amendment

Section 637(c) of Pub. L. 104–201 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section and section 8411 of this title] shall take effect on January 1, 1997.”

Effective Date of 1994 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–337 effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103–337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.
Effective Date of 1993 Amendment

Section 371(c) of Pub. L. 103-82 provided that:

“(1) Applicability.—

“(A) Amendments relating to csrs.—

“(i) In general.—The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section and section 8334 of this title] shall apply with respect to any individual entitled to an annuity on the basis of a separation from service occurring on or after the effective date of this subtitle [Oct. 1, 1993].

“(ii) Rules relating to annuities based on earlier separations.—An annuity under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, payable to an individual based on a separation from service occurring before the effective date of this subtitle shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (2).

“(B) Amendments relating to fers.—

“(i) In general.—The amendments made by subsection (b) [amending sections 8411 and 8422 of this title] shall apply with respect to any individual entitled to an annuity on the basis of a separation from service occurring before, on, or after the effective date of this subtitle [Oct. 1, 1993], subject to clause (ii).

“(ii) Rule relating to annuities based on earlier separations.—In the case of any individual whose entitlement to an annuity is based on a separation from service occurring before the effective date of this subtitle, any increase in such individual’s annuity on the basis of a deposit made under section 8442 (f) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (b)(2), shall be effective beginning with the annuity payment payable for the first calendar month beginning after the effective date of this subtitle.

“(2) Special rules.—

“(A) Old-age or survivors insurance benefits.—Subject to subparagraph (B), in any case in which an individual described in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) is also entitled to old-age or survivors insurance benefits under section 202 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 402] (or would be entitled to such benefits upon filing an application therefor), the amount of the annuity to which such individual is entitled under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code (after taking into account any creditable service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.], the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 [42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.], or the Peace Corps Act [22 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.]) which is payable for any month shall be reduced by an amount determined by multiplying the amount of such old-age or survivors insurance benefit for the determination month by a fraction—

“(i) the numerator of which is the total of the wages (within the meaning of section 209 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 409]) for service as a volunteer or volunteer leader under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, or the Peace Corps Act of such individual credited for years before the calendar year in which the determination month occurs, up to the contribution and benefit base determined under section 230 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 430] (or other applicable maximum annual amount referred to in section 215(e)(1) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 415 (e)(1)] for each such year); and

“(ii) the denominator of which is the total of all wages described in clause (i), plus all other wages (within the meaning of section 209 of such Act [42 U.S.C. 409]) and all self-employment income (within the meaning of section 211(b) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 411 (b)]) of such individual credited for years after 1936 and before the calendar year in which the determination month occurs, up to the contribution and benefit base (or such other amount referred to in section 215(e)(1) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 415 (e)(1)]) for each such year.

“(B) Limitations.—

“(i) Reduction in annuity.—Subparagraph (A) shall not reduce the annuity of an individual below the amount of the annuity which would be payable to the individual for the determination month if the provisions of section 8332 (j) of title 5, United States Code, relating to service as a volunteer or volunteer leader, applied to the individual for such month.

“(ii) Application.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the case of an individual who, prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 21, 1993], made a deposit under section 8334 (c) of title 5, United States Code, with respect to service as a volunteer or volunteer leader (as described in subparagraph (A)).

“(iii) Determination month.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘determination month’ means—

“(I) the first month the individual described in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) is entitled to old-age or survivors benefits under section 202 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 402] (or would be entitled to such benefits upon filing an application therefor); or
“(II) the first calendar month beginning after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 21, 1993], in the case of any individual entitled to such benefits for such month.

“(iv) Rule relating to annuities based on earlier separations.—Any increase in an annuity which occurs by virtue of the enactment of this paragraph shall be effective beginning with the annuity payment payable for the first calendar month beginning after the effective date of this subtitle [Oct. 1, 1993].

“(3) Furnishing of information.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall furnish such information to the Office of Personnel Management as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

“(4) Action to inform individuals.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to inform individuals entitled to credit under this section for service as a volunteer or volunteer leader, or to have any annuity recomputed, or to make a deposit under this section, of such entitlement.”


Section 406(b) of Pub. L. 103–82 provided that: “The amendments made by sections 404 and 405 [amending this section, section 558a of Title 16, Conservation, section 2501–1 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse, section 1542 of Title 25, Indians, and sections 3012, 3013, 3035a, 4950, 4953, 4995, 5025, 5043, 5048, 5056, 5061, 5065, 5590, 5616, 6863, 11312, 11851, 12312, 12638, and 12653 of Title 42, and amending provisions set out as notes under section 1701z–6 of Title 12, Banks and Banking, and sections 4954 and 5001 of Title 42] shall take effect on the effective date of section 203 (c)(2).” [Section 203(c)(2) of Pub. L. 103–82 is effective Apr. 4, 1994, see section 203(d) of Pub. L. 103–82 and Proc. No. 6662, set out as notes under section 12651 of Title 42.]

Effective Date of 1991 Amendment

Section 466(c) of Pub. L. 102–242 provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section and section 8411 of this title] shall apply with respect to any individual who transfers to a position in which he or she is subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, on or after October 1, 1991.”

Effective Date of 1990 Amendment

Section 3(a) of Pub. L. 101–530 provided that:

“(1) General rule.—

“(A) Eligibility.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by section 1 [amending this section] applies only with respect to individuals who—

“(i) separate from employment with the Government on or after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 6, 1990]; and

“(ii) make an appropriate deposit, in accordance with section 8334 (c) or 8411 (f) of title 5, United States Code (as appropriate), for additional service that is creditable under such amendment.

“(B) Deposit.—Any such deposit—

“(i) shall include interest, which shall be computed under section 8334(e) of such title (except that the rate of interest shall be 3 percent a year) from the midpoint of the period of additional service to the date deposit is made; and

“(ii) shall be made before date of retirement.

“(2) Exception.—

“(A) Rule for individuals separating after December 31, 1968, and before the enactment of this act.—In the case of any individual who—

“(i) was employed under section 709 of title 32, United States Code, relating to National Guard technicians, or any prior corresponding provision of law, before January 1, 1969, and

“(ii) was separated from employment with the Government on or after January 1, 1969, and before the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 6, 1990],

any annuity under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, based on such individual’s service (as defined in section 8331(12) or 8401(26) of such title, as applicable) shall be determined or redetermined to take into account the amendment made by section 1 [amending this section], if application therefor is received by the Office of Personnel Management within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and an appropriate deposit is made for any additional service that is creditable under such amendment. Any such deposit shall be computed, and must be paid either in a lump sum at the time of application or in installments over the 2-year period which begins on the date of application, or such shorter period as the Office may by regulation prescribe.
“(B) Earlier payments not affected by recomputation.—Any change in an annuity resulting from a redetermination under subparagraph (A) shall apply only with respect to monthly payments accruing after the date the deposit required under subparagraph (A) is made (or, if payments are to be made in installments, after an agreement has been entered into regarding the manner in which such payments will be made).

“(3) Payment by survivors.—For the purpose of survivor annuities, any deposit or installment payment required by paragraph (1) or (2) relating to service of an individual may also be made by a survivor of such individual.”

Effective Date of 1986 Amendments

Section 2(c) of Pub. L. 99–638 provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act [amending this section and section 2105 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 8331 of this title] which specifies an effective date for amendments made by this Act, the amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 2105 of this title] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1986].”

Section 502(c) of Pub. L. 99–556 provided that:

“(1) The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 8411 of this title] shall apply to a survivor of an employee or Member who dies on or after the 180th day after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 27, 1986].

“(2) Upon application to the Office of Personnel Management, such amendments shall also apply to a survivor of an employee or Member whose date of death precedes such 180th day, except that any resulting recomputation shall not be effective for any period beginning before the 60th day after the date on which the application is received.”

Amendment by Pub. L. 99–335 effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 702(a) of Pub. L. 99–335, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8401 of this title.

Effective Date of 1984 Amendment


Effective Date of 1983 Amendment

Section 111(2) of Pub. L. 98–51 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 3, 1978.

Effective Date of 1982 Amendments

Section 3(n) of Pub. L. 97–346 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 8334, 8342, 8344, and 8348 of this title and provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 5504, 5532, 5728, 8331, 8334, and 8337 of this title] shall take effect as of the date of the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982 [Sept. 8, 1982].”

Amendment by Pub. L. 97–253 effective Oct. 1, 1982, except that any employee or Member who retired after Sept. 8, 1982, and before Oct. 1, 1985, or is entitled to an annuity under chapter 83 of this title based on a separation from service occurring during such period, or a survivor of such individual, may make a payment under section 8334 (j)(1) of this title, and regulations required to be issued under section 8334 (j)(1) of this title, to be issued by the Office of Personnel Management within 90 days after such effective date, see section 306(g) of Pub. L. 97–253, as amended, set out as a note under section 8331 of this title.


Effective Date of 1980 Amendments

Section 4(b) of Pub. L. 96–523 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 12, 1980].”

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–465 effective Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96–465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

Effective Date of 1979 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96–54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.
Effective Date of 1978 Amendment


Effective Date of 1978 Amendment; Applicability to Annuities; Recomputation

Section 2 of Pub. L. 95–382 provided that:

“(a) The amendments made by this Act [amending this section and section 8334 of this title] shall take effect on the later of—

“(1) the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 22, 1978], or

“(2) October 1, 1978.

“(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the amendments made by the first section of this Act [amending this section and section 8334 of this title], shall apply with respect to annuities which commence before, on, or after the effective date of this Act, but no monetary benefit by reason of such amendments shall accrue for any period before such effective date.

“(c)(1) An annuity or survivor annuity based on the service of an employee or Member who performed service described in section 8332 (l) of title 5, United States Code, as added by the first section of this Act, shall, upon application to the Civil Service Commission, be recomputed in accordance with such section 8332 (l).

“(2) Any recomputation of an annuity under paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to months beginning more than 30 days after the date on which application for such recomputation is received in the Commission.

“(d)(1) The Civil Service Commission shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to inform individuals entitled to have any service credited under section 8332 (l) of title 5, United States Code, as added by the first section of this Act, or to have any annuity recomputed under subsection (c), of their entitlement to such credit or recomputation.

“(2) The Civil Service Commission shall, on request, assist any individual referred to in paragraph (1) in obtaining from any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States such information possessed by such instrumentality as may be necessary to verify the entitlement of such individual to have any service credited under such section 8332 (l) or to have any annuity recomputed under subsection (c).

“(3) Any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States which possesses any information with respect to the internment or other detention of any employee or Member as described in such section 8332 (l) shall, at the request of the Commission, furnish such information to the Commission.”

Effective Date of 1972 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 92–297 effective on 90th day after May 16, 1972, see section 10 of Pub. L. 92–297, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3381 of this title.

Effective Date of 1971 Amendment

Section 5(a) of Pub. L. 91–658 provided that: “The amendment made by the first section of this Act [amending this section] is effective only with respect to annuity accruing for full months beginning after the date of enactment of this Act [Jan. 8, 1971]; but any part of a period of separation referred to in such amendment in which the employee or former employee was receiving benefits under subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, or any earlier statute on which such subchapter is based shall be counted whether the employee returns to duty before, on, or after such date of enactment. With respect to any person retired before such date of enactment any such part of a period of separation shall be counted only upon application of the former employee.”

Effective Date of 1970 Amendment


Effective Date of 1969 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 91–177 effective as to all former volunteers employed by the United States Government on or after the effective date of Pub. L. 91–177 which was approved on Dec. 30, 1969, see section 112(c) of Pub. L. 91–177.
Effective Date of 1968 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 90–486 effective Jan. 1, 1969, except that no deductions or withholding from salary which result shall commence before first day of first pay period that begins on or after Jan. 1, 1968, see section 11 of Pub. L. 90–486, set out as a note under section 709 of Title 32, National Guard.

Regulations

Section 4 of Pub. L. 101–530 provided that: “The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe any regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act [amending this section, enacting provisions set out as a note above, and enacting and amending provisions set out as notes under section 709 of Title 32, National Guard].”

Transfer of Functions

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468 (b), 551 (d), 552 (d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

Retirement Credit for Service of Certain Employees Transferred From District of Columbia Service to Federal Service


“(a) Retirement Credit.—

“(1) In general.—Any individual who is treated as an employee of the Federal Government for purposes of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, on or after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 28, 2009] who performed qualifying District of Columbia service shall be entitled to have such service included in calculating the individual’s creditable service under section 8332 or 8411 of title 5, United States Code, but only for purposes of the following provisions of such title:

“(A) Sections 8333 and 8410 (relating to eligibility for annuity).
“(B) Sections 8336 (other than subsections (d), (h), and (p) thereof) and 8412 (relating to immediate retirement).
“(C) Sections 8338 and 8413 (relating to deferred retirement).
“(D) Sections 8336 (d), 8336 (h), 8336 (p), and 8414 (relating to early retirement).
“(E) Section 8341 and subchapter IV of chapter 84 (relating to survivor annuities).
“(F) Section 8337 and subchapter V of chapter 84 (relating to disability benefits).

“(2) Treatment of detention officer service as law enforcement officer service.—Any portion of an individual’s qualifying District of Columbia service which consisted of service as a detention officer under section 2604(2) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (sec. 1-626.04(2), D.C. Official Code) shall be treated as service as a law enforcement officer under sections 8331 (20) or 8401 (17) of title 5, United States Code, for purposes of applying paragraph (1) with respect to the individual.

“(3) Service not included in computing amount of any annuity.—Qualifying District of Columbia service shall not be taken into account for purposes of computing the amount of any benefit payable out of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

“(b) Qualifying District of Columbia Service Defined.—In this section, ‘qualifying District of Columbia service’ means any of the following:

“(1) Service performed by an individual as a nonjudicial employee of the District of Columbia courts—

“(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the amendments made by section 11246(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 [Pub. L. 105–33, see Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note set out under section 3121 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code]; and
“(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

“(2) Service performed by an individual as an employee of an entity of the District of Columbia government whose functions were transferred to the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Supervision, and Offender Supervision Trustee under section 11232 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 [111 Stat. 746]—
“(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the individual’s coverage as an employee of the Federal Government under section 11232(f) of such Act [111 Stat. 747]; and

“(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

“(3) Service performed by an individual as an employee of the District of Columbia Public Defender Service—

“(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the amendments made by section 7(e) of the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2427]; and

“(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

“(4) In the case of an individual who was an employee of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections who was separated from service as a result of the closing of the Lorton Correctional Complex and who was appointed to a position with the Bureau of Prisons, the District of Columbia courts, the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Supervision, and Offender Supervision Trustee, the United States Parole Commission, or the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, service performed by the individual as an employee of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections—

“(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the individual’s coverage as an employee of the Federal Government; and

“(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

“(c) Certification of Service.—The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the appropriate personnel official of the government of the District of Columbia or other independent employing entity concerning whether an individual performed qualifying District of Columbia service and the length of the period of such service the individual performed.”

Former Employees of Legislative Service Organizations

Pub. L. 106–554, § 1(a)(4) [div. A, § 901(b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A–196, provided that:

“(1) Service of employees of legislative service organizations.—

“(A) In general.—Subject to succeeding provisions of this paragraph, upon application to the Office of Personnel Management in such form and manner as the Office shall prescribe, any individual who performed service as an employee of a legislative service organization of the House of Representatives (as defined and authorized in the One Hundred Third Congress) and whose pay was paid in whole or in part by a source other than the Clerk Hire account of a Member of the House of Representatives (other than an individual described in paragraph (6)) shall be entitled—

“(i) to receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (whichever would be appropriate), as congressional employee service, for all such service; and

“(ii) to have all pay for such service which was so paid by a source other than the Clerk Hire account of a Member included (in addition to any amounts otherwise included in basic pay) for purposes of computing an annuity payable out of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

“(B) Deposit requirement.—In order to be eligible for the benefits described in subparagraph (A), an individual shall be required to pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund an amount equal to the difference between—

“(i) the employee contributions that were actually made to such Fund under applicable provisions of law with respect to the service described in subparagraph (A); and

“(ii) the employee contributions that would have been required with respect to such service if the amounts described in subparagraph (A)(ii) had also been treated as basic pay.

“The amount required under this subparagraph shall include interest, which shall be computed under section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code.

“(C) Certain offsets required in order to prevent double contributions and benefits.—In the case of any period of service as an employee of a legislative service organization which constituted employment for purposes of title II of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.],—

“(i) any pay for such service (as described in subparagraph (A)(ii)) with respect to which the deposit under subparagraph (B) would otherwise be computed by applying the first sentence of section 8334(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, shall instead be computed in a manner based on section 8334(k) of such title; and
“(ii) any retirement benefits under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, shall be subject to offset (to reflect that portion of benefits under title II of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.] attributable to pay referred to in subparagraph (A)) similar to that provided for under section 8349 of such title.

“(2) Survivor annuitants.—For purposes of survivor annuities, an application authorized by this section may, in the case of an individual under paragraph (1) who has died, be made by a survivor of such individual.

“(3) Recomputation of annuities.—Any annuity or survivor annuity payable as of when an individual makes the deposit required under paragraph (1) shall be recomputed to take into account the crediting of service under such paragraph for purposes of amounts accruing for any period beginning on or after the date on which the individual makes the deposit.

“(4) Certification of speaker.—The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or the Speaker’s designee) concerning the service of, and the amount of compensation received by, an employee with respect to whom credit is to be sought under this subsection.

“(5) Notification and other duties of the office of personnel management.—

“(A) Notice.—The Office of Personnel Management shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate to inform individuals of any rights they might have as a result of enactment of this subsection.

“(B) Assistance.—The Office shall, on request, assist any individual in obtaining from any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States any information in the possession of such instrumentality which may be necessary to verify the entitlement of such individual to have any service credited under this subsection or to have an annuity recomputed under paragraph (3).

“(C) Information.—Any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the United States which possesses any information with respect to an individual’s performance of any service described in paragraph (1) shall, at the request of the office, furnish such information to the Office.

“(6) Exclusion of certain employees.—An individual is not eligible for credit under this subsection if the individual served as an employee of the House of Representatives for an aggregate period of 5 years or longer after the individual’s final period of service as an employee of a legislative service organization of the House of Representatives.

“(7) Member defined.—In this subsection, the term ‘Member of the House of Representatives’ includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress.”

Creditability of ICC Employee’s Annual Leave for Purposes of Meeting Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Immediate Annuity


“(a) In General.—An employee of the Interstate Commerce Commission who is separated from Government service pursuant to the abolition of that agency under section 101 [49 U.S.C. 701 note ] shall, upon appropriate written application, be given credit, for purposes of determining eligibility for and computing the amount of any annuity under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, for accrued annual leave standing to such employee’s credit at the time of separation.

“(b) Limitation and Other Conditions.—Any regulations necessary to carry out this section shall be prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management. Such regulations shall include provisions—

“(1) defining the types of leave for which credit may be given under this section (such definition to be similar to the corresponding provisions of the regulations under section 351.608(c)(2) of title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 1995]);

“(2) limiting the amount of accrued annual leave which may be used for the purposes specified in subsection (a) to the minimum period of time necessary in order to permit such employee to attain first eligibility for an immediate annuity under section 8336, 8412, or 8414 of title 5, United States Code (in a manner similar to the corresponding provisions of the regulations referred to in paragraph (1));

“(3) under which contributions (or arrangements for the making of contributions) shall be made so that—

“(A) employee contributions for any period of leave for which retirement credit may be obtained under this section shall be made by the employee; and

“(B) Government contributions with respect to such period shall similarly be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission or other appropriate officer or entity (out of appropriations otherwise available for such contributions); and

“(4) under which subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an employee who declines a reasonable offer of employment in another position in the Department of Transportation made under this Act [see Tables for classification] or any amendment made by this Act.
“(c) Extinguishment of Eligibility for Lump-Sum Payment.—A lump-sum payment under section 5551 of title 5, United States Code, shall not be payable with respect to any leave for which retirement credit is obtained under this section.”


Creditability Under CSRS of Certain Service Performed Under Personal Service Contract With United States

Pub. L. 100–238, title I, § 110, Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1749, provided that:

“(a) In General.—

“(1) Conditions for receiving credit.—Subject to the making of a deposit under section 8334 (c) of title 5, United States Code, upon application to the Office of Personnel Management within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 8, 1988], any individual who is an employee (as defined by section 8331(1) or 8401(11) of such title) on such date shall be allowed credit under subchapter III of chapter 83 of such title for any service if such service was performed—

“(A) before November 5, 1985; and

“(B) under a personal service contract with the United States, except as provided in paragraph (3).

“(2) Certification.—

“(A) In general.—The Office shall, with respect to any service for which credit is sought under this subsection, accept the certification of the head of the agency which was party to the contract referred to in paragraph (1)(B), but only if such certification—

“(i) states that the agency had intended, through such contract, that the individual involved (or that persons like the individual involved) be considered as having been appointed to a position in which such individual would be subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code; and

“(ii) indicates the period of service which was performed under the contract by the individual involved, and includes copies of appropriate records or other documentation to support the determination as to the length of such period.

“(B) Finality.—A decision by an agency head concerning whether or not to make a certification under this paragraph in any particular instance shall be at the sole discretion of the agency head, and shall not be subject to administrative or judicial review.

“(3) Exception.—Nothing in this subsection shall apply with respect to any service performed under—

“(A) a contract for which any appropriations, allocations, or funds were used under section 636(a)(3) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 [22 U.S.C. 2396 (a)(3)];

“(B) a contract entered into under section 10(a)(5) of the Peace Corps Act [22 U.S.C. 2509 (a)(5)];

“(C) a contract under which the services of an individual may be terminated by a person other than the individual or the Government; or

“(D) a contract for a single transaction or a contract under which services are paid for in a single payment.

“(b) Applicability to Annuitants.—

“(1) In general.—In the case of any individual who—

“(A) performed service for which credit is allowable under subsection (a), and

“(B) retired on an annuity payable under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, after January 23, 1980, and before the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 8, 1988], any annuity under such subchapter based on the service of such individual shall be redetermined to take into account the amendment made by subsection (a) if application therefor is made, and the deposit requirement under such subsection is met, within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“(2) Amounts to which applicable.—Any change in an annuity resulting from a redetermination under paragraph (1) shall be effective with respect to payments accruing for months beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.”

Clarification Relating to Consideration of Pre-1987 Service as Air Traffic Controller for Retirement Purposes

Pub. L. 100–92, § 2, Aug. 18, 1987, 101 Stat. 679, provided that:
“(a) For purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, and chapter 84 of such title—

“(1) service as an air traffic controller shall, with respect to any annuity which is based on a separation from service, or death, occurring on or after January 1, 1987, include any service as an air traffic controller whether performed before, on, or after January 1, 1987; and

“(2) the Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the Secretary, or the designee of the Secretary, in determining the amount of any service performed by an individual as an air traffic controller.

“(b) For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘air traffic controller’ has the meaning given such term by section 2109 (1) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section 207(b) of the Federal Employees’ Retirement System Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–335; 100 Stat. 594); and

“(2) the term ‘Secretary’ has the meaning given such term by section 2109 (2) of title 5, United States Code.”

Cadet Nurse Corps

Section 1 of Pub. L. 99–638 provided: “That (a) service described in subsection (b) shall be considered creditable civilian service for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83, or chapter 84, of title 5, United States Code, as applicable, in the case of any individual who meets the requirements of subsection (c).

“(b) This section relates to any period of training as a student or graduate nurse under a plan approved under section 2 of the Act of June 15, 1943 (57 Stat. 153) [former 50 App. U.S.C. 1452], if the total period of training under such plan was at least 2 years.

“(c)(1) An individual may not receive credit for service pursuant to this Act [amending sections 2105 and 8332 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 8331 and 8332 of this title] unless—

“(A) within 14 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1986], and in accordance with regulations under subsection (d), the individual files appropriate written application with the Office of Personnel Management;

“(B) at the time of filing the application under subparagraph (A), the individual is employed by the Government and subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code (other than section 8344 of such title), or chapter 84 of such title (other than section 8468 of such title);

“(C) before the date of the separation on which is based the individual’s entitlement to an annuity under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, or chapter 84 of such title, as applicable, such individual deposits into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund the amount required under paragraph (2) with respect to the period of training involved.

“(2) The amount to be deposited shall be determined by the Office of Personnel Management in a manner consistent with applicable provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, chapter 84 of such title or title III of the Federal Employees’ Retirement System Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99–335, title III, see Tables for classification], as the case may be, relating to deposits for earlier periods of civilian service for which deductions from basic pay have not been made.

“(d) The Office of Personnel Management shall, not later than 2 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1986], prescribe regulations to carry out this Act [amending sections 2105 and 8332 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 8331 and 8332 of this title].”

Recomputation at Age 62 of Credit for Military Service of Current Annuitants


“(a) The provisions of section 8332 (j) of title 5, United States Code, relating to credit for military service, shall not apply with respect to any individual who is entitled to an annuity under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, on or before the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 8, 1982] or who is entitled to an annuity based on a separation from service occurring on or before such date of enactment.

“(b) Subject to subsection (b), in any case in which an individual described in subsection (a) is also entitled to old-age or survivors’ insurance benefits under section 202 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 402] (or would be entitled to such benefits upon filing application therefor), the amount of the annuity to which such individual is entitled under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, (after taking into account subsection (a)) which is payable for any month shall be reduced by an amount determined by multiplying the amount of such old-age or survivors’ insurance benefit for the determination month by a fraction—

“(1) the numerator of which is the total of the wages (within the meaning of section 209 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 409]) for service referred to in section 210(l) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 410 (l)] (relating to service in the uniformed services) and deemed additional wages (within the meaning of section 229 of such Act [42 U.S.C. 429]) of
such individual credited for years after 1956 and before the calendar year in which the determination month occurs, up to the contribution and benefit base determined under section 230 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 430] (or other applicable maximum annual amount referred to in section 215(e)(1) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 415 (e)(1)]) for each such year, and

“(2) the denominator of which is the total of all wages and deemed additional wages described in paragraph (1) of this subsection plus all other wages (within the meaning of section 209 of such Act [42 U.S.C. 409]) and all self-employment income (within the meaning of section 211(b) of such Act [42 U.S.C. 411 (b)]) of such individual credited for years after 1936 and before the calendar year in which the determination month occurs, up to the contribution and benefit base (or such other amount referred to in such section 215 (e)(1) [42 U.S.C. 415 (e)(1)]) for each such year.

“(c) Subsection (b) shall not reduce the annuity of any individual below the amount of the annuity which would be payable under this subchapter to the individual for the determination month if section 8332 (j) of title 5, United States Code, applied to the individual for such month.

“(d) For purposes of this section, the term ‘determination month’ means—

“(1) the first month the individual described in subsection (a) is entitled to old-age or survivors’ insurance benefits under section 202 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 402] (or would be entitled to such benefits upon filing application therefor); or

“(2) October 1982, in the case of any individual so entitled to such benefits for such month.

“(e) The preceding provisions of this section shall take effect with respect to any annuity payment payable under subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, for calendar months beginning after September 30, 1982.

“(f) The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall furnish such information to the Office of Personnel Management as may be necessary to carry out the preceding provisions of this section.”

District of Columbia Substitute Teachers

Section 2 of Pub. L. 92–454 provided that: “An annuity or survivor annuity based on the service of an employee or annuitant who performed service described in section 1 of this Act [amending this section] shall, upon application to the Civil Service Commission, be recomputed, effective on the first day of the first month following the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 2, 1972], in accordance with section 1 of this Act.”

National Guard Technicians

Amendment by section 5(a)(4) of Pub. L. 90–486 not applicable to persons employed prior to Jan. 1, 1969 whose employment was covered by the civil service retirement provisions of section 8331 et seq. of this title, see section 5(d) of Pub. L. 90–486, set out as a note under section 709 of Title 32, National Guard.

Creditable Service of Certain Commissioned Officers of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service

Section 6(a), (b) of Pub. L. 86–415, Apr. 8, 1960, 74 Stat. 35, provided that:

“(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), service as a commissioned officer in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service prior to July 1, 1960, shall be considered, for purposes of credit under the Civil Service Retirement Act [this subchapter], other than section 3 (f) thereof [section 8333 (a) of this title], as civilian service performed by an employee (as defined in such Act [this subchapter]) and commissioned officers of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the Civil Service Retirement Act [this subchapter] on June 30, 1960, shall be considered as voluntarily separated on that date, with respect to service as such officers, from civilian positions subject to such Act [this subchapter].

“(b) If a commissioned officer of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service is retired after June 30, 1960, and becomes entitled to retired pay from the Public Health Service, all service in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service prior to July 1, 1960, together with any other service which is performed at any time with the Public Health Service, other than as a commissioned officer, and which is credited to the officer for purposes of such retirement, shall be considered as military service for purposes of section 3(b) of the Civil Service Retirement Act [subsecs. (c)–(e) of this section]; except that, in the case of any such officer who is retired pursuant to subsection (a) of section 211 of the Public Health Service Act [section 212 (a) of Title 42], any such service which was performed prior to July 1, 1960, which was subject to the Civil Service Retirement Act [this subchapter], and with respect to which he has not, prior to his retirement, received a refund of deductions under the Civil Service Retirement Act [this subchapter], shall not be considered as military service for purposes of such section 3 (b) [subsecs. (c)–(e) of this section], but only if he waives his right to have such service included for purposes of computing the amount of his retired pay from the Service.”