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Dated: December 13, 2002.

**Roy J. Casto,**

*Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander,  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### 34 CFR Parts 700, 701, and 702

#### Removal of Regulations

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Final regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary amends the Code of Federal Regulations to remove obsolete regulations. As a result of enactment of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, these regulations are no longer needed. The Secretary therefore takes this action to remove the regulations.

**DATES:** Parts 700, 701, and 702 are removed effective December 27, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Payer, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., room 502e, Washington, DC 20208. Telephone: (202) 219-1310.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a result of enactment of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, Title I of Public Law 107-279, enacted November 5, 2002, the regulations at 34 CFR parts 700, 701, and 702 are removed because they are no longer necessary. The removal of these regulations does not alter the obligations of current recipients of Federal funds. The regulations in effect when a grant or other agreement is made govern that grant or agreement, unless otherwise specifically provided.

The regulations removed are:

(1) Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried Out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Evaluation of Applications for Grants and Cooperative Agreements and Proposals for Contracts (34 CFR part 700);

(2) Standards for Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried Out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Designation of Exemplary and Promising Programs (34 CFR part 701); and

(3) Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Activities Carried Out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI)—Evaluation of the Performance of Recipients of Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts (34 CFR part 702).

#### Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, this document merely removes obsolete regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations. Removal of the regulations does not establish or affect substantive policy. Therefore, the Secretary has determined pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), that public comment is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

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#### List of Subjects

##### 34 CFR Part 700

Education, Educational research, Elementary and secondary education, Government contracts, Grant programs—education, Libraries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### 34 CFR Part 701

Education, Educational research, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

##### 34 CFR Part 702

Education, Educational research, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

**Grover J. Whitehurst,**

*Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

## PARTS 700, 701, AND 702— [REMOVED]

For the reasons stated in the preamble, under the authority at 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 20 U.S.C. 9501 *et seq.*, the Secretary amends Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations by removing parts 700, 701, and 702.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 3

#### RIN 2900-AK98

#### Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Gulf War Veterans' Undiagnosed Illnesses

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document affirms an amendment to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adjudication regulations regarding compensation for disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses suffered by Persian Gulf War veterans. The amendment extends the period within which such disabilities must become manifest to a compensable degree in order for entitlement for compensation to be established. The amendment ensures that veterans with compensable disabilities due to undiagnosed illnesses that may be related to active service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War may qualify for benefits.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 27, 2002.