welfare, service, and organizational activities, regardless of whether pay was received therefor.

(5 U.S.C. 1302, 3301, 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218)

[33 FR 12423, Sept. 4, 1968]

§337.102 Evaluating qualifications for employees who are in a retained grade.

- (a) Employees who are in a retained grade must have the experience they gain subsequent to the downgrading action that placed them in a retained grade considered in the following manner. For placements during the period the employee is in a retained grade, agencies must consider the experience subsequent to the downgrading action to be either:
- (1) At the level of the retained grade and in the series of the position which he or she occupied at the time of the downgrading: or
- (2) At the grade and in the series of the position to which the employee is downgraded.
- (b) Agencies must determine which experience to consider on the basis of which will most likely result in placement. For placements or promotions after the retained grade period, the experience is considered only at the grade level and in the series of the position to which the employee was downgraded.

(5 U.S.C. 5364)

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 3301, 3302, 3304; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 comp., p. 218.

Subpart A—Citizenship Requirements

§ 338.101 Citizenship.

- (a) A person may be admitted to competitive examination only if he is a citizen of or owes permanent allegiance to the United States.
- (b) A person may be given an appointment in the competitive service only if he or she is a citizen of or owes permanent allegiance to the United States. However, a noncitizen may be given an appointment in rare cases under §316.601 of this chapter, unless the appointment is prohibited by stat-
- (c) Paragraph (b) of this section applies to reinstatement and transfer as well as to other noncompetitive appointments, and to conversion to career or career-conditional employment.

[33 FR 12429, Sept. 4, 1968, as amended at 57 FR 10124, Mar. 24, 1992]

Subpart B [Reserved]

Subpart C—Consideration for **Appointment**

§338.301 Competitive service appointment.

Agencies must ensure that employees who are given competitive service appointments meet the requirements included in the Office of Personnel Management's Operating Manual: Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions. The Operating Manual is available to the public for review at agency personnel offices and Federal depository libraries, and for purchase from the Government Printing Office.

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Subparts D-E [Reserved]

Subpart F—Age Requirements

§338.601 Prohibition of maximum-age requirements.

A maximum-age requirement may not be applied in either competitive or