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through the date of noncompetitive appointment under this section, inclusive, does not include any break in service of more than 30 days and totals at least 3 years becomes a career employee.

(3) All other former Canal Zone Merit System and Panama Canal Employment System employees become career-conditional employees.

(e) *Acquisition of competitive status.* A person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section automatically acquires a competitive status:

(1) On appointment, if he or she has satisfactorily completed a 1-year probationary period under the Canal Zone Merit System and/or the Panama Canal Employment System.

(2) On satisfactory completion of probation in accordance with §315.80 (a)(3) if he or she had not completed a 1-year probationary period under the Canal Zone Merit System or Panama Canal Employment System.

[48 FR 13951, Apr. 1, 1983]

§ 315.602 Appointment based on service in the Office of the President or Vice-President or on the White House Staff.

(a) *Agency authority.* An agency may appoint noncompetitively a person who has served at least 2 years in the immediate Office of the President or Vice-President or on the White House Staff, provided that the appointment is effected without a break in service of 1 full workday.

(b) *Tenure on appointment.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, a person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section becomes a career-conditional employee.

(2) A person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section becomes a career employee when he or she has completed the service requirement for career tenure or is excepted from it by §315.201(c).

(c) *Acquisition of competitive status.* A person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section acquires a competitive status automatically on appointment.

[44 FR 54692, Sept. 21, 1979]

§ 315.603 Appointment based on former incumbency of a position brought into the competitive service.

(a) *Agency authority—(1) Employee in military service.* An agency may appoint a former incumbent of a permanent excepted position who was serving under an appointment not limited to 1 year or less, or of a position in public or private enterprise when the position was brought into the competitive service on a continuing basis and who left his position after June 30, 1950, to perform active military service when:

(i) The position was brought into the competitive service before or during his military service or during the period in which he had restoration rights thereto, and he left the position to enter military service before the end of the time limits set forth in §315.701(c);

(ii) He has been released from military service under honorable conditions;

(iii) The agency submits a recommendation for his appointment to OPM within 6 months after release from military service under honorable conditions or after hospitalization continuing after release for not more than 1 year; and

(iv) He performed 6 months of satisfactory service immediately before the date his position was brought into the competitive service in a position or positions brought into the competitive service, or in the civilian executive branch of the Government, unless OPM has excepted his particular type of case from this requirement.

(2) *Employee separated.* An agency may appoint a former incumbent of a permanent excepted position under an appointment not limited to 1 year or less or of a position in public or private enterprise when the position was brought into the competitive service on a continuing basis, and who was separated thereafter, when:

(i) He is recommended for appointment within the time limits set forth in §315.701(c); and

(ii) He performed 6 months of satisfactory service immediately before the date his position was brought into the competitive service, in a position or positions brought into the competitive service or in the civilian executive

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branch of the Government, unless OPM has excepted his particular type of case from this requirement.

(3) *Employee recovered from compensable injury.* An agency may appoint a former incumbent of a permanent excepted position who was serving under an appointment not limited to 1 year or less, when the position has been brought into the competitive service and when:

(i) The employee is entitled to restoration based on recovery from compensable injury in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 8151 and part 353;

(ii) The employee's position was brought into the competitive service either before the employee's separation for compensable injury or during his or her period of statutory restoration rights following such injury, and the employee's separation for compensable injury occurred before the end of the time limits set forth in § 315.701(c);

(iii) The agency initiates the appointment within 6 months after cessation of compensation; and

(iv) The employee performed 6 months of satisfactory service immediately before the date his or her position was brought into the competitive service in the civilian executive branch of the Government, unless OPM has excepted his or her particular type of case from this requirement.

(b) *Review of disapproved recommendations.* Agencies shall establish procedures for reviewing disapprovals of recommendations for appointment under this section when such review is requested within 6 months after the date of disapproval.

(c) *Tenure on appointment.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, a person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section becomes a career-conditional employee.

(2) A person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section becomes a career employee when he has completed the service requirement for career tenure or is excepted from it by § 315.201(c).

(d) *Acquisition of competitive status.* (1) A person appointed under paragraph (a)(1) of this section acquires a competitive status automatically on appointment.

(2) A person appointed under paragraph (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section ac-

quires a competitive status automatically on completion of probation.

[33 FR 12418, Sept. 4 1968, as amended at 43 FR 34428, Aug. 4, 1978; 54 FR 37092, Sept. 7, 1989; 66 FR 66710, Dec. 27, 2001]

§ 315.604 Employment of disabled veterans who have completed a training course under Chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code.

(a) When a disabled veteran satisfactorily completes an approved course of training prescribed by the Veterans Administration under chapter 31, title 38, United States Code, any agency may appoint the veteran noncompetitively to the position of class of positions for which trained.

(b) *Conversion.* An agency may convert to career or career-conditional employment a person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Disqualifications.* Any law, Executive order, or civil service rule or regulation which would disqualify an applicant for appointment also disqualifies him or her for conversion of his or her employment to career or career-conditional employment under this section.

(d) *Tenure on approval of recommendation.* When an agency converts the employee under paragraph (b) of this section, the employee becomes:

(1) A career-conditional employee, except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section; and

(2) A career employee when he or she has completed the service requirement for career tenure or is excepted from it by § 315.201(c).

(e) *Acquisition of competitive status.* A person whose employment is converted to career or career-conditional employment under this section acquires a competitive status automatically on conversion.

[44 FR 54692, Sept. 21, 1979, as amended at 44 FR 55132, Sept. 25, 1979]

§ 315.605 Appointment of former ACTION volunteers.

(a) *Agency authority.* An agency in the executive branch may appoint noncompetitively, for other than temporary employment, a person whom the Director of ACTION certifies as having served satisfactorily as a volunteer or volunteer leader under the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.),