

351 of this chapter. In making a selection, an agency may not pass over an individual in group I to select from group II and, within a group, may not pass over an individual in a higher subgroup to select from a lower subgroup. Within a subgroup, an agency may select an individual without regard to order of retention standing. A person has no greater priority for the grade or position from which separated than any other person on the list who is qualified for the vacancy. An agency may make an exception to this selection order only in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(c)(1) *Rating and ranking.* For each vacancy to be filled, the agency rates qualified individuals according to their job experience and education. To do this, an agency shall develop job-related evaluation procedures capable of distinguishing differences in qualifications measured, which shall be applied in a fair and consistent manner. Based on these procedures, the agency shall assign qualified individuals a numerical score of at least 70 on a scale of 100. The agency shall grant 5 additional points to preference eligibles under section 2108(3)(A) and (B) of title 5, United States Code, and 10 additional points to preference eligibles under section 2108(3) (C) through (G) of that title.

(2) Individuals with an eligible numerical score shall be ranked in the following order:

(i) Preference eligibles having a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more in the order of their augmented ratings, unless the position to be filled is a professional position at and above the GS-9 level, or equivalent; and

(ii) All other qualified candidates in the order of their augmented ratings. At each score, qualified candidates eligible for 10-point preference will be entered ahead of all other eligibles, and those eligible for 5-point preference will be entered ahead of those not eligible for veteran preference.

(3) An agency must make its selection from not more than the highest three candidates available and may pass over a preference eligible to select a nonpreference eligible only as an ex-

ception under paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) *Exceptions.* An agency may make an exception to this subpart and appoint an individual who is not on the RPL or has lower standing than others on the RPL. The exception may be granted only when necessary to obtain an employee for duties that cannot be taken over without undue interruption (as defined in §351.203 of this chapter) to the agency by an individual who is on the RPL or has higher standing than the one appointed. The agency shall notify, in writing, each individual on the RPL who is adversely affected by an appointment under this paragraph of the reasons for the exception and of the right of appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board.

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§ 330.208 Qualification requirements.

(a) Subject to applicable requirements of law and this chapter, an individual is considered qualified for a position if he or she:

(1) Meets OPM-established or approved qualification standards and requirements for the position, including any minimum educational requirements, and any selection placement factors established by the agency;

(2) Is physically qualified, with reasonable accommodation where appropriate, to perform the duties of the position; and

(3) Meets any special qualifying condition that OPM has approved for the position.

(4) Meets any other applicable requirement for appointment to the competitive service.

(b) An agency may make an exception to the qualification standard and adopt an alternative standard under the following conditions (this provision does not authorize waiver of the selection order required by §330.207):

(1) The exception is applied consistently and equitably in filling a position;

(2) The individual meets any minimum educational requirement for the position; and

(3) The agency determines that the individual has the capacity, adaptability, and special skills needed to

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satisfactorily perform the duties and responsibilities of the position.

(c) The sex of an individual may not be considered in determining qualifications for a position, except positions for which OPM has determined certification of eligibles by sex is justified.

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§ 330.209 Appeals.

An individual who believes that his or her reemployment priority rights under this subpart have been violated because of the employment of another person who otherwise could not have been appointed properly may appeal to the Merit Systems Protection Board under the provisions of the Board's regulations.

Subpart C [Reserved]

Subpart D—Positions Restricted to Preference Eligibles

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§ 330.401 Competitive examination.

In each entrance examination for the positions of custodian, elevator operator, guard, and messenger (referred to in this subpart as *restricted positions*), OPM shall restrict competition to preference eligibles as long as preference eligibles are available.

§ 330.402 Direct recruitment.

In direct recruitment by an agency under delegated authority, the agency shall fill each restricted position by the appointment of a preference eligible as long as preference eligibles are available.

§ 330.403 Noncompetitive actions.

An agency may fill a restricted position by the appointment by noncompetitive action of a nonpreference eligible only when authorized by OPM.

§ 330.404 Displacement of preference eligibles occupying restricted positions in contracting out situations.

An individual agency and OPM both have additional responsibilities when the agency decides, in accordance with

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the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76, to contract out the work of a preference eligible who holds a restricted position. These additional responsibilities are applicable if a preference eligible holds a competitive service position that is:

(a) A restricted position as designated in 5 U.S.C. 3310 and § 330.401; and

(b) In retention tenure group tenure I or II, as defined in § 351.501(b) (1) and (2) of this chapter.

§ 330.405 Agency placement assistance.

An agency that separates a preference eligible from a restricted position by reduction in force under part 351 of this chapter because of a contracting out situation covered in § 330.404 must, consistent with § 330.602, advise the employee of the opportunity to participate in available career transition programs. The agency is also responsible for:

(a) Applying OMB's policy directives on the preference eligibles' right of first refusal for positions that are contracted out to the private sector; and

(b) Cooperating with State units as designated or created under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to retrain displaced preference eligibles for other continuing positions.

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§ 330.406 OPM placement assistance.

OPM's responsibilities include:

(a) Assisting agencies in operating positive placement programs, such as the Career Transition Assistance Plan, which is authorized by subpart F of this part;

(b) Providing interagency selection priority through the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan, which is authorized by subpart G of this part; and

(c) Encouraging cooperation between local Federal activities to assist these displaced preference eligibles in applying for other Federal positions, including positions with the U.S. Postal Service.