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CHAPTER 7.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

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7-01 PURPOSE.

This Chapter describes procedures for payment of uniform allowances to officers of the NOAA Commissioned Corps (NOAA Corps officers).

7-02 SCOPE.

This policy is applicable to NOAA Corps officers on active duty.

7-03 AUTHORITY.

Authority for uniform allowances is contained in 5 U.S.C. 5901. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) may establish a higher maximum amount under 5 U.S.C. 5902.

7-04 POLICY.

Upon appointment, NOAA Corps officers will receive a onetime \$800 uniform allowance. If a newly appointed officer separates from the NOAA Corps with less than twelve (12) months of service, the uniform allowance will not be recovered.

7.04.01 RESTRICTIONS.

Officers who receive this allowance while serving as an officer in any uniformed service are not entitled to a subsequent allowance.

7.04.02 RECORDS.

The Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Commissioned Personnel Center, will maintain records of uniform allowances authorized for NOAA Corps officers.

7-05 EFFECT ON OTHER ISSUANCES.

This Chapter supersedes Chapter 7 of the *NOAA Finance Handbook*, dated September 21, 2009, in its entirety.