

LIST OF SIGNATURE AUTHORITIES FOR DoD ISSUANCE ACTIONS

POSITIONS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE, INITIATE COORDINATION, AND COORDINATE ON DoD ISSUANCES			
Issuance Type	Issuance Approval¹	Initiate Coordination (DD Form 106)²	Coordinate (DD Form 818)³
Direct-Oversight DoD Directives (DoDDs)	Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense	OSD Component heads and their principal deputies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSD Component heads and their principal deputies⁵ • Chairman and Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Director and Vice Director, Joint Staff • Secretaries, Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, General Counsels (GCs), and Administrative Assistants of the Military Departments • Commandant of the Coast Guard • Chief, National Guard Bureau
Chartering DoDDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense • OSD Component heads, as delegated by the Deputy Secretary of Defense in their respective chartering DoDDs, may approve chartering DoDDs for their subordinate OSD Presidentially Appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) officials⁴ <i>when the charters are reissued.</i> 		
DoD Instructions (DoDIs)	OSD Component heads		
DoD Manuals (DoDMs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSD Component heads and their principal deputies • OSD PAS officials 	OSD Component heads and their principal deputies OSD PAS officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The above officials • OSD PAS officials • Deputy Under and Deputy Assistant Secretaries of Defense • DoD Deputy GCs and Deputy Inspectors General (IGs)
Administrative Instructions (AIs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Chief Management Officer (DCMO) • Director, Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCMO • Director of Administration (DA ODCMO) 	
Policy Directive-type Memorandums (DTMs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense • OSD Component heads 	OSD Component heads and their principal deputies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTMs must be coordinated at a minimum with the GC DoD; the IG DoD; and DCMO
Non-Policy DTMs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSD Component heads and their principal deputies • OSD PAS officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSD Component heads and their principal deputies • OSD PAS officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy DTMs will be coordinated at the same level as DoDIs • Non-policy DTMs will be coordinated at the same level as DoDMs and AIs

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Notes

¹ The officials authorized to approve the various types of issuances are also authorized to approve changes to and cancellations of those types of issuances.

² The officials authorized to start coordination on the various types of issuance are also authorized to sign the action memorandum transmitting the completed action for approval. These individuals may also sign Block 15 of the SD Form 106 if the action was initiated before August 1, 2016.

³ Coordination may also be submitted via an SD Form 106 for coordination initiated before August 1, 2016, with authorized signatures in Block 17 of that form.

⁴ The OSD PAS officials are the:
Under Secretaries of Defense and their Principal Deputies
Deputy Chief Management Officer
Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation
Director of Operational Test and Evaluation
GC DoD
IG DoD
Assistant Secretaries of Defense*

⁵ The officials authorized to coordinate on DoDDs and DoDIs may delegate this authority to a position at the level of a general or flag officer, Senior Executive Service member, senior-level employee, or equivalent. Any delegation must be provided to the Directives Division in writing. Delegated authorities are available online at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/writing/process_index.html, "List of Delegated Coordinating Officials." That file will be updated when changes in positions or authorization occur.

* Including the ASD for Research and Engineering (formerly DDR&E) and ASD for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (formerly ATSD(NCB)).