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(2) The position’s grade level and/or rate of pay;

(3) Whether the employment is full-time, part-time, or intermittent;

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Subpart D—Reemployment of Disability Annuitants

§ 837.401 Generally.

A disability annuitant may be reemployed in any position for which he or she is qualified.

§ 837.402 Special notice.

(a) To annuitant. In addition to the advice described in paragraph 837.103(b) of this part, the agency should generally also advise a disability annuitant, in writing, prior to reemployment, that—

(1) Reemployment on a permanent basis in a position equivalent in grade and pay to the position from which the annuitant retired may constitute the basis for an OPM finding of recovery from disability;
cease reducing pay by the amount of annuity allocable to the period of reemployment effective that same date. If the appointment is subject to retirement deductions, retirement deductions will begin or continue, as the case may be.

(b) Subsequent benefits—(1) CSRS. If, on separation from a period of reemployment during which the disability annuity was terminated because of recovery or restoration to earning capacity, the former disability annuitant is entitled to either an immediate or deferred annuity based on the most recent separation, any right to an annuity based on a prior separation is permanently extinguished. If no such right to immediate or deferred annuity accrues based on this most recent separation, however, any right to immediate or deferred annuity will be determined on the basis of the next prior separation.

(2) FERS. If a disability annuity is terminated during a period of reemployment because of recovery or restoration to earning capacity, any right to an annuity based on a prior separation is permanently extinguished, except as otherwise provided by §844.405(b)(2) of this chapter.

§ 837.404 Reinstatement of annuity during a period of employment not subject to CSRS or FERS.

When OPM reinstates the disability annuity of an individual employed in a position not subject to CSRS or FERS, the employing agency shall withhold retirement deductions and offset pay subject to the provisions of subpart C of this part, as of the date of OPM’s administrative determination of reinstatement. OPM shall offset from any retroactive payment of annuity for a period that is also a period of employment an amount equal to the amount of annuity, or the pay for the period of employment, whichever is the lesser.

Subpart E—Retirement Benefits on Separation

§ 837.501 Refund of retirement deductions.

A reemployed annuitant who separates from reemployment without title to either a supplemental annuity or a redetermined annuity under this subpart is entitled to have any retirement deductions withheld from pay during the period of reemployment refunded without interest.

§ 837.502 Reinstatement of annuity.

(a) When appropriate. (1) When an annuity was terminated because of reemployment under the provisions of §837.202 of this part, or any similar provision of statute or regulation in effect prior to the promulgation of this part, the annuity that was terminated will be reinstated effective the date immediately following the date the reemployed annuitant separated from reemployment, if—

(i) The reemployed annuitant’s right to annuity has not been terminated under any other provision of regulation or statute; and

(ii) The reemployed annuitant is not entitled to either an immediate or deferred CSRS or FERS annuity based on the separation from reemployment.

(2) When an annuity was suspended because of reemployment under the provisions of §837.203 of this part, the annuity that was suspended will be reinstated effective the date immediately following the date the reemployed annuitant separated from reemployment.

(b) Amount of reinstated annuity. The amount of an annuity reinstated under the provisions of paragraph (a)(2) of this section will be the amount of the annuity at the effective date of termination, adjusted by such adjustments as would have occurred had the annuity remained payable during the period of reemployment.

§ 837.503 Supplemental annuity.

(a) Title requirements. A reemployed annuitant is entitled, on separation, or conversion to intermittent service, to a supplemental annuity if—

(1) The annuitant performed—

(i) At least 1 year of actual, continuous, full-time service;

(ii) Actual, continuous part-time service equivalent to 1 year of actual full-time service; or

(iii) A combination of part-time and full-time actual, continuous service that is equivalent to 1 year of actual full-time service; and