

beneficiary designation provision at section 10.908 and that 10% be paid to his uncle John Doe who has since died. At the time of his death, the employee had no surviving spouse, children, parents, or siblings. Therefore, the Foreign Service Act death gratuity will not be paid, because no eligible survivors according to the Foreign Service Act provision exist. The death gratuity under this subpart would equal \$100,000, because no other death gratuity has been paid, and Jane would receive \$40,000 according to the employee's designation. As John Doe is deceased, no death gratuity may be paid pursuant to the designation of a share of the death gratuity to him.

PART 25—COMPENSATION FOR DISABILITY AND DEATH OF NON-CITIZEN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 25.1 How are claims of Federal employees who are neither citizens nor residents adjudicated?

This part describes how OWCP pays compensation under the FECA to employees of the United States who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States, any territory or Canada, as well as to any dependents of such employees. It has been determined that the compensation provided under the FECA is substantially disproportionate to the compensation for disability or death which is payable in similar cases under local law, regulation, custom or otherwise, in areas outside the United States, any territory or Canada. Therefore, with respect to the claims of such employees whose injury (or injury resulting in death) has occurred subsequent to December 7, 1941, or may occur, the regulations in this part shall apply.

§ 25.2 In general, what is the Director's policy regarding such claims?

(a) Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8137, the benefit features of local workers' compensation laws, or provisions in the nature of workers' compensation, in effect in areas outside the United States, any territory or Canada shall, effective as of December 7, 1941 and as recognized by the Director, be adopted and apply in the cases of employees of the United States who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States, any territory or Canada, unless a special schedule of compensation for injury or death has been established under this part for the particular locality, or for a class of employees in the particular locality.

(b) The benefit provisions adopted under paragraph (a) of this section are those dealing with money payments for injury and death (including medical benefits), as well as those dealing with

services and purposes forming an integral part of the local plan, provided they are of a kind or character similar to services and purposes authorized by the FECA.

(1) Procedural provisions, designations of classes of beneficiaries in death cases, limitations (except those affecting amounts of benefit payments), and any other provisions not directly affecting the amounts of the benefit payments, in such local plans, shall not apply, but in lieu thereof the pertinent provisions of the FECA shall apply, unless modified in this section.

(2) However, the Director may at any time modify, limit or redesignate the class or classes of beneficiaries entitled to death benefits, including the designation of persons, representatives or groups entitled to payment under local statute or custom whether or not included in the classes of beneficiaries otherwise specified by this subchapter.

(c) Compensation in all cases of such employees paid and closed prior to January 4, 1999 shall be deemed compromised and paid under 5 U.S.C. 8137. In all other cases, compensation may be adjusted to conform with the regulations in this part, or the beneficiary may by compromise or agreement with the Director have compensation continued on the basis of a previous adjustment of the claim.

(d) Persons employed in a country or area having no well-defined workers' compensation benefits structure shall be accorded the benefits provided—either by local law or special schedule—in a nearby country as determined by the Director. In selecting the benefit structure to be applied, equity and administrative ease will be given consideration, as well as local custom.

(e) Compensation for disability and death of non-citizens outside the United States under this part, whether paid under local law or special schedule, shall in no event exceed that generally payable under the FECA.

§ 25.3 What is the authority to settle and pay such claims?

In addition to the authority to receive, process and pay claims, when delegated such representative or agency receiving delegation of authority shall, in respect to cases adjudicated

under this part, and when so authorized by the Director, have authority to make lump-sum awards (in the manner prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 8135) whenever such authorized representative shall deem such settlement to be for the best interest of the United States, and to compromise and pay claims for any benefits provided for under this part, including claims in which there is a dispute as to questions of fact or law. The Director shall, in instructions to the particular representative concerned, establish such procedures in respect to action under this section as he or she may deem necessary, and may specify the scope of any administrative review of such action.

§ 25.4 What type of evidence is required to establish a claim under this part?

Claims of employees of the United States who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States, any territory or Canada, if otherwise compensable, shall be approved only upon evidence of the following nature without regard to the date of injury or death for which claim is made:

- (a) Appropriate certification by the Federal employing establishment; or
- (b) An armed service's casualty or medical record; or
- (c) Verification of the employment and casualty by military personnel; or
- (d) Recommendation of an armed service's "Claim Service" based on investigations conducted by it.

§ 25.5 What special rules does OWCP apply to claims of third and fourth country nationals?

(a) *Definitions.* A "third country national" is a person who is neither a citizen nor resident of the United States who is hired by the United States in the person's country of citizenship or residence for employment in another foreign country, or in a possession or territory of the United States. A "fourth country national" is a person who is neither a citizen nor resident of either the country of hire or the place of employment, but who otherwise meets the definition of third country national. "Benefits applicable to local hires" are the benefits provided in this part by local law or special schedule, as

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determined by the Director. With respect to a United States territory or possession, "local law" means only the law of the particular territory or possession.

(b) *Benefits payable.* Third and fourth country nationals shall be paid the benefits applicable to local hires in the country of hire or the place of employment, whichever benefits are greater, provided that all benefits payable on account of one injury must be paid under the same benefit structure.

(1) Where no well-defined workers' compensation benefits structure is provided in either the country of hire or the place of employment, the provisions of § 25.2(d) shall apply.

(2) Where equitable considerations are determined by the Director so warrant, a fourth country national may be awarded benefits applicable to local hires in his or her home country.

§ 25.6 How does OWCP adjudicate claims of non-citizen residents of possessions?

An employee who is a *bona fide* permanent resident of any United States possession, territory, commonwealth or trust territory will receive the full benefits of the FECA, as amended, except that the application of the minimum benefit provisions provided therein shall be governed by the restrictions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 8138.

Subpart B—The Special Schedule of Compensation

§ 25.100 How is compensation for disability paid?

Compensation for disability shall be paid to the employee as follows:

(a) *Permanent total disability.* In cases of permanent total disability, 66⅔ percent of the monthly pay during the period of such disability.

(b) *Temporary total disability.* In cases of temporary total disability, 66⅔ percent of the monthly pay during the period of such disability.

(c) *Permanent partial disability.* In cases of permanent partial disability, 66⅔ percent of the monthly pay, for the following losses and periods:

(1) Arm lost: 280 weeks' compensation.

(2) Leg lost: 248 weeks' compensation.

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(3) Hand lost: 212 weeks' compensation.

(4) Foot lost: 173 weeks' compensation.

(5) Eye lost: 140 weeks' compensation.

(6) Thumb lost: 51 weeks' compensation.

(7) First finger lost: 28 weeks' compensation.

(8) Great toe lost: 26 weeks' compensation.

(9) Second finger lost: 18 weeks' compensation.

(10) Third finger lost: 17 weeks' compensation.

(11) Toe, other than great toe, lost: 8 weeks' compensation.

(12) Fourth finger lost: 7 weeks' compensation.

(13) Loss of hearing: One ear, 52 weeks' compensation; both ears, 200 weeks' compensation.

(14) Phalanges: Compensation for loss of more than one phalanx of a digit shall be the same as for the loss of the entire digit. Compensation for loss of the first phalanx shall be one-half of the compensation for the loss of the entire digit.

(15) Amputated arm or leg: Compensation for an arm or a leg, if amputated at or above the elbow or the knee, shall be the same as for the loss of the arm or leg; but, if amputated between the elbow and the wrist, or between the knee and the ankle, the compensation shall be the same as for the loss of the hand or the foot.

(16) Binocular vision or percent of vision: Compensation for loss of binocular vision, or for 80 percent or more of the vision of an eye shall be the same as for the loss of the eye.

(17) Two or more digits: Compensation for loss of two or more digits, one or more phalanges of two or more digits of a hand or foot may be proportioned to the loss of use of the hand or foot occasioned thereby, but shall not exceed the compensation for the loss of a hand or a foot.

(18) Total loss of use: Compensation for a permanent total loss of use of a member shall be the same as for loss of the member.

(19) Partial loss or partial loss of use: Compensation for permanent partial loss or loss of use of a member may be

for proportionate loss of use of the member.

(20) Consecutive awards: In any case in which there shall be a loss or loss of use of more than one member or parts of more than one member set forth in paragraphs (c) (1) through (19) of this section, but not amounting to permanent total disability, the award of compensation shall be for the loss or loss of use of each such member or part thereof, which awards shall run consecutively, except that where the injury affects only two or more digits of the same hand or foot, paragraph (c)(17) of this section shall apply.

(21) Other cases: In all other cases within this class of disability the compensation during the continuance of disability shall be that proportion of compensation for permanent total disability, as determined under paragraph (a) of this section, which is equal in percentage to the degree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the disability.

(22) Compensation under paragraphs (c) (1) through (21) of this section for permanent partial disability shall be in addition to any compensation for temporary total or temporary partial disability under this section, and awards for temporary total, temporary partial, and permanent partial disability shall run consecutively.

(d) *Temporary partial disability.* In cases of temporary partial disability, during the period of disability, that proportion of compensation for temporary total disability, as determined under paragraph (b) of this section, which is equal in percentage to the degree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the disability.

§ 25.101 How is compensation for death paid?

If the disability causes death, the compensation shall be payable in the amount and to or for the benefit of the following persons:

(a) To the undertaker or person entitled to reimbursement, reasonable funeral expenses not exceeding \$200.

(b) To the surviving spouse, if there is no child, 35 percent of the monthly pay until his or her death or remarriage.

(c) To the surviving spouse, if there is a child, the compensation payable under paragraph (b) of this section, and in addition thereto 10 percent of the monthly wage for each child, not to exceed a total of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent for such surviving spouse and children. If a child has a guardian other than the surviving spouse, the compensation payable on account of such child shall be paid to such guardian. The compensation of any child shall cease when he or she dies, marries or reaches the age of 18 years, or if over such age and incapable of self-support, becomes capable of self-support.

(d) To the children, if there is no surviving spouse, 25 percent of the monthly pay for one child and 10 percent thereof for each additional child, not to exceed a total of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent thereof, divided among such children share and share alike. The compensation of each child shall be paid until he or she dies, marries or reaches the age of 18, or if over such age and incapable of self-support, becomes capable of self-support. The compensation of a child under legal age shall be paid to its guardian, if there is one, otherwise to the person having the custody or care of such child, for such child, as the Director in his or her discretion shall determine.

(e) To the parents, if one is wholly dependent for support upon the deceased employee at the time of his or her death and the other is not dependent to any extent, 25 percent of the monthly pay; if both are wholly dependent, 20 percent thereof to each; if one is or both are partly dependent, a proportionate amount in the discretion of the Director. The compensation to a parent or parents in the percentages specified shall be paid if there is no surviving spouse or child, but if there is a surviving spouse or child, there shall be paid so much of such percentages for a parent or parents as, when added to the total of the percentages of the surviving spouse and children, will not exceed a total of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent of the monthly pay.

(f) To the brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, if one is wholly dependent upon the deceased employee for support at the time of his or her death, 20 percent of the monthly pay to such dependent; if more than

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one are wholly dependent, 30 percent of such pay, divided among such dependents share and share alike; if there is no one of them wholly dependent, but one or more are partly dependent, 10 percent of such pay divided among such dependents share and share alike. The compensation to such beneficiaries shall be paid if there is no surviving spouse, child or dependent parent. If there is a surviving spouse, child or dependent parent, there shall be paid so much of the above percentages as, when added to the total of the percentages payable to the surviving spouse, children and dependent parents, will not exceed a total of 66⅔ percent of such pay.

(g) The compensation of each beneficiary under paragraphs (e) and (f) of this section shall be paid until he or she, if a parent or grandparent, dies, marries or ceases to be dependent, or, if a brother, sister or grandchild, dies, marries or reaches the age of 18 years, or if over such age and incapable of self-support, becomes capable of self-support. The compensation of a brother, sister or grandchild under legal age shall be paid to his or her guardian, if there is one, otherwise to the person having the custody or care of such person, for such person, as the Director in his or her discretion shall determine.

(h) Upon the cessation of any person's compensation for death under this subpart, the compensation of any remaining person entitled to continuing compensation in the same case shall be adjusted, so that the continuing compensation shall be at the same rate such person would have received had no award been made to the person whose compensation ceased.

(i) In cases where there are two or more classes of persons entitled to compensation for death under this subpart, and the apportionment of such compensation as provided in this section would result in injustice, the Director may in his or her discretion modify the apportionments to meet the requirements of the case.

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§ 25.102 What general provisions does OWCP apply to the Special Schedule?

(a) The definitions of terms in the FECA, as amended, shall apply to terms used in this subpart.

(b) The provisions of the FECA, unless modified by this subpart or otherwise inapplicable, shall be applied whenever possible in the application of this subpart.

(c) The provisions of the regulations for the administration of the FECA, as amended or supplemented from time to time by instructions applicable to this subpart, shall apply in the administration of compensation under this subpart, whenever they can reasonably be applied.

Subpart C—Extensions of the Special Schedule of Compensation

§ 25.200 How is the Special Schedule applied for employees in the Republic of the Philippines?

(a) *Modified special schedule of compensation.* Except for injury or death of direct-hire employees of the U.S. Military Forces covered by the Philippine Medical Care Program and the Employees' Compensation Program pursuant to the agreement signed by the United States and the Republic of the Philippines on March 10, 1982 who are also members of the Philippine Social Security System, the special schedule of compensation established in subpart B of this part shall apply, with the modifications or additions specified in paragraphs (b) through (k) of this section, in the Republic of the Philippines, to injury or death occurring on or after July 1, 1968, with the following limitations:

(1) *Temporary disability.* Benefits for payments accruing on and after July 1, 1969, for injuries causing temporary disability and which occurred on and after July 1, 1968, shall be payable at the rates in the special schedule as modified in this section.

(2) *Permanent disability and death.* Benefits for injuries occurring on and

after July 1, 1968, which cause permanent disability or death, shall be payable at the rates specified in the special schedule as modified in this section for all awards not paid in full before July 1, 1969, and any award paid in full prior to July 1, 1969: Provided, that application for adjustment is made, and the adjustment will result in additional benefits of at least \$10. In the case of injuries or death occurring on or after December 8, 1941 and prior to July 1, 1968, the special schedule as modified in this section may be applied to prospective awards for permanent disability or death, provided that the monthly and aggregate maximum provisions in effect at the time of injury or death shall prevail. These maxima are \$50 and \$4,000, respectively.

(b) *Death benefits.* 400 weeks' compensation at two-thirds of the weekly wage rate, shared equally by the eligible survivors in the same class.

(c) *Death beneficiaries.* Benefits are payable to the survivors in the following order of priority (all beneficiaries in the highest applicable classes are entitled to share equally):

(1) Surviving spouse and unmarried children under 18, or over 18 and totally incapable of self-support.

(2) Dependent parents.

(3) Dependent grandparents.

(4) Dependent grandchildren, brothers and sisters who are unmarried and under 18, or over 18 and totally incapable of self-support.

(d) *Burial allowance.* 14 weeks' wages or \$400, whichever is less, payable to the eligible survivor(s), regardless of the actual expense. If there is no eligible survivor, actual burial expenses may be paid or reimbursed, in an amount not to exceed what would be paid to an eligible survivor.

(e) *Permanent total disability.* 400 weeks' compensation at two-thirds of the weekly wage rate.

(f) *Permanent partial disability.* Where applicable, the compensation provided in paragraphs (c) (1) through (19) of § 25.100, subject to an aggregate limitation of 400 weeks' compensation. In all other cases, provided for permanent total disability that proportion of the compensation (paragraph (e) of this section) which is equivalent to the de-

gree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the disability.

(g) *Temporary partial disability.* Two-thirds of the weekly loss of wage-earning capacity.

(h) *Compensation period for temporary disability.* Compensation for temporary disability is payable for a maximum period of 80 weeks.

(i) *Maximum compensation.* The total aggregate compensation payable in any case, for injury or death or both, shall not exceed \$8,000, exclusive of medical costs and burial allowance. The weekly rate of compensation for disability or death shall not exceed \$35.

(j) *Method of payment.* Only compensation for temporary disability shall be payable periodically. Compensation for permanent disability and death shall be payable in full at the time the extent of entitlement is established.

(k) *Exceptions.* The Director in his or her discretion may make exceptions to the regulations in this section by:

(1) Reapportioning death benefits, for the sake of equity.

(2) Excluding from consideration potential death beneficiaries who are not available to receive payment.

(3) Paying compensation for permanent disability or death on a periodic basis, where this method of payment is considered to be in the best interest of the beneficiary.

§ 25.201 How is the Special Schedule applied for employees in Australia?

(a) The special schedule of compensation established by subpart B of this part shall apply in Australia with the modifications or additions specified in paragraph (b) of this section, as of December 8, 1941, in all cases of injury (or death from injury) which occurred between December 8, 1941 and December 31, 1961, inclusive, and shall be applied retrospectively in all such cases of injury (or death from injury). Compensation in all such cases pending as of July 15, 1946, shall be readjusted accordingly, with credit taken in the amount of compensation paid prior to such date. Refund of compensation shall not be required if the amount of compensation paid in any such case, otherwise than through fraud, misrepresentation or mistake, and prior to

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July 15, 1946, exceeds the amount provided for under this paragraph, and such case shall be deemed compromised and paid under 5 U.S.C. 8137.

(b) The total aggregate compensation payable in any case under paragraph (a) of this section, for injury or death or both, shall not exceed the sum of \$4,000, exclusive of medical costs. The maximum monthly rate of compensation in any such case shall not exceed the sum of \$50.

(c) The benefit amounts payable under the provisions of the Commonwealth Employees' Compensation Act of 1930-1964, Australia, shall apply as of January 1, 1962, in Australia, as the exclusive measure of compensation in cases of injury (or death from injury) according on and after January 1, 1962, and shall be applied retrospectively in all such cases, occurring on and after such date: Provided, that the compensation payable under the provisions of this paragraph shall in no event exceed that payable under the FECA.

§ 25.202 How is the Special Schedule applied for Japanese seamen?

(a) The special schedule of compensation established by subpart B of this part shall apply as of November 1, 1971, with the modifications or additions specified in paragraphs (b) through (i) of this section, to injuries sustained outside the continental United States or Canada by direct-hire Japanese seamen who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States or Canada and who are employed by the Military Sealift Command in Japan.

(b) *Temporary total disability.* Weekly compensation shall be paid at 75 percent of the weekly wage rate.

(c) *Temporary partial disability.* Weekly compensation shall be paid at 75 percent of the weekly loss of wage-earning capacity.

(d) *Permanent total disability.* Compensation shall be paid in a lump sum equivalent to 360 weeks' wages.

(e) *Permanent partial disability.* (1) The provisions of § 25.100 shall apply to the types of permanent partial disability listed in paragraphs (c) (1) through (19) of that section: Provided that weekly compensation shall be paid at 75 percent of the weekly wage rate and that

the number of weeks allowed for specified losses shall be changed as follows:

- (i) Arm lost: 312 weeks.
- (ii) Leg lost: 288 weeks.
- (iii) Hand lost: 244 weeks.
- (iv) Foot lost: 205 weeks.
- (v) Eye lost: 160 weeks.
- (vi) Thumb lost: 75 weeks.
- (vii) First finger lost: 46 weeks.
- (viii) Second finger lost: 30 weeks.
- (ix) Third finger lost: 25 weeks.
- (x) Fourth finger lost: 15 weeks.
- (xi) Great toe lost: 38 weeks.
- (xii) Toe, other than great toe lost: 16 weeks.

(2) In all other cases, that proportion of the compensation provided for permanent total disability in paragraph (d) of this section which is equivalent to the degree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the injury.

(f) *Death.* If there are two or more eligible survivors, compensation equivalent to 360 weeks' wages shall be paid to the survivors, share and share alike. If there is only one eligible survivor, compensation equivalent to 300 weeks' wages shall be paid. The following survivors are eligible for death benefits:

(1) Spouse who lived with or was dependent upon the employee.

(2) Unmarried children under 21 who lived with or were dependent upon the employee.

(3) Adult children who were dependent upon the employee by reason of physical or mental disability.

(4) Dependent parents, grandparents and grandchildren.

(g) *Burial allowance.* \$1,000 payable to the eligible survivor(s), regardless of actual expenses. If there are no eligible survivors, actual expenses may be paid or reimbursed, up to \$1,000.

(h) *Method of payment.* Only compensation for temporary disability shall be payable periodically, as entitlement accrues. Compensation for permanent disability and death shall be payable in a lump sum.

(i) *Maxima.* In all cases, the maximum weekly benefit shall be \$130. Also, except in cases of permanent total disability and death, the aggregate maximum compensation payable for any injury shall be \$40,000.

(j) *Prior injury.* In cases where injury or death occurred prior to November 1, 1971, benefits will be paid in accordance

with regulations promulgated, contained in 20 CFR parts 1-399, edition revised as of January 1, 1971.

§ 25.203 How is the Special Schedule applied to non-resident aliens in the Territory of Guam?

(a) The special schedule of compensation established by subpart B of this part shall apply, with the modifications or additions specified in paragraphs (b) through (k) of this section, to injury or death occurring on or after July 1, 1971 in the Territory of Guam to non-resident alien employees recruited in foreign countries for employment by the military departments in the Territory of Guam. However, the Director may, in his or her discretion, adopt the benefit features and provisions of local workers' compensation law as provided in subpart A of this part, or substitute the special schedule in subpart B of this part or other modifications of the special schedule in this subpart C, if such adoption or substitution would be to the advantage of the employee or his or her beneficiary. This schedule shall not apply to any employee who becomes a permanent resident in the Territory of Guam prior to the date of his or her injury or death.

(b) *Death benefits.* 400 weeks' compensation at two-thirds of the weekly wage rate, shared equally by the eligible survivors in the same class.

(c) *Death beneficiaries.* Beneficiaries of death benefits shall be determined in accordance with the laws or customs of the country of recruitment.

(d) *Burial allowance.* 14 weeks' wages or \$400, whichever is less, payable to the eligible survivor(s), regardless of the actual expense. If there is no eligible survivor, actual burial expenses may be paid or reimbursed, in an amount not to exceed what would be paid to an eligible survivor.

(e) *Permanent total disability.* 400 weeks' compensation at two-thirds of the weekly wage rate.

(f) *Permanent partial disability.* Where applicable, the compensation provided in paragraphs (c) (1) through (19) of § 25.100, subject to an aggregate limitation of 400 weeks' compensation. In all other cases, that proportion of the compensation provided for permanent total disability (paragraph (e) of this section) which is equivalent to the degree or percentage of physical impairment caused by the disability.

(g) *Temporary partial disability.* Two-thirds of the weekly loss of wage-earning capacity.

(h) *Compensation period for temporary disability.* Compensation for temporary disability is payable for a maximum period of 80 weeks.

(i) *Maximum compensation.* The total aggregate compensation payable in any case, for injury or death or both, shall not exceed \$24,000, exclusive of medical costs and burial allowance. The weekly rate of compensation for disability or death shall not exceed \$70.

(j) *Method of payment.* Compensation for temporary disability shall be payable periodically. Compensation for permanent disability and death shall be payable in full at the time the extent of entitlement is established.

(k) *Exceptions.* The Director may in his or her discretion make exception to the regulations in this section by:

(1) Reapportioning death benefits for the sake of equity.

(2) Excluding from consideration potential beneficiaries of a deceased employee who are not available to receive payment.

(3) Paying compensation for permanent disability or death on a periodic basis, where this method of payment is considered to be in the best interest of the employee or his or her beneficiary(ies).