

(15) *Qualifications.* Students may be evaluated by either agency-developed standards or by the OPM qualifications requirements for the target position. Any OPM test requirements are waived. Students are eligible for promotion.

(16) *Benefits.* (i) Students appointed under this program earn annual and sick leave and with no prior service or with less than 5 years of prior civilian service, are generally covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) (see part 842 of this chapter).

(ii) For life insurance and health benefits coverage refer to § 870.202 and § 890.102 of this chapter.

(17) *Tuition assistance.* Agencies may use their training authority in 5 U.S.C. Chapter 41 and part 410 of this chapter to pay all or part of the students' training expenses.

(18) *Travel and transportation.* Agencies may pay for other expenses directly related to training, such as travel and transportation between duty station and school, for participants.

(19) *Reduction-in-force (RIF).* (i) Students are in excepted service Tenure Group II for purposes of § 351.502. They are accorded the same retention rights as excepted service employees.

(ii) They may qualify for severance pay if involuntarily separated under part 550, subpart G of this chapter.

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PART 315—CAREER AND CAREER-CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

4. The authority citation for part 315 continues to read:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1302, 3301, 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954-1958 Comp., page 218, unless otherwise noted.

Secs. 315.601 and 315.609 also issued under 22 U.S.C. 3651 and 3652.

Secs. 315.602 and 315.604 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 1104.

Sec. 315.603 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 8151.

Sec. 315.605 also issued under E.O. 12034, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 111.

Sec. 315.606 also issued under E.O. 11219, 3 CFR, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 303.

Sec. 315.607 also issued under 22 U.S.C. 2506.

Sec. 315.608 also issued under E.O. 12721, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 293.

Sec. 315.610 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 3304(d).

Sec. 315.710 also issued under E.O. 12596, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 229.

Subpart I also issued under 5 U.S.C. 3321, E.O. 12107, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 264.

5. In § 315.201, paragraph (b)(1)(ix) is revised to read as follows:

§ 315.201 Service requirement for career tenure.

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(ix) The date of nontemporary excepted appointment under § 213.3202(b) of this chapter, provided the student's appointment is converted to career or career-conditional appointment under Executive Order 12015, with or without an intervening term appointment, and without a break in service of one day.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 410

RIN 3206-AF99

Federal Employee Training

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final regulations, which were published in the **Federal Register** of Tuesday, December 17, 1996 (61 FR 66189). The regulations implemented policies related to the training of Federal employees.

DATES: Effective on December 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judith Lombard, 202-606-2431, email jmlombar@opm.gov, or fax 202-606-2394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final regulations subject to this correction affect the training of Federal employees. The subsection on reports contains an inaccurate reference about records of agency training plans, expenditures, and activities. The correction removes a reference to a non-existent subsection of the final regulations and adds, in its place, a reference to the correct subsection of the final regulations.

Need for Correction

As published, the final regulations contain an error which may prove to be misleading and needs to be corrected.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 410

Education, Government employees.

Accordingly, 5 CFR part 410 is corrected by making the following correcting amendment:

PART 410—TRAINING

1. The authority citation for part 410 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 4101, *et. seq.*; E.O. 11348, 3 CFR, 1967 Comp., p. 275.

§ 410.701 (Corrected)

2. In § 410.701, remove the reference to § 410.312, and add, in its place, § 410.311.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 591

RIN 3206-AH51

Cost-of-Living Allowance (Nonforeign Areas)—Miscellaneous Changes

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing regulations that implement four changes in the nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance (COLA) program. One change removes obsolete references to hiring authorities no longer in use. A second change clarifies the application of COLA regulations to two pay systems linked to or equivalent to the Senior Executive Service. A third change clarifies the application of COLA regulations to employees under other pay systems. The fourth change extends nonforeign area post differentials to employees on long-term temporary assignments in the same manner as is provided by the Department of State for employees in foreign areas.

DATES: These regulations become effective on December 2, 1997. These regulations are applicable on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after December 2, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Order 10000, as amended, certain Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States are eligible for cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) when local living costs are substantially higher than those in the Washington, DC, area. These COLAs are paid in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.