

# Proposed Rules

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### 5 CFR Ch. 1

#### Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

##### Correction

The Regulatory Information Service Center inadvertently omitted the following entry from the regulatory agenda of the Office of Personnel Management, published in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, part XXXVIII of the issue of Monday, December 22, 2003 (68 FR 73770), and should have included the following:

#### Office of Personnel Management (OPM)—Proposed Rule Stage

#### • ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT; OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT; TEMPORARY AND TERM EMPLOYMENT; RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION FOR TEMPORARY AND TERM APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE THE REGISTER

**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 U.S.C. 801 is undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** Public Law 107–296

**CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 333; 5 CFR 337; 5 CFR 410

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing interim regulations to implement certain Governmentwide human resources flexibilities contained in the Homeland Security Act of 2002. This regulation provides agencies with increased flexibility in assessing applicants using alternative ranking and selection procedures; the ability to select qualified candidates for jobs in the competitive service using direct-hire procedures including selection for temporary and term positions; the authority to pay or reimburse the costs of academic degree training from appropriated or other available funds

under specified conditions; and increased flexibility in the use of academic degree training to address agency-specific human capital needs, goals, and challenges. This interim regulation will also remove part 333 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Recruitment and Selection for Temporary and Term Appointments Outside the Register.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule NPRM	06/13/03 09/00/04	68 FR 35265

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**RIN:** 3206–AJ99

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Office of the Secretary

#### 6 CFR Chs. I and II

#### Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

##### Correction

The regulatory agenda of the Department of Homeland Security, published in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, part IX of the issue of Monday, December 22, 2003 (68 FR 72922), should include the following two entries.

#### Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

#### Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services—Final Rule Stage

#### • EXTENDING THE FILING DEADLINE AND REMOVING THE APPLICATION FEE WHEN APPLYING FOR POSTHUMOUS UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP

**Priority:** Other Significant

**Legal Authority:** 8 U.S.C. 1103; 8 U.S.C. 1440 and note; 8 U.S.C. 1440–1; 8 CFR 2

**CFR Citation:** 8 CFR 3292; 8 CFR 103

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** This rule amends the regulations of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS), Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service, to implement Public Law 107–273, the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, section 11030 (November 2, 2002). Public Law 107–273 amends section 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the filing deadline for applications for posthumous citizenship for deceased noncitizen veterans. It will also amend the regulations to remove the prescribed filing fee for Form N–644, Application for Posthumous Citizenship.

#### Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/00/04	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	04/00/04	

#### Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

**Small entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

**Additional Information:** Merged with CIS No. 2271–03, Extension of Deadline for Filing for Posthumous Citizenship

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