

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during August 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Office of the Secretary .....	Deputy White House Liaison .....	DA170116	08/05/2017
	Office of Communications .....	Press Assistant .....	DA170153	08/18/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE .. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Director of Scheduling .....	DC170083	08/04/2017
	Office of the Commissioners .....	Special Assistant to the Commissioner.	CC140001	08/06/2017
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ..... DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of the Secretary of Defense	Speechwriter .....	DD140139	08/15/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Assistant Speechwriter .....	DH170212	08/03/2017
		Press Assistant (Regional Media)	DH170175	08/27/2017
		Chief Spokesperson .....	DH170216	08/19/2017
		Special Assistant .....	DH170190	08/05/2017
	Office of Administration for Children and Families.	Special Assistant .....	DH170097	08/05/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.			
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.	Office of the Secretary .....	Director of Advance .....	DH170169	08/05/2017
		Special Assistant .....	DH170180	08/05/2017
	Office of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Special Assistant .....	DH170255	08/21/2017
	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Special Assistant .....	DM170132	08/03/2017
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs (2).	EP170048	08/12/2017
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.	Office of the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	EP170051	08/19/2017
	Office of the Chairman .....	Confidential Assistant .....	EP170045	08/12/2017
		Confidential Assistant .....	DR150009	08/04/2017
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	Confidential Assistant .....	DR170003	08/12/2017
	Office of the Director .....	Chief Strategist .....	QQ170005	08/05/2017
PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.		White House Liaison .....	QQ170003	08/19/2017
	Presidents Commission on White House Fellowships.	Deputy Director .....	WH160002	08/25/2017
	Office of the Chief Operating Officer.	Chief Operating Officer .....	SE100006	08/15/2017

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.  
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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Excepted Service; September 2017**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency

that were established or revoked from September 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities

established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/). OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

**Schedule A**

No schedule A authorities to report during September 2017.

**Schedule B**

No schedule B authorities to report during September 2017.

**Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during September 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Farm Service Agency .....	State Executive Director—Washington.	DA170190	09/13/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DA170176	09/19/2017
		Staff Assistant .....	DA170193	09/22/2017

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Broadcasting Board of Governors	Senior Advisor .....	DA170186	09/22/2017
		Special Advisor for Strategy .....	IB170006	09/11/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).	Special Assistant (Personnel and Readiness).	DD170223	09/12/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for East Asia .....	DD170225	09/14/2017
	Washington Headquarters Services.	Staff Assistant .....	DD170227	09/22/2017
		Defense Fellow .....	DD170226	09/14/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict).	Special Assistant for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism.	DD170229	09/20/2017
		Special Assistant (Counternarcotic and Global Threats).	DD180003	09/21/2017
	Office of Assistant Secretary Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.	Financial Specialist .....	DF170013	09/06/2017
	Office for Civil Rights .....	Attorney Adviser .....	DB170140	09/05/2017
	Office of Postsecondary Education	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170137	09/06/2017
	Office of Communications and Outreach.	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170141	09/11/2017
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY .....	Office of Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	Senior Advisor .....	DE170189	09/06/2017
	Office of the Chief Information Officer.	Special Assistant .....	DE170201	09/07/2017
	Office of Scheduling and Advance	Advance Lead .....	DE170215	09/07/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	White House Liaison .....	DE170160	09/12/2017
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Director of Strategic Communications and Messaging.	DE170221	09/20/2017
	Office of Science .....	Special Advisor (2) .....	DE170211	09/22/2017
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.			DE170210	09/26/2017
	Office of the General Counsel .....	Senior Counsel .....	EP170097	09/12/2017
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.		Deputy General Counsel .....	EP170095	09/14/2017
	Region 7—Lenexa, Kansas .....	Deputy Regional Administrator .....	EP170093	09/22/2017
	Federal Acquisition Service .....	Executive Director .....	GS170045	09/01/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of Government-wide Policy	Senior Advisor for Government-wide Policy.	GS170050	09/06/2017
	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	Senior Advisor .....	DH170309	09/06/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DH170324	09/11/2017
	Office of the General Counsel .....	Advisor and Legal Counsel .....	DH170334	09/12/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Senior Advisor .....	DH170333	09/26/2017
	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Regional Director, Denver, Colorado, Region VIII.	DH170247	09/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Office of Partnership and Engagement.	Business Liaison .....	DM170284	09/26/2017
		Assistant Press Secretary .....	DM170274	09/28/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Deputy Speechwriter .....	DM170278	09/28/2017
	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Senior Policy Advisor .....	DM170277	09/28/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.	Office of Field Policy and Management.	Regional Administrator-Region 1 ...	DU170176	09/06/2017
		Regional Administrator .....	DU170177	09/14/2017
	Office of Community Planning and Development.	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.	DU170180	09/19/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.	United States Fish and Wildlife Service.	Advisor .....	DI170099	09/06/2017
	Secretary's Immediate Office .....	Senior Advisor for Strategic Communication and Outreach.	DI170114	09/26/2017
		Senior Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	DI170112	09/14/2017
		Special Assistant .....	DI170116	09/14/2017
	Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.	Senior Advisor .....	DI170115	09/19/2017
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE .....	Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.			
	Office of the Associate Attorney General.	Confidential Assistant .....	DJ170166	09/06/2017
	Office of the Attorney General .....	White House Liaison .....	DJ170172	09/15/2017
	Civil Division .....	Senior Counsel .....	DJ170187	09/28/2017

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR .....	Employment and Training Administration.	Chief of Staff .....	DL170090	09/06/2017	
		Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Senior Legislative Officer (2) .....	DL170099	09/14/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	Legislative Officer .....	DL170107	09/22/2017	
			DL170097	09/08/2017	
		Staff Assistant .....	DL170100	09/22/2017	
		Special Assistant (2) .....	DL170095	09/11/2017	
		DL170108	09/22/2017		
		DL170114	09/22/2017		
	Office of the Solicitor .....	Senior Counselor .....	DL170098	09/11/2017	
		Office of Disability Employment Policy.	Senior Advisor .....	DL170115	09/19/2017
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Special Assistant .....	DL170106	09/26/2017		
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Public Affairs Specialist .....	QQ170015	09/22/2017	
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Congressional, Legislative, and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Deputy Director .....	PM170050	09/06/2017	
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.		Office of the General Counsel .....	Deputy General Counsel .....	SB170064	09/29/2017
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DS170192	09/01/2017	
DEPARTMENT OF STATE .....		Bureau of Legislative Affairs .....	Special Assistant .....	DS170196	09/07/2017
		Office of the Chief of Protocol .....	Protocol Officer (Visits) .....	DS170198	09/08/2017
Office of Policy Planning .....		Senior Advisor .....	DS170158	09/11/2017	
			DS170193	09/19/2017	
		Staff Assistant .....	DS170208	09/29/2017	
		Special Advisor .....	DS170209	09/29/2017	
		White House Liaison .....	DT170143	09/06/2017	
		Special Assistant .....	DT170130	09/26/2017	
		Legal Advisor .....	DT170149	09/28/2017	
	Special Assistant .....	DY170173	09/29/2017		
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.	Office of the Secretary .....	Office of the General Counsel .....	Office of the Executive Secretary ..		
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.					

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Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs.	DA170145	09/02/2017
	Office of Rural Housing Service .....	Senior Advisor .....	DA160112	09/16/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.	Office of Executive Secretariat .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DC170137	09/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.	DD160084	09/01/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).	Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).	DD150123	09/29/2017
	Office of the Secretary of Defense .....	Advance Officer .....	DD170164	09/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.	Office of the Secretary .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170121	09/03/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Advance Representative .....	DM170133	09/15/2017
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.	Office of the Attorney General .....	White House Liaison .....	DJ170084	09/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	Office of the Secretary .....	Deputy Chief of Staff .....	DL170062	09/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Office of the Under Secretary for Management.	Special Advisor .....	DS170186	09/28/2017
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ..	Office of the Bureau of International Information Programs.	Deputy Coordinator .....	DS170155	09/30/2017
	Office of the General Counsel .....	Senior Vice President and General Counsel.	EB110009	09/02/2017
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.	Office of the Administrator .....	White House Liaison .....	GS170016	09/02/2017
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.	Office of the Director .....	Special Assistant .....	BO170057	09/02/2017

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Office of National Drug Control Policy .....	Digital Engagement Specialist .....	QQ170002	09/08/2017

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**Summary:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

**Comments are invited on:** (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical

utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB’s estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**1. Title and purpose of information collection:** Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220–0007.

Under Section 7(b)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), and Section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) any person aggrieved by a decision made by an office of the RRB on his or her application for an annuity or benefit under those Acts has the right to appeal to the RRB. This right is prescribed in 20 CFR 260 and 20 CFR 320. The notification letter, which is provided at the time of filing the original application, informs the applicant of

such right. When an applicant protests a decision, the concerned RRB office reviews the entire file and any additional evidence submitted and sends the applicant a letter explaining the basis of the determination. The applicant is then notified that to protest further, they can appeal to the RRB’s Bureau of Hearings and Appeals. The appeal process is prescribed in 20 CFR 260.5 and 260.9 and 20 CFR 320.12 and 320.38.

To file a request for an appeal the applicant must complete Form HA–1, *Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement Act or Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act*. The form asks the applicant to explain the basis for their request for an appeal and, if necessary, to describe any additional evidence they wish to submit in support of the appeal. Completion is voluntary, however, if the information is not provided the RRB cannot process the appeal. The RRB proposes no changes to Form HA–1.

**ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN**

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
HA–1 .....	550	20	185

**2. Title and purpose of information collection:** Annual Earnings Questionnaire; OMB 3220–0179.

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II portion of the regular annuity and any

supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed 50 percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such deductions apply. The LPE generally refers to an annuitant’s last employment with a non-railroad person, company, or institution prior to retirement, which was performed at the same time as

railroad employment or after the annuitant stopped railroad employment. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the RRB to determine if possible reductions in annuities are in order due to LPE.

The RRB utilizes Form G–19L, *Annual Earnings Questionnaire*, to obtain LPE earnings information from annuitants. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to retain a benefit. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–19L.

**ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN**

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G–19L .....	300	15	75

**Additional Information or Comments:** To request more information or to

obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or

supporting material, contact Dana Hickman at (312) 751–4981 or