

“(a) IN GENERAL.—At the discretion of the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, annual leave provided to an Executive branch employee may accumulate for use in leave year 2021 in an amount equal to 125% of the maximum amount of annual leave permitted, but for this subsection, to accumulate for use in that leave year under the leave system covering such employee.

“(b) EXCLUSION FROM LUMP-SUM PAYMENT.—Any annual leave accumulated pursuant to subsection (a) in excess of the maximum amount of annual leave permitted, but for this section, to accumulate for use in succeeding years shall not be included in any lump-sum payment for leave to an individual, including any lump-sum payment under section 5551 or 5552 of title 5, United States Code.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘agency’ means each agency, office, or other establishment in the executive branch of the Federal Government; and

“(2) the term ‘Executive branch employee’—

“(A) means—

“(i) an employee of an agency;

“(ii) an employee appointed under chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code, notwithstanding section 7421(a), section 7425(b), or any other provision of chapter 74 of such title; and

“(iii) any other individual occupying a position in the civil service (as that term is defined in section 2101(1) of title 5, United States Code) in the executive branch of the Federal Government; and

“(B) does not include any individual occupying a position that is classified at or above the level of a Senior Executive Service position or the equivalent thereof.”

RESTORATION OF ANNUAL LEAVE FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES

Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title XI, §1114, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1635, provided that:

“(a) RESTORATION OF ANNUAL LEAVE.—During the period October 1, 1992, through December 31, 1997, all employees transferring from a closing or realigning Department of Defense installation or activity as defined under section 6304(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code, to another Department of Defense installation or activity—

“(1) may be deemed eligible by the Secretary of Defense for automatic restoration of forfeited annual leave under section 6304(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code, during the year of transfer; and

“(2) may be deemed by the Secretary of Defense to have used all forfeited annual leave properly restored under section 6304(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code, within the appropriate time limits, only if such restored annual leave was used by the employee or paid to the employee in the form of a lump sum payment under section 5551(a) of title 5, United States Code, by the last day of the 2001 leave year.

“(b) PAYMENT OF RESTORED ANNUAL LEAVE.—(1) On or after September 23, 1996, all employees transferring from a closing or realigning Department of Defense installation or activity as defined under section 6304(d)(3)(A) of title 5, United States Code, to another Department of Defense installation or activity who, upon transfer, were entitled to payment of a lump sum payment under section 5551(c) of title 5, United States Code, for forfeited annual leave properly restored under section 6304(d)(3) of title 5, United States Code—

“(A) may be paid only for any such restored annual leave currently remaining to their credit at the hourly rate payable on the date of transfer with appropriate back pay interest; and

“(B) shall be deemed paid for all such restored annual leave to which that employee was entitled to payment upon transfer, but subsequently used or was otherwise paid for upon separation.

“(2) This subsection shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 24, 2003].”

USE OF EXCESS LEAVE

Pub. L. 103-356, title II, §201(b), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3411, provided that: “Notwithstanding the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section], in the case of an employee who, on the effective date of subsection (a) [see Effective Date of 1994 Amendments note above], is subject to subsection (f) of section 6304 of title 5, United States Code, and who has to such employee’s credit annual leave in excess of the maximum accumulation otherwise permitted by subsection (a) or (b) of section 6304 (determined applying the amendment made by subsection (a)), such excess annual leave shall remain to the credit of the employee and be subject to reduction, in the same manner as provided in subsection (c) of section 6304.”

LUMP-SUM PAYMENT FOR ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE TO FORMER EMPLOYEES

Pub. L. 93-181, §5, Dec. 14, 1973, 87 Stat. 706, provided that where former employees (other than former employees of Post Office Department or United States Postal Service) had accrued annual leave after June 30, 1960, but had not been on the rolls on Dec. 14, 1973, and where annual leave thus accrued had been lost because of administrative error, such accrued annual leave was subject to credit and liquidation by lump-sum payment but only if a claim therefor was filed within three years after Dec. 14, 1973, with agency by which the employees had been employed when lump-sum payment provision of section 5551 of this title had last become applicable to them.

Pub. L. 93-181, §6, Dec. 14, 1973, 87 Stat. 706, provided that where former employees of Post Office Department or United States Postal Service with prior civilian service with Post Office Department or other Federal agency had accrued annual leave after June 30, 1960, and before July 1, 1971, but had not on the rolls on Dec. 14, 1973, and where annual leave thus accrued had been lost because of administrative error, such accrued annual leave was subject to credit and liquidation by lump-sum payment, but only if a claim therefor was filed within three years after Dec. 14, 1973, with Postal Service, at salary rate in effect on date these employees had been employed when lump-sum payment provision of section 5551 of this title or comparable provisions of regulations of Postal Service had last become applicable to them. With respect to present employees of Postal Service who had prior Federal civilian service with Post Office Department or other Federal agency, annual leave which had accrued after June 30, 1960, and before July 1, 1971, but, because of administrative error had been lost, was subject to credit and liquidation by lump-sum payment only if a claim therefor was filed within three years of Dec. 14, 1973, with Postal Service, at salary rate in effect on Dec. 14, 1973.

§ 6305. Home leave; leave for Chiefs of Missions; leave for crews of vessels

(a) After 24 months of continuous service outside the United States (or after a shorter period of such service if the employee’s assignment is terminated for the convenience of the Government), an employee may be granted leave of absence, under regulations of the President, at a rate not to exceed 1 week for each 4 months of that service without regard to other leave provided by this subchapter. Leave so granted—

(1) is for use in the United States, or if the employee’s place of residence is outside the area of employment, in its territories or possessions including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(2) accumulates for future use without regard to the limitation in section 6304(b) of this title; and

(3) may not be made the basis for terminal leave or for a lump-sum payment.

(b) The President may authorize leave of absence to a chief of mission excepted from this subchapter by section 6301(2)(xii) of this title for use in the United States and its territories or possessions. Leave so authorized does not constitute a leave system and may not be made the basis for a lump-sum payment.

(c) An officer, crewmember, or other employee serving aboard an oceangoing vessel on an extended voyage may be granted leave of absence, under regulations of the Office of Personnel Management, at a rate not to exceed 2 days for each 30 calendar days of that service without regard to other leave provided by this subchapter. Leave so granted—

(1) accumulates for future use without regard to the limitation in section 6304(b) of this title;

(2) may not be made the basis for a lump-sum payment, except that civil service mariners of the Military Sealift Command on temporary promotion aboard ship may be paid the difference between their temporary and permanent rates of pay for leave accrued under this section and section 6303 and not otherwise used during the temporary promotion upon the expiration or termination of the temporary promotion; and

(3) may not be made the basis for terminal leave except under such special or emergency circumstances as may be prescribed under the regulations of the Office.

(d) With respect to an officer, crewmember, or other employee of the Department of Defense serving aboard an oceangoing vessel on an extended voyage, the first sentence in the matter preceding paragraph (1) of subsection (c) of this section shall be applied by substituting “7 calendar days” for “30 calendar days”.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 520; Pub. L. 89-747, §1(1), (2), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1179; Pub. L. 90-623, §1(16), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1313; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(a)(2), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(15), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382; Pub. L. 96-465, title II, §§2312(c), 2314(f)(2), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2167, 2168; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title XI, §1133], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-318; Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title XI, §1110, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 428.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large
(a)	5 U.S.C. 2062(f).	Oct. 30, 1951, ch. 631, §203(f), 65 Stat. 680. Sept. 6, 1960, Pub. L. 86-707, §401 “(f)”, 74 Stat. 799.
(b)	5 U.S.C. 2061(c)(2).	July 2, 1953, ch. 178, §1 “(c)(2)”, 67 Stat. 136.

The words “in his discretion” are omitted as unnecessary in view of the permissive grant of authority.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118-31 added subsec. (d).

2000—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 106-398 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows:

“may not be made the basis for a lump-sum payment; and”.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-465, §2312(c), inserted “(or after a shorter period of such service if the employee’s assignment is terminated for the convenience of the Government)” after “outside the United States”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-465, §2314(f)(2), substituted “a chief of mission” for “an officer” after “leave of absence to”.

1979—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 96-54 substituted “Office” for “Commission”.

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-454 substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”.

1968—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 90-623 substituted “2” and “30” for “two” and “thirty”, respectively.

1966—Pub. L. 89-747 added subsec. (c) and inserted reference to leave for crews of vessels in section catchline.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-465 effective Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-623 intended to restate without substantive change the law in effect on Oct. 22, 1968, see section 6 of Pub. L. 90-623, set out as a note under section 5334 of this title.

Executive Documents

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under subsec. (a) of this section delegated to Office of Personnel Management, see section 1(2) of Ex. Ord. No. 11228, June 14, 1965, 30 F.R. 7739, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

EX. ORD. NO. 10471. AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Ex. Ord. No. 10471, July 17, 1953, 18 F.R. 4231, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 12292, Feb. 23, 1981, 46 F.R. 13967, provided:

1. The heads of the several departments and agencies of the Government are hereby authorized and empowered, without the approval, ratification, or other action of the President, to exercise, with respect to personnel in their respective department or agency, the authority conferred upon the President by section 6305(b) of title 5 of the United States Code, to authorize leaves of absence in accordance with the said section 6305(b) to persons who receive compensation in accordance with section 401 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3961).

2. This order shall be effective as of July 5, 1953.

§ 6306. Annual leave; refund of lump-sum payment; recredit of annual leave

(a) When an individual who received a lump-sum payment for leave under section 5551 of this title is reemployed before the end of the period covered by the lump-sum payment in or under the Government of the United States or the gov-