

**PART 207 [RESERVED]****PART 208—NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (NSEP) AND NSEP SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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**§ 208.1 208.1 Purpose.**

This part:

- (a) Implements the responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense for administering NSEP.
- (b) Updates DoD policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures and requirements for administering and executing the NSEP service agreement in accordance with 50 U.S.C. chapter 37.
- (c) Modifies requirements related to the NSEP service agreement.
- (d) Assigns oversight of NSEP to the Defense Language and National Security Education Office.

**§ 208.2 Applicability.**

This part applies to:

- (a) The Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the DoD (referred to collectively in this part as the “DoD Components”).
- (b) The administrative agent, and all recipients of awards by NSEP.

**§ 208.3 Definitions.**

These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this part.

*Administrative agent.* Organization that will administer, direct, and manage resources for NSEP.

*Boren Fellowship.* A competitive award granted for graduate study under NSEP.

*Boren Scholarship.* A competitive award granted for undergraduate study abroad under NSEP.

*Critical area.* Determined by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the members of the National Security Education Board, in accordance with 50 U.S.C. chapter 37 and 50 U.S.C. 1903.

*Critical foreign language.* Determined by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the members of the National Security Education Board in accordance with 50 U.S.C. chapter 37.

*Deferral of the NSEP service agreement.* Official NSEP documentation signed by the Director, NSEP, or his or her designee, by which an NSEP award recipient pursuing approved, qualified further education is allowed to postpone meeting the service deadline.

(1) A deferral reschedules the date by which an NSEP award recipient must begin to fulfill service.

(2) Qualified further education includes, but is not limited to, no less than half-time enrollment in any degree-granting, accredited institution of higher education worldwide or participation in an academic fellowship program (*e.g.*, Fulbright Fellowship, Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship).

(3) A deferral is calculated by first calculating the length of enrollment in the degree program from start date to anticipated graduation date, and then adding the length of enrollment in the degree program to the service deadline.

(4) Approvals of deferrals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

*Extension of the NSEP service agreement.* Official NSEP documentation signed by the ASD(R), through the DASD(FE&T), by which an NSEP award recipient who has completed award requirements, reached the service deadline, and is actively seeking to fulfill the NSEP service agreement in a well-documented manner is allowed to extend the service deadline. An extension reschedules the date by which an NSEP award recipient must complete the service required in the NSEP service agreement.

*Intelligence Community.* The U.S. Intelligence Community is a coalition of