

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title VIII, § 861(f)(2)(B), (3)(A), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1518, substituted “ACQUISITION POSITIONS AND ACQUISITION WORKFORCE CAREER FIELDS” for “DEFENSE ACQUISITION POSITIONS” in heading for subchapter II and “Designation of acquisition positions and acquisition workforce career fields” for “Designation of acquisition positions” in item 1721.

2016—Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title VIII, § 866(a)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2306, added item 1725.

2011—Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title VIII, § 873(a)(2), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4303, added item 1722b.

2009—Pub. L. 111–84, div. A, title X, § 1073(c)(6), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2474, amended Pub. L. 110–417, § 834(a)(2). See 2008 Amendment note below.

2008—Pub. L. 110–417, [div. A], title VIII, § 834(a)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4537, as amended by Pub. L. 111–84, div. A, title X, § 1073(c)(6), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2474, added item 1722a.

2003—Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title VIII, § 836(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1551, struck out item 1725 “Office of Personnel Management approval”.

**§ 1721. Designation of acquisition positions and acquisition workforce career fields**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall designate in regulations those positions in the Department of Defense that are acquisition positions for purposes of this chapter. The Secretary shall also designate in regulations those career fields in the Department of Defense that are acquisition workforce career fields for purposes of this chapter.

(b) REQUIRED POSITIONS.—In designating the positions under subsection (a), the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, all acquisition-related positions in the following areas:

- (1) Program management.
- (2) Systems planning, research, development, engineering, and testing.
- (3) Procurement, including contracting.
- (4) Industrial property management.
- (5) Logistics.
- (6) Quality control and assurance.
- (7) Manufacturing and production.
- (8) Business, cost estimating, financial management, and auditing.
- (9) Education, training, and career development.
- (10) Construction.
- (11) Security cooperation.
- (12) Intellectual property.
- (13) Other positions, as necessary.

(c) MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary also shall designate as acquisition positions under subsection (a) those acquisition-related positions which are in management headquarters activities and in management headquarters support activities. For purposes of this subsection, the terms “management headquarters activities” and “management headquarters support activities” have the meanings given those terms in Department of Defense Directive 5100.73, entitled “Department of Defense Management Headquarters and Headquarters Support Activities”, dated November 12, 1996.

(Added Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title XII, § 1202(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1640; amended Pub. L.

102–25, title VII, § 701(j)(1), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 116; Pub. L. 105–85, div. A, title IX, § 912(f), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1862; Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title VIII, § 802(b), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1451; Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title VIII, § 861(d), (f)(1), (2)(A), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1517.)

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2019—Pub. L. 116–92, § 861(f)(2)(A), substituted “Designation of acquisition positions and acquisition workforce career fields” for “Designation of acquisition positions” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–92, § 861(f)(1), inserted at end “The Secretary shall also designate in regulations those career fields in the Department of Defense that are acquisition workforce career fields for purposes of this chapter.”

Subsec. (b)(11). Pub. L. 116–92, § 861(d)(1), amended par. (11) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (11) read as follows: “Joint development and production with other government agencies and foreign countries.”

Subsec. (b)(13). Pub. L. 116–92, § 861(d)(2), added par. (13).

2017—Subsec. (b)(12). Pub. L. 115–91 added par. (12).

1997—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–85 substituted “November 12, 1996” for “November 25, 1988”.

1991—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102–25 substituted “Activities, dated” for “Activities, dated” in last sentence.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION OF CAREER FIELDS

Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title VIII, § 861(f)(4), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1518, provided that: “Not later than the end of the six-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2019], the Secretary of Defense shall carry out the requirements of the second sentence of section 1721(a) of title 10, United States Code (as added by paragraph (1)).”

## TWENTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title IX, § 905, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1621, required Secretary of Defense to reduce number of employees in Department of Defense acquisition workforce on last day of each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995 below number of employees in such workforce on last day of preceding fiscal year by not less than number equal to 4 percent of number of employees in such workforce on Sept. 30, 1990, and which defined “Department of Defense acquisition workforce”, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102–190, div. A, title IX, § 904, Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1451.

## DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION OF ACQUISITION POSITIONS

Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title XII, § 1209(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1666, as amended by Pub. L. 102–25, title VII, § 704(b)(3)(B), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 119; Pub. L. 103–160, div. A, title IX, § 904(f), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1729, provided that the designation of acquisition positions required by this section was to be made by the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, not later than Oct. 1, 1991.

**§ 1722. Career development**

(a) CAREER PATHS.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, shall ensure that an appropriate career path for civilian and military personnel who wish to pursue careers in acquisition is identified for each acquisition workforce career field in terms of the education, training, experience, and assignments necessary