

“(5) academic background, capabilities, and accomplishments;

“(6) the needs of the Navy and Army; and

“(7) input from the component within each covered Armed Force with primary responsibility for determining the duty assignments of enlisted members.

“(e) POST-PARTICIPATION SERVICE.—Subject to such terms, conditions, and exceptions as the Secretaries concerned may establish, an enlisted member who receives a master’s degree under the Program shall serve for a period of not less than two years in a duty assignment that is relevant to the degree obtained by the member under the Program.

“(f) FRAMEWORK FOR FILLING BILLETS.—In conjunction with selecting enlisted members for participation in the Program as described in subsection (d), the Secretaries concerned shall establish a framework for assigning enlisted personnel who are not participating in the Program—

“(1) to fill the billets of the members participating in the Program while such members are completing a course of study at the Naval Postgraduate School; and

“(2) to fill the billets of members who received a master’s degree under the Program while such members are engaged in post-participation service as described in subsection (e).

“(g) IDENTIFICATION OF DEGREE PROGRAMS.—The Secretaries concerned shall coordinate with the President of the Naval Postgraduate School to identify specific master’s degree programs offered by the School in which Program participants may enroll. In identifying such programs, the Secretaries shall consider—

“(1) the needs of the Navy and Army;

“(2) the capacity of the Naval Postgraduate School; and

“(3) the extent to which enrollment in a specific program is expected to have a positive effect on the career trajectories of participants.

“(h) INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.—The Secretaries concerned shall take such actions as are necessary to notify and inform enlisted members about the Program.

“(i) REPORT.—Before the expiration of the six-year period described in subsection (j), the Secretaries concerned, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that includes—

“(1) an assessment of whether and to what extent the Program has met the needs of the covered Armed Forces and had positive effects on participating enlisted members, including with respect to—

“(A) career trajectory, including potential pay increases;

“(B) retention;

“(C) recruitment;

“(D) job performance;

“(E) merit-based promotions and merit-based promotion reorder; and

“(F) compatibility with the objectives outlined in the 2022 National Defense Strategy to modernize the Armed Services, spur innovation, and outpace and outthink adversaries of the United States;

“(2) the recommendations of the Secretaries regarding whether the Program should be extended or made permanent;

“(3) an assessment of the funding and capabilities that may be needed to make the Program permanent; and

“(4) any other matters the Secretaries determine to be relevant.

“(j) SUNSET.—The Program shall terminate six years after the date on which the Program commences under this section.

“(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered Armed Force’ means the Army or Navy.

“(2) The term ‘Secretary concerned’ means—

“(A) the Secretary of the Army, with respect to matters concerning the Army; and

“(B) the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to matters concerning the Navy.”

§ 8546. Officers of foreign countries: admission

(a) The Secretary of the Navy, upon authorization of the President, may permit commissioned officers of the military services of foreign countries to receive instruction at the Naval Postgraduate School.

(b) Officers receiving instruction under this section are subject to the same regulations governing attendance, discipline, discharge, and standards of study as apply to students who are officers of the United States naval service.

(c) No officer of a foreign country is entitled to an appointment in the Navy or the Marine Corps by reason of his completion of the prescribed course of study at the Postgraduate School.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 438, § 7046; renumbered § 8546, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7046	34 U.S.C. 1076d.	July 31, 1947, ch. 420, § 5, 61 Stat. 706.

In subsection (b) the words “rules and” are omitted. The words “United States naval service” are substituted for the words “United States Navy” for uniformity.

In subsection (c) the words “to any office or position” are omitted as surplusage. The words “or Marine Corps” are inserted, as the word “Navy” in this context has been interpreted to include officers of the Marine Corps.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8546, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 528, required medical officers and contract surgeons to attend families of members of Air Force, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 85-861, § 36B(26), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1571.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7046 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 8547. Students at institutions of higher education: admission

(a) ADMISSION PURSUANT TO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of the Navy may enter into an agreement with an accredited institution of higher education to permit a student described in subsection (b) enrolled at that institution to receive instruction at the Naval Postgraduate School on a tuition-free basis. In exchange for the admission of the student, the institution of higher education shall be required to permit an officer of the armed forces to at-

tend on a tuition-free basis courses offered by that institution corresponding in length to the instruction provided to the student at the Naval Postgraduate School.

(b) **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.**—A student enrolled at an institution of higher education that is party to an agreement under subsection (a) may be admitted to the Naval Postgraduate School pursuant to that agreement if—

(1) the student is a citizen of the United States or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; and

(2) the Secretary of the Navy determines that the student has a demonstrated ability in a field of study designated by the Secretary as related to naval warfare and national security.

(Added Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(2), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2510, §7047; renumbered §8547, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8547 was renumbered section 9217 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7047 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 8548. Degree granting authority for United States Naval Postgraduate School

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the President of the Naval Postgraduate School may, upon the recommendation of the faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School, confer appropriate degrees upon graduates who meet the degree requirements.

(b) **LIMITATION.**—A degree may not be conferred under this section unless—

(1) the Secretary of Education has recommended approval of the degree in accordance with the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies; and

(2) the Naval Postgraduate School is accredited by the appropriate civilian academic accrediting agency or organization to award the degree, as determined by the Secretary of Education.

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) When seeking to establish degree granting authority under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives—

(A) a copy of the self assessment questionnaire required by the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies, at the time the assessment is

submitted to the Department of Education's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; and

(B) the subsequent recommendations and rationale of the Secretary of Education regarding the establishment of the degree granting authority.

(2) Upon any modification or redesignation of existing degree granting authority, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing the rationale for the proposed modification or redesignation and any subsequent recommendation of the Secretary of Education on the proposed modification or redesignation.

(3) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing an explanation of any action by the appropriate academic accrediting agency or organization not to accredit the Naval Postgraduate School to award any new or existing degree.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 438, §7047; renumbered §7048, Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2510; amended Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, §557(a)(4)(B), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1915; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, §543(e)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4460; renumbered §8548, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7047	34 U.S.C. 1076f.	Dec. 7, 1945, ch. 559, 59 Stat. 603; July 31, 1947, ch. 420, §7, 61 Stat. 706.

In subsection (a) the words “of science” are omitted as surplusage since the curriculum is in engineering and related fields.

In subsection (b) the words “from time to time” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8548 was renumbered section 9218 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7048 of this title as this section.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) The President of the Naval Postgraduate School, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, may confer on any qualified graduate a bachelor's, master's, or doctor's degree in engineering or a related field.

“(b) A degree may not be conferred under this section unless the curriculum leading to that degree is accredited by the appropriate professional authority.”

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “President” for “Superintendent”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-484 renumbered section 7047 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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