

**801.000 Scope of part.**

This part sets out general Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) policies, including information regarding the maintenance and administration of the VAAR, acquisition policies and practices, and procedures for deviation from the VAAR and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

**Subpart 801.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance****801.101 Purpose.**

(a) VA established the VAAR to codify and publish uniform policies and procedures for VA's acquisition of supplies and services, including construction.

(b) The VAAR implements and supplements the FAR.

**801.103 Authority.**

The Secretary issues the VAAR under the authority of 40 U.S.C. 121(c), Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1.301 through 1.304, and other authorities as cited.

**801.104 Applicability.**

(a) Unless otherwise specified in this chapter or excepted by statute (i.e., expenditures of the VA Canteen Service) or other VA regulations, the FAR and VAAR apply to all VA acquisitions (including construction) made with appropriated funds. Supply Fund monies (38 U.S.C. 8121) and General Post Funds (38 U.S.C. 8302) are appropriated funds.

(b) Use the VAAR and the FAR together. The FAR applies to VA acquisitions except as provided in the VAAR.

**801.104–70 Exclusions.**

The FAR and VAAR do not apply to purchases and contracts that use General Post Funds if using the FAR and the VAAR would infringe upon a donor's right to specify the exact item to be purchased and/or the source of supply (38 U.S.C. 8303).

**801.105 Issuance.****801.105–2 Arrangement of regulations.**

(a) *General.* The VAAR is divided into subchapters, parts (each of which cov-

ers a separate aspect of acquisition), subparts, sections, and subsections.

(b) *Numbering.* (1) The numbering system permits the discrete identification of every VAAR paragraph. The digits to the left of the decimal point represent the part number. The numbers to the right of the decimal point and to the left of the dash represent, in order, the subpart (one or two digits), and the section (two digits). The number to the right of the dash represents the subsection. Subdivisions may be used at the section and subsection level to identify individual paragraphs.

(2) Subdivisions below the section or subsection level consist of parenthetical alphanumerics using the following sequence: (a)(1)(i)(A)(I)(i).

(c) *References and citations.* (1) Unless otherwise stated, cross-references indicate parts, subparts, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, or subdivisions of this Chapter.

(2) This chapter may be referred to as the “Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation” or the “VAAR”.

(3) Using the VAAR coverage at 809.106–4(c) as a typical illustration, reference to the—

(i) Part would be “VAAR Part 809” outside the VAAR and “Part 809” within the VAAR.

(ii) Subpart would be “VAAR Subpart 809.1” outside the VAAR and “Subpart 809.1” within the VAAR.

(iii) Section would be “VAAR 809.106” outside the VAAR and “809.106” within the VAAR.

(iv) Subsection would be “VAAR 809.106–4” outside the VAAR and “809.106–4” within the VAAR.

(v) Paragraph would be “VAAR 809.106–4(c)” outside the VAAR and “809.106–4(c)” within the VAAR.

(4) Citations of authority (e.g., statutes or Executive orders) in the VAAR shall follow the FEDERAL REGISTER form guides.

**801.106 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are included in the VAAR and has