

## Office of Personnel Management

## § 534.602

adjustment under 5 U.S.C. 5303 or the Executive Schedule adjustment under 5 U.S.C. 5318 effective the same date.

(3) Pay of an SL or ST employee transferring from another agency, or a military department, may be set at any rate. If the pay does not exceed the employee's former rate, the pay action does not start a new 12-month period.

(d) Any reduction in the basic pay of an individual is subject to the provisions of subparts C and D of part 752 of this chapter.

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### § 534.504 Annual adjustment in pay.

Effective at the beginning of the first applicable pay period commencing on or after the first day of the month in which an adjustment takes effect under 5 U.S.C. 5303 in the rates of pay under the General Schedule, each rate of pay established under this subchapter shall be adjusted by such amount as the head of the agency considers appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of § 534.503 of this part.

### § 534.505 Pay related matters.

(a) *Aggregate compensation.* Limits on aggregate compensation, including basic pay, are in 5 U.S.C. 5307 and part 530, subpart B, of this chapter.

(b) *Performance awards.* Performance awards may be paid under 5 U.S.C. chapter 45 and § 451.104(a)(3) of this chapter.

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### § 534.506 Conversion provisions.

(a) This section covers initial conversion to the pay system under 5 U.S.C. 5376 as of the effective date of these regulations.

(b) The rate of basic pay for any individual converting to a pay system under 5 U.S.C. 5376 shall be at least equal to the rate payable to that individual immediately before such conversion, including any interim geographic adjustment authorized by Schedule 9 of Executive Order 12736 of December 12, 1990.

(c) If there is an increase in an individual's rate of basic pay upon conversion, other than to the minimum rate under 5 U.S.C. 5376, the increase must be approved by the head of the agency or his or her designee.

## Subpart F—Pay for Administrative Appeals Judge Positions

SOURCE: 66 FR 63908, Dec. 11, 2001, unless otherwise noted.

### § 534.601 Coverage.

(a) This subpart implements 5 U.S.C. 5372b and applies to administrative appeals judge positions, the duties of which are not classifiable above GS-15 under 5 U.S.C. 5108 and which primarily involve reviewing decisions of administrative law judges appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105 and rendering final administrative decisions.

(b) This subpart does not apply to—

(1) Senior-level positions classified above GS-15 pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5108;

(2) Scientific or professional positions established under 5 U.S.C. 3104;

(3) Senior Executive Service positions established under 5 U.S.C. 3132 or 3151;

(4) Positions for which pay is fixed by administrative action and limited to level IV of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. 5373;

(5) Administrative law judge positions appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105; or

(6) Positions in agencies that are excluded from chapter 51 of title 5, United States Code, by section 5102(a) or 5102(c) or other provision of law.

### § 534.602 Definitions.

*Administrative appeals judge position* means a position not classified above GS-15 under 5 U.S.C. 5108 and for which the duties primarily involve reviewing decisions of administrative law judges appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105 and rendering final administrative decisions.

*Administrative law judge* means an individual in an *administrative law judge* position as that term is defined in section 930.202 of this chapter.

*Agency* means an *Executive agency*, as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105, excluding the U.S. General Accounting Office.

*Head of an agency* means the head of an Executive agency or an official who