of such institution, financial assistance for the purpose of repaying a student loan or providing forbearance of student loan repayment if—

(a) such repayment or forbearance is provided to such officer or employee in accordance with a written, published policy of the institution relating to repaying or providing forbearance, respectively, for students or former students who perform public service; and

(b) in the case of a former student of the institution of higher education, the policy described in subparagraph (A) was in effect at the institution of higher education on the day before the date such officer or employee graduated from or otherwise ceased being a student at such institution; and

(c) No employee may suffer a reduction in pay by reason of transfer from an agency with an applicable maximum rate of pay prescribed under subsection (b) to an agency with an applicable maximum rate of pay prescribed under subsection (a).


REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level III of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a), is set out in section 5314 of this title.

Level II of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out in section 5313 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 106–136 substituted "Establishment of rates of pay for the Senior Executive Service" for "Establishment and adjustment of rates of pay for the Senior Executive Service" in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

"(a) There shall be 5 or more rates of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service, and each senior executive shall be paid at one of the rates. The rates of basic pay shall be initially established and thereafter adjusted by the President subject to subsection (b) of this section.

(b) In setting rates of basic pay, the lowest rate for the Senior Executive Service shall not be less than the minimum rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 and the highest rate shall not exceed the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. The payment of the rates shall not be subject to the pay limitation of section 5306(e) or 5373.

(c) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, 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 section 5393 of this title in the rates of pay under the General Schedule, each rate of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service shall be adjusted by an amount determined by the President to be appropriate.

(d) The rates of basic pay that are established and adjusted under this section shall be printed in the Federal Register and shall supersede any prior rates of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service."

for "for GS-16 of the General Schedule" and "5306(e)" for "5306".

Subsec. (c), Pub. L. 101–509, § 529 [title I, § 101(b)(4)(B)], substituted "5306" for "5305" and struck out at end "The adjusted rates of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service shall be included in the report transmitted to the Congress by the President under section 5385(a)(3) or (c)(1) of this title."

**Effective Date of 2003 Amendment**

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–136 effective on first day of first pay period beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2004, but not to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any senior executive during any fiscal year under sections 5307 or 5308, 5319, or 5321, or to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any senior executive during any fiscal year under section 5307 or 5308, or to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any executive during any fiscal year under section 5307 or 5308, or to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any senior executive during any fiscal year under section 5307 or 5308, or to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any executive during any fiscal year under section 5307 or 5308, or to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any executive during any fiscal year under section 5307 or 5308, or to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any executive during any fiscal year under section 5307 or 5308.

**PAY INCREASES**

For adjustment of rates of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service under this section, see the executive order detailing the adjustment of certain rates of pay set out as a note under section 5301 of this title.

For miscellaneous provisions dealing with adjustments of pay and limitations on use of funds to pay salaries in prior years, see notes under section 5318 of this title.

**Executive Order No. 12992**


§ 5383. Setting individual senior executive pay

(a) Each appointing authority shall determine, in accordance with criteria established by the Office of Personnel Management, which of the rates within a range established under section 5382 shall be paid to each senior executive under such appointing authority.

(b) Members of the Senior Executive Service shall be subject to the limitation under section 5307.

(c) Except as provided in regulations prescribed by the Office under section 5385, the rate of basic pay for any senior executive may not be adjusted more than once during any 12-month period.

(d) The rate of basic pay for any career appointee may be reduced from any rate of basic pay to any lower rate of basic pay only if the career appointee receives a written notice of the reduction at least 15 days in advance of the reduction.

(e)(1) This subsection applies to—

(A) any individual who, after serving at least 5 years of current continuous service in 1 or more positions in the competitive service, is appointed, without any break in service, as a career appointee; and

(B) any individual who—

(i) holds a position which is converted from the competitive service to a career re-

served position in the Senior Executive Service; and

(ii) as of the conversion date, has at least 5 years of current continuous service in 1 or more positions in the competitive service.

(2)(A) The initial rate of pay for a career appointee who is appointed under the circumstances described in paragraph (1)(A) may not be less than the rate of basic pay last payable to that individual immediately before being so appointed.

(B) The initial rate of pay for a career appointee following the position's conversion (as described in paragraph (1)(B)) may not be less than the rate of basic pay last payable to that individual immediately before such position's conversion.


**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–136, § 1125(a)(3)(A), substituted "which of the rates within a range established under section 5382" for "which of the rates established under section 5382 of this title".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108–136, § 1125(a)(3)(B), substituted "as provided in regulations prescribed by the Office under section 5385" for "for any pay adjustment under section 5382 of this title".

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102–378 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows:

“(1) In no event may the aggregate amount paid to a senior executive during any fiscal year under sections 4507, 5382, 5384, and 5948 of this title exceed the annual rate payable for positions at level I of the Executive Schedule in effect at the end of such fiscal year.

“(2)(A) Any amount which is not paid to a senior executive during a fiscal year because of the limitation under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid to such individual in a lump sum at the beginning of the following fiscal year.

“(B) Any amount paid under this paragraph during a fiscal year shall be taken into account for purposes of applying the limitation under paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to such fiscal year.

“(C) The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations, consistent with section 5582 of this title, under which payment under this paragraph shall be made in the case of any individual whose death precludes payment under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.”


1990—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101–509, which directed that “5304(j),” be struck out after the reference to section 4507, could not be executed because “5304(j),” does not appear in text.

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98–615 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).


**Effective Date of 2003 Amendment**

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–136 effective on first day of first pay period beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2004, but not to result in reduction in rate of basic pay for any senior executive during any fiscal year after effective date, see section 1125(c) of Pub. L. 108–136, set out as a note under section 5304 of this title.
§ 5384. Performance awards in the Senior Executive Service

(a)(1) To encourage excellence in performance by career appointees, performance awards shall be paid to career appointees in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) Such awards shall be paid in lump sum and shall be in addition to the basic pay paid under section 3382 of this title or any award paid under section 4507 of this title.

(b)(1) No performance award under this section shall be paid to any career appointee whose performance was determined to be less than fully successful at the time of the appointee’s most recent performance appraisal and rating under subchapter II of chapter 43 of this title.

(2) The amount of a performance award under this section shall be determined by the agency head but may not be less than 5 percent nor more than 20 percent of the career appointee’s rate of basic pay.

(3) The aggregate amount of performance awards paid under this section by an agency during any fiscal year may not exceed the greater of—

(A) an amount equal to 10 percent of the aggregate amount of basic pay paid to career appointees in such agency during the preceding fiscal year; or

(B) an amount equal to 20 percent of the average of the annual rates of basic pay paid to career appointees in such agency during the preceding fiscal year.

(c)(1) Performance awards paid by any agency under this section shall be based on recommendations by performance review boards established by such agency under section 4314 of this title.

(2) Not less than a majority of the members of any review board referred to in paragraph (1) shall be career appointees whenever making recommendations under such paragraph with respect to a career appointee. The requirement of the preceding sentence shall not apply in any case in which the Office of Personnel Management determines that there exists an insufficient number of career appointees available to comply with the requirement.

(d) The Office of Personnel Management may issue guidance to agencies concerning the proportion of Senior Executive Service salary expenses that may be appropriately applied to payment of performance awards and the distribution of awards.


AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 106–277 substituted “10 percent” for “3 percent” in subpar. (A) and substituted “20 percent” for “15 percent” in subpar. (B).

1989—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101–136 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1984—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 98–615, §302(1), substituted “but may not be less than 5 percent nor more than 20 percent” for “but may not exceed 20 percent”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 98–615, §302(2), substituted provisions limiting the aggregate amount of performance awards paid under this section by an agency during any fiscal year to the greater of 3 percent of the aggregate basic pay of career appointees in that agency during the preceding fiscal year or 15 percent of the average of the annual rates of basic pay of such appointees during such fiscal year for provisions limiting the number of career appointees paid performance awards under this section during any fiscal year to 50 percent of the number of Senior Executive Service positions in such agency, except for an agency having less than 4 such positions.

 EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT


 EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98–615 effective following expiration of 90-day period beginning on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 3393 of this title.

 Title 5—GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND EMPLOYEES

§ 5385. Regulations

The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out the purpose of this subchapter.

1 So in original. Probably should be capitalized.
§ 5391. Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter, “agency”, “employee”, and “position” have the meanings given them by section 5102.


§ 5392. Establishment of special occupational pay systems

(a) Authority under this section may be exercised with respect to any occupation or group of occupations to which subchapter III applies (or would apply but for this section).

(b) Subject to subsection (a), the President’s pay agent (as referred to in section 5394(d)) may establish one or more special occupational pay systems for any positions within occupations or groups of occupations that the pay agent determines, for reasons of good administration, should not be classified under chapter 51 or subject to subchapter III.

(c) In establishing special occupational pay systems, the pay agent shall—

(1) identify occupations or groups of occupations for which chapter 51 and subchapter III do not function adequately;

(2) consider alternative approaches for determining the pay for employees in positions in such occupations or groups of occupations;

(3) give thorough consideration to the views of agencies employing such employees and labor organizations representing such employees, as well as other interested parties;

(4) publish a proposed plan for determining the pay of such employees in the Federal Register;

(5) conduct one or more public hearings;

(6) provide each House of Congress with a report at least 90 days in advance of the date the system is to take effect setting forth the details of the proposed plan; and

(7) not later than 30 days before the date the system is to take effect, publish in the Federal Register the details of the final plan for the special occupational pay system.

(d) A special occupational pay system may not—

(1) provide for a waiver of any law, rule, or regulation that could not be waived under section 4703(c); or

(2) provide a rate of basic pay for any employee in excess of the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule.

(e) Subject to subsection (d)(2), 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 section 5303 in the rates of pay under the General Schedule, each rate of pay established under this section shall be adjusted by such amount as the Office considers appropriate.


REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level V of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is set out in section 5316 of this title.
The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (e), is set out under section 5332 of this title.

CHAPTER 54—HUMAN CAPITAL PERFORMANCE FUND

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PRIOR PROVISIONS


TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION SYSTEM AS OF TERMINATION DATE

Pub. L. 103–89, §4, Sept. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 983, provided that:

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘employee’ means an individual employed by an agency (within the meaning of section 7513(a)(3) of title 5, United States Code);

“(2) the term ‘performance management and recognition system’ means the performance management and recognition system under [former] chapter 54 of title 5, United States Code;

“(3) the term ‘basic pay’ does not include any amount payable under section 302 [set out as a note under section 5304 of this title] or title IV [see Short Title of 1990 FEPCA or section 5304 or 5304a of title 5, United States Code;

“(4) the term ‘pay rate’, as used in clauses (iii) through (v) of subsection (c)(2)(A), is used in the same way as such term is used under section 5335(a) of title 5, United States Code; and


“(b) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding section 5332(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code (as amended by section 3(b)(1)(F)), or any other provision of law, the rate of basic pay for an employee covered by the performance management and recognition system on October 31, 1993, shall be determined in accordance with this section so long as such employee continues, without a break in service of more than 3 days, to occupy any position—

“(1) which is in the same grade of the General Schedule, and the same agency, as the position which such employee occupied on October 31, 1993; and