

Department of the Air Force is the office that is established within the Department of the Air Force under section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)). The Director of Small Business Programs is the head of such office.

(c) DUTIES AND POWERS.—(1) The Director of Small Business Programs shall, subject to paragraph (2), perform such duties regarding small business programs of the Department of the Air Force, and shall exercise such powers regarding those programs, as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(2) Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)), except for the designations of the Director and the Office, applies to the Director of Small Business Programs.

(Added Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IX, §904(e)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3401.)

#### CHANGE OF NAME

The Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of the Air Force and the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of the Air Force were redesignated the Director of Small Business Programs of the Department of the Air Force and the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of the Air Force, respectively, by Pub. L. 109-163 which also provided that references to the former were deemed to refer to the latter. See section 904(a) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 144 of this title.

### CHAPTER 805—THE AIR STAFF

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#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, §508(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1717, added item 8039.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §522(g)(1), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063, amended analysis generally, substituting items 8031 to 8038 for former items 8031 to 8036.

1965—Pub. L. 89-288, §5(b), Oct. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 1050, added item 8036.

#### § 8031. The Air Staff: function; composition

(a) There is in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force an Air Staff. The function of the Air Staff is to assist the Secretary of the Air Force in carrying out his responsibilities.

(b) The Air Staff is composed of the following:

- (1) The Chief of Staff.
- (2) The Vice Chief of Staff.
- (3) The Deputy Chiefs of Staff.
- (4) The Assistant Chiefs of Staff.
- (5) The Surgeon General of the Air Force.
- (6) The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force.
- (7) The Chief of the Air Force Reserve.
- (8) Other members of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.

(9) Civilian employees in the Department of the Air Force assigned or detailed to the Air Staff.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically prescribed by law, the Air Staff shall be organized in such manner, and its members shall perform such duties and have such titles, as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 490; Pub. L. 89-718, §45, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 93-608, §1(5), Jan. 2, 1975, 88 Stat. 1968; Pub. L. 98-525, title V, §515, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2522; Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §522(a), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1060.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8031(a) .....	10:1811(a).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §201, 65 Stat. 327.
8031(b) .....	10:1811(b).	
8031(c) .....	10:1811(c).	
8031(d) .....	10:1811(d).	

In subsection (a), the words “an Air Staff consisting of—” are substituted for the words “a staff, which shall be known as the Air Staff, and which shall consist of—”. The words “under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force” are omitted, since the Secretary has inherent authority to issue regulations appropriate to exercising his statutory functions.

In subsection (b), 10:1811(b) (proviso) is omitted as superseded by section 264(c) of this title.

In subsection (c), the third sentence is substituted for 10:1811(c) (1st 13 words and 1st proviso). The words “officers and employees \* \* \* or under the jurisdiction of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsections (c) and (d), the word “hereafter” is omitted, since all wars and emergencies declared by Congress before September 19, 1951, have been terminated.

In subsection (d), the words “now or hereafter” are omitted as surplusage and as executed. The second sentence is substituted for 10:1811(d) (last 31 words of 1st sentence). The third sentence is substituted for 10:1811(d) (2d sentence). 10:1811(d) (1st 13 words of last sentence) is omitted as executed. The words “This subsection does not apply” are substituted for the words “and shall be inapplicable”.

#### AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-433 amended section generally, substituting “The Air Staff: function; composition” for “Composition: assignment and detail of members of Air Force and civilians” in section catchline and substituting in text provisions relating to establishment and composition of the Air Staff and authorizing the Secretary to prescribe the organization, duties, and titles of the Air Staff for provisions relating to establishment and composition of the Air Staff, authorizing the Secretary to prescribe the organization, duties, and titles of the Air Staff, and limiting the number of officers who may be assigned or detailed to permanent duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force.

1984—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 98-525 struck out subsec. (d) which had provided that no commissioned officer who was assigned or detailed to duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force could serve for a tour of duty of more than four years, but that the Secretary could extend such a tour of duty if he made a special finding that the extension was necessary in the public interest, that no officer could be assigned or detailed to duty in the executive part of the Department of the Air Force within two years after relief from that duty, except upon a special finding by the Secretary that the assignment or detail was necessary in the public interest, and that the subsection did not apply in time of war, or of national emergency declared by Congress.