

SUBCHAPTER LXXVII—PASCUA YAQUI  
TRIBE

**§ 1300f. Status of Pascua Yaqui Indian people**

**(a) Eligibility for services and assistance**

The Pascua Yaqui Indian people who are members of the Pascua Yaqui Association, Incorporated, an Arizona corporation, or who hereafter become members of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in accordance with section 1300f-2 of this title, are recognized as, and declared to be, eligible, on and after September 18, 1978, for the services and assistance provided to Indians because of their status as Indians by or through any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, or under any statute of the United States. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe, a historic Indian tribe, is acknowledged as a federally recognized Indian tribe possessing all the attributes of inherent sovereignty which have not been specifically taken away by Acts of Congress and which are not inconsistent with such tribal status. For the purposes of section 2005a of title 42, the Pascua Yaqui Indians are to be considered as if they were being provided hospital and medical care by or at the expense of the Public Health Service on August 16, 1957.

**(b) Administration of lands; application of other laws**

The provisions of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 484<sup>1</sup>), as amended [25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.], are extended to such members described in subsection (a) of this section.

**(c) Receipt in trust by United States of land for Pascua Yaqui Tribe; criminal and civil jurisdiction**

The Secretary of the Interior is directed, upon request of the Pascua Yaqui Association, Incorporated, and without monetary consideration, to accept on behalf of the United States and in trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the title to the real property conveyed by the United States to such association under the Act of October 8, 1964 (78 Stat. 1197), and such lands shall be held as Indian lands are held: *Provided*, That the State of Arizona shall exercise criminal and civil jurisdiction over such lands as if it had assumed jurisdiction pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953 (67 Stat. 588), as amended by the Act of April 11, 1968 (82 Stat. 79).

(Pub. L. 95-375, §1, Sept. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 712; Pub. L. 103-357, §1(a), Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3418.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 18, 1934, referred to in subsec. (b), popularly known as the Indian Reorganization Act, is classified generally to subchapter V (§461 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 461 of this title and Tables.

Act of October 8, 1964, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Oct. 8, 1964, Private Law 88-350, 78 Stat. 1196, which conveyed all right, title and interest of the United States in certain lands to the Pascua Yaqui Association, Inc., and was not classified to the Code.

Act of August 15, 1953, as amended by the Act of April 11, 1968, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Aug. 15, 1953,

ch. 505, 67 Stat. 588, as amended, which enacted section 1162 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, section 1360 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and provisions set out as notes under section 1360 of Title 28. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 1 of Pub. L. 95-375. Subsec. (d) of section 1 of Pub. L. 95-375, which repealed section 4 of Private Law 88-350, Oct. 8, 1964, 78 Stat. 1197, is not classified to the Code.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-357 inserted after first sentence “The Pascua Yaqui Tribe, a historic Indian tribe, is acknowledged as a federally recognized Indian tribe possessing all the attributes of inherent sovereignty which have not been specifically taken away by Acts of Congress and which are not inconsistent with such tribal status.”

**§ 1300f-1. Tribal constitution and bylaws; review by Secretary; publication of documents and membership roll in Federal Register**

Within thirty months after September 18, 1978, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe shall adopt a constitution and bylaws or other governing documents and a membership roll. The Secretary of the Interior shall review such documents to insure that they comply with the provisions of this subchapter and shall publish such documents and membership roll in the Federal Register. Publication of such roll shall not affect or delay the immediate eligibility of the members of the Association under section 1300f of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-375, §2, Sept. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 712.)

**§ 1300f-2. Membership of Tribe**

For the purposes of section 1300f of this title, membership of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe shall consist of any United States citizen of Pascua Yaqui blood enrolled by the tribe.

(Pub. L. 95-375, §3, Sept. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 712; Pub. L. 103-357, §1(b), Oct. 14, 1994, 108 Stat. 3418; Pub. L. 112-214, §1, Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1588.)

AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-214 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section set out categories of membership in the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in pars. (A) to (D).

1994—Pub. L. 103-357 added par. (C) and redesignated former par. (C) as (D).

**§ 1300f-3. Study**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct one or more studies to determine—

(1) whether the lands held in trust on October 14, 1994, by the United States for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe are adequate for the needs of the tribe for the foreseeable future;

(2) if such lands are not adequate—

(A) whether suitable additional lands are available for acquisition by exchange or purchase; and

(B) the cost and location of the suitable additional lands;

(3) whether the Pascua Yaqui Tribe has sufficient water rights and allocations to meet the needs of the tribe for the foreseeable future;

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “984”.