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**§ 333. Special bonus and incentive pay authorities for nuclear officers**

(a) **NUCLEAR OFFICER BONUS.**—The Secretary of the Navy may pay a nuclear officer bonus under this section to a person, including an officer in the Navy, who—

(1) is selected for the officer naval nuclear power training program in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants and agrees to serve, upon completion of such training, on active duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants; or

(2) has the current technical qualification for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants and agrees to remain on active duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

(b) **NUCLEAR OFFICER INCENTIVE PAY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may pay nuclear officer incentive pay under this section to an officer in the Navy who—

(1) is entitled to basic pay under section 204 of this title; and

(2) remains on active duty for a specified period while maintaining current technical qualifications, as approved by the Secretary, for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

(c) **ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.**—The Secretary of the Navy may impose such additional criteria for the receipt of a nuclear officer bonus or nuclear officer incentive pay under this section as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(d) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.**—

(1) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall determine the amounts of a nuclear officer bonus or nuclear officer incentive pay to be paid under this section, except that—

(A) a nuclear officer bonus paid under subsection (a) may not exceed \$50,000 for each 12-month period of the agreement under subsection (e); and

(B) the amount of nuclear officer incentive paid under subsection (b) may not exceed \$25,000 for each 12-month period of qualifying service.

(2) **LUMP SUM OR INSTALLMENTS.**—A nuclear officer bonus or nuclear officer incentive pay under this section may be paid in a lump sum or in periodic installments.

(3) **FIXING BONUS AMOUNT.**—Upon acceptance by the Secretary concerned of the written agreement required by subsection (e), the total amount of the nuclear officer bonus to be paid under the agreement shall be fixed.

(e) **WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR BONUS.**—

(1) **AGREEMENT REQUIRED.**—To receive a nuclear officer bonus under subsection (a), a person or officer determined to be eligible for the bonus shall enter into a written agreement with the Secretary of the Navy that specifies—

(A) the amount of the bonus;

(B) the method of payment of the bonus under subsection (d)(2);

(C) the period of obligated service; and

(D) the type or conditions of the service.

(2) **REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT.**—An officer who is performing obligated service under an agreement for a nuclear officer bonus may execute a new agreement to replace the existing agreement if the amount to be paid under the new agreement will be higher than the amount to be paid under the existing agreement. The period of the new agreement shall be equal to or exceed the remaining term of the period of the officer’s existing agreement. If a new agreement is executed under this paragraph, the existing agreement shall be cancelled, effective on the day before an anniversary date of the existing agreement occurring after the date on which the amount to be paid under this paragraph is increased.

(f) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PAY AND ALLOWANCES.**—A nuclear officer bonus or nuclear officer incentive pay paid to a person or officer under this section is in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the person or officer is entitled, except that a person or officer may not receive a payment under this section and section 332 or 353 of this title for the same skill and period of service.

(g) **REPAYMENT.**—A person or officer who receives a nuclear officer bonus or nuclear officer incentive pay under this section and who fails to complete the officer naval nuclear power training program, maintain required technical and operational qualifications, complete the period of service, or meet the types or conditions of service for which the bonus or incentive pay is paid, as specified in the written agreement under subsection (e) in the case of a nuclear officer bonus, shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 373 of this title.

(h) **REGULATIONS.**—This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy.

(i) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—No agreement may be entered into under this section after December 31, 2016.

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## AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (d)(1)(A). Pub. L. 114-92, §616, substituted “\$50,000” for “\$35,000”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 114-92, §614(3), substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

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2008—Subsecs. (a)(2), (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-417 struck out “and operational” after “current technical”.

### § 334. Special aviation incentive pay and bonus authorities for officers

#### (a) AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY.—

(1) INCENTIVE PAY AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may pay aviation incentive pay under this section to an officer in a regular or reserve component of a uniformed service who—

(A) is entitled to basic pay under section 204 of this title or compensation under section 206 of this title;

(B) maintains, or is in training leading to, an aeronautical rating or designation that qualifies the officer to engage in operational flying duty or proficiency flying duty;

(C) engages in, or is in training leading to, frequent and regular performance of operational flying duty or proficiency flying duty;

(D) engages in or remains in aviation service for a specified period; and

(E) meets such other criteria as the Secretary concerned determines appropriate.

(2) OFFICERS NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN FLYING DUTY.—The Secretary concerned may pay aviation incentive pay under this section to an officer who is otherwise qualified for such pay but who is not currently engaged in the performance of operational flying duty or proficiency flying duty if the Secretary determines, under regulations prescribed under section 374 of this title, that payment of aviation incentive pay to that officer is in the best interests of the service.

(b) AVIATION BONUS.—The Secretary concerned may pay an aviation bonus under this section to an officer in a regular or reserve component of a uniformed service who—

(1) is entitled to aviation incentive pay under subsection (a);

(2) has completed any active duty service commitment incurred for undergraduate aviator training or is within one year of completing such commitment;

(3) executes a written agreement to remain on active duty in a regular component or to serve in an active status in a reserve component in aviation service for at least one year; and

(4) meets such other criteria as the Secretary concerned determines appropriate.

#### (c) MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.—

(1) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary concerned shall determine the amount of a bonus or incentive pay to be paid under this section, except that—

(A) aviation incentive pay under subsection (a) shall be paid at a monthly rate, not to exceed—

(i) \$1,000 per month for officers performing qualifying flying duty relating to remotely piloted aircraft (RPA); or

(ii) \$850 per month for officers performing other qualifying flying duty; and

(B) an aviation bonus under subsection (b) may not exceed, for each 12-month period of obligated service agreed to under subsection (d)—

(i) \$35,000 for officers performing qualifying flying duty relating to remotely piloted aircraft; or

(ii) \$25,000 for officers performing other qualifying flying duty.

(2) LUMP SUM OR INSTALLMENTS.—A bonus under this section may be paid in a lump sum or in periodic installments, as determined by the Secretary concerned.

(3) FIXING BONUS AMOUNT.—Upon acceptance by the Secretary concerned of the written agreement required by subsection (d), the total amount of the bonus to be paid under the agreement shall be fixed.

(d) WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR BONUS.—To receive an aviation officer bonus under this section, an officer determined to be eligible for the bonus shall enter into a written agreement with the Secretary concerned that specifies—

(1) the amount of the bonus;

(2) the method of payment of the bonus under subsection (c)(2);

(3) the period of obligated service; and

(4) the type or conditions of the service.

(e) RESERVE COMPONENT OFFICERS PERFORMING INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.—A reserve component officer who is entitled to compensation under section 206 of this title and who is authorized aviation incentive pay under this section may be paid an amount of incentive pay that is proportionate to the compensation received under section 206 for inactive-duty training.

#### (f) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—

(1) AVIATION INCENTIVE PAY.—Aviation incentive pay paid to an officer under subsection (a) shall be in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the officer is entitled, except that an officer may not receive a payment under such subsection and section 351(a)(2) or 353(a) of this title for the same skill and period of service.

(2) AVIATION BONUS.—An aviation bonus paid to an officer under subsection (b) shall be in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the officer is entitled, except that an officer may not receive a bonus payment under such subsection and section 332 or 353(b) of this title for the same skill and period of service.