

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-861 effective Aug. 10, 1956, see section 33(g) of Pub. L. 85-861, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 8258. Regular Air Force: reenlistment after service as an officer**

(a) Any former enlisted member of the Regular Air Force who has served on active duty as an officer of the Air Force, or who was discharged as an enlisted member to accept an appointment as an officer of the Air Force, is entitled to be reenlisted in the Regular Air Force in the enlisted grade that he held before his service as an officer, without loss of seniority or credit for service, regardless of the existence of a vacancy in his grade or of a physical disability incurred or having its inception in line of duty, if (1) his service as an officer is terminated by an honorable discharge or he is relieved from active duty for a purpose other than to await appellate review of a sentence that includes dismissal or dishonorable discharge, and (2) he applies for reenlistment within six months (or such other period as the Secretary of the Air Force prescribes for exceptional circumstances) after termination of that service.

(b) A person is not entitled to be reenlisted under this section if—

- (1) the person was discharged or released from active duty as an officer on the basis of a determination of—
  - (A) misconduct;
  - (B) moral or professional dereliction;
  - (C) duty performance below prescribed standards for the grade held; or
  - (D) retention being inconsistent with the interests of national security; or
- (2) the person's former enlisted status and grade was based solely on the participation by that person in a precommissioning program that resulted in the commission held by that person during the active duty from which the person was released or discharged.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 505; Pub. L. 85-603, §1(3), Aug. 8, 1958, 72 Stat. 526; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title V, § 520(b), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2409; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title V, § 506(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 96.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8258 .....	10:631a (less last proviso).	July 14, 1939, ch. 267, § 1 (less last proviso); re-stated May 29, 1954, ch. 249, § 19(b) (less last proviso), 68 Stat. 166.

The words “former” and “as an enlisted member” are inserted for clarity. The words “credit for service” are substituted for the words “of service”. The words “in his grade” are substituted for the words “in the appropriate enlisted grade”. The words “he applies” are substituted for the words “application \* \* \* shall be made”. The words “Hereafter” and “while on active duty” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181, § 506(b)(1), substituted “duty as an officer of the Air Force” for “duty as a reserve officer of the Air Force” and “an appointment” for “a temporary appointment”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110-181, § 506(b)(2)(A), substituted “an officer” for “a Reserve officer” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-181, § 506(b)(2)(B), substituted “the commission” for “the Reserve commission”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-484 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), added subsec. (b), and struck out at end of subsec. (a) “However, if his service as an officer terminated by a general discharge, he may, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force, be so reenlisted.”

1958—Pub. L. 85-603 limited entitlement to be reenlisted in enlisted grade to those officers whose service terminated by an honorable discharge and those relieved from active duty for a purpose other than to await appellate review of a sentence that includes dismissal or dishonorable discharge, and provided that persons whose service terminated by a general discharge, may, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force, be so reenlisted.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-484 applicable to persons discharged or released from active duty as commissioned officers in the Air Force Reserve after Oct. 23, 1992, see section 520(c) of Pub. L. 102-484, set out as a note under section 3258 of this title.

**[§§ 8259 to 8261. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, § 1662(b)(3), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2990]**

Section 8259, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 505; Sept. 29, 1988, Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title XII, § 1234(a)(1), 102 Stat. 2059, related to transfers in grade of members of Air National Guard of United States to Air Force Reserve. See section 12105 of this title.

Section 8260, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 505, provided that enlisted members of Air National Guard of United States are transferred to Air Force Reserve upon withdrawal as members of Air National Guard. See section 12106 of this title.

Section 8261, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 505; Oct. 4, 1961, Pub. L. 87-378, § 4, 75 Stat. 808, related to enlistment in Air National Guard of United States. See section 12107 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as an Effective Date note under section 10001 of this title.

**[§§ 8262, 8263. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-235, § 2(a)(4)(B), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 756]**

Section 8262, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 506; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(166)(A), 72 Stat. 1516, provided for extension of enlistment of members of the Air Force needing medical care or hospitalization.

Section 8263, added Pub. L. 85-861, § 1(166)(B), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1516; Pub. L. 87-649, § 14c(53), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 501, provided for voluntary extension of enlistments in the Air Force.

**CHAPTER 835—APPOINTMENTS IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE**

Sec.

8281. Commissioned officer grades.

[8284 to 8309. Repealed.]

8310. Warrant officers: original appointment; qualifications.

[8312 to 8314. Repealed.]

AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 504(10), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2916, struck out items 8284 “Commissioned officers: appointment, how made”, 8285 “Commissioned of-

ficers: original appointment; qualifications”, 8286 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; age limitations”, 8287 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; service credit”, 8288 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; determination of grade”, 8289 “Commissioned officers: medical officers; original appointment; professional examination”, 8293 “Commissioned officers; chaplains: original appointment; examination”, 8294 “Commissioned officers: medical and dental officers: original appointment”, 8295 “Commissioned officers: original appointment; determination of place on promotion list”, 8296 “Promotion lists: promotion-list officer defined; determination of place upon transfer or promotion”, 8297 “Selection boards”, 8298 “Commissioned officers: promotion to first lieutenant; effect of failure of promotion”, 8299 “Commissioned officers: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel”, 8300 “Commissioned officers: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel; selection board procedure”, 8301 “Commissioned officers: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel; officers with special qualifications”, 8302 “Commissioned officers: medical, dental, and veterinary officers: promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel; professional examination”, 8303 “Commissioned officers: effect of failure of promotion to captain, major, or lieutenant colonel”, 8305 “Commissioned officers: promotion to colonel”, 8306 “Commissioned officers: promotion to brigadier general”, 8307 “Commissioned officers: promotion to major general”, 8308 “Commissioned officers: effect of removal from recommended list by President or failure of confirmation by Senate”, 8309 “Commissioned officers: physical examination for promotion”, 8312 “Officers: acceptance of promotion”, 8313 “Suspension of laws for promotion or mandatory retirement or separation during war or emergency”, and 8314 “Commissioned officers: promotion not be to delayed by another appointment”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §§1(177)(B), 33(a)(38), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1520, 1566, substituted “officers” for “Officers” in item 8309, and added item 8314.

1957—Pub. L. 85-155, title III, §301(15), Aug. 21, 1957, 71 Stat. 388, struck out items 8291 “Commissioned officers; Air Force nurses and women medical specialists: original appointment; additional qualifications, grade” and 8304 “Commissioned officers; Air Force nurses and women medical specialists: promotion to first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel, or colonel”.

### § 8281. Commissioned officer grades

The commissioned grades in the Regular Air Force are:

- (1) Major general.
- (2) Brigadier general.
- (3) Colonel.
- (4) Lieutenant colonel.
- (5) Major.
- (6) Captain.
- (7) First lieutenant.
- (8) Second lieutenant.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 507.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8281 .....	10:506(a) (last 24 words).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §502(a) (last 24 words), 61 Stat. 884.

### [§§ 8284 to 8289. Repealed. Pub. L. 96-513, title II, § 204, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2880]

Section 8284, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 507, provided that appointments in commissioned grades in Regular Air Force be made by President, by and with advice and consent of Senate. See section 531 of this title.

Section 8285, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 507; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title III, §301(4), 71 Stat. 386; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, §1(167), 72 Stat. 1516, prescribed eligibility requirements for original appointment in a commissioned grade in Regular Air Force, except designation as a medical or dental officer and except a graduating cadet. See section 532 of this title.

Section 8286, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 507; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title III, §301(5), 71 Stat. 386; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, §1(168), 72 Stat. 1517, prescribed age limitations for original appointment in a commissioned grade in Regular Air Force, except designation as a medical or dental officer or as an Air Force nurse or medical specialist. See section 532 of this title.

Section 8287, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 508; Aug. 21, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title III, §301(6), 71 Stat. 386; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, §1(169), 72 Stat. 1517; Sept. 30, 1966, Pub. L. 89-609, §1(28), 80 Stat. 854, provided service credit for a person originally appointed in a commissioned grade in Regular Air Force, other than a person appointed as a medical or dental officer, for purpose of determining grade, position on a promotion list, seniority in his grade in Regular Air Force, and eligibility for promotion, with appointment and service credit restrictions on persons who were cadets at the United States Air Force, Military, or Naval Academies but were not graduated, and a disallowance of service credit under this section for persons who graduated from one of these Academies. See section 533 of this title.

Section 8288, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 508; Aug. 2, 1957, Pub. L. 85-155, title III, §301(7), 71 Stat. 387; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, §1(170), 72 Stat. 1518, provided for determination of grade of a person originally appointed as a commissioned officer in Regular Air Force, other than persons appointed as medical or dental officers. See section 533 of this title.

Section 8289, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 509, provided that no person be originally appointed as a first lieutenant in Regular Air Force with a view to designation as a medical officer until he passes an examination of his professional fitness before an examining board composed of at least three medical officers designated by Secretary of Air Force. See section 532 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

### [§ 8291. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-155, title IV, § 401(1), Aug. 21, 1957, 71 Stat. 390]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 509, related to original appointments in Regular Air Force of nurses or woman medical specialists, and prescribed qualifications for appointment as a nurse.

### [§§ 8293 to 8303. Repealed. Pub. L. 96-513, title II, § 204, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2880]

Section 8293, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 509, provided that no person in civil life be originally appointed as a chaplain in Regular Air Force unless he has passed an examination prescribed by President as to his moral, mental, and physical qualifications. See section 532 of this title.

Section 8294, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 509; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-861, §1(173), 72 Stat. 1518, provided that original appointments in Regular Air Force be made in grades of first lieutenant through colonel for medical and dental officers as Air Force requires, from qualified doctors of medicine, osteopathy, or dentistry who are citizens of the United States and have such other qualifications as Secretary of Air Force prescribes, with specific additional eligibility requirements for a doctor of osteopathy, and that officers so