

(d) Training and certification for employees performing consular functions

(1) Before a United States citizen employee (other than a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States) may be designated by the Secretary of State, pursuant to regulation, to perform a consular function abroad, the United States citizen employee shall—

(A) be required to complete successfully a program of training essentially equivalent to the training that a consular officer who is a member of the Foreign Service would receive for purposes of performing such function; and

(B) be certified by an appropriate official of the Department of State to be qualified by knowledge and experience to perform such function.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term “consular function” includes the issuance of visas, the performance of notarial and other legalization functions, the adjudication of passport applications, the adjudication of nationality, and the issuance of citizenship documentation.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 704, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2100; Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 125(1), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 281; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 126(3), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 394; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, § 2222(f), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-819; Pub. L. 114-323, title IV, § 407, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1930.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 96-465, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2071, as amended, known as the Foreign Service Act of 1980, which is classified principally to this chapter (§ 3901 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3901 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a)(5), “sections 3101(a) and (c), 3104, 3106, 3301(b)(2), and 6101 of title 41” substituted for “section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 5) and section 302 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 252)” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, § 6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a)(4)(B). Pub. L. 114-323 substituted “education and training specialists, including language instructors and linguists, and other specialists who perform work directly relating to the design, delivery, oversight, or coordination of training delivered by the institution” for “language instructors, linguists, and other academic and training specialists”.

1998—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105-277 added subsec. (d).

1994—Subsec. (a)(1) to (3). Pub. L. 103-236 substituted “institution” for “Institute”.

1982—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 97-241 substituted “section 3972 of this title” for “section 3971 of this title”.

§ 4025. Training grants

(a) Family members attending approved programs of study; limitations

To facilitate training provided to members of families of Government employees under this subchapter, the Secretary may make grants (by advance payment or by reimbursement) to family members attending approved programs of study. No such grant may exceed the amount ac-

tually expended for necessary costs incurred in conjunction with such attendance.

(b) Compensation for individuals unable to participate in language training furnished by Government

If a member of the Service who is assigned abroad, or a member of his or her family, is unable to participate in language training furnished by the Government through the institution or otherwise, the Secretary may compensate that individual for all or part of the costs of language training, related to the assignment abroad, which is undertaken at a public or private institution.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 705, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2101; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 126(3), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 394.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-236 substituted “institution” for “Institute” after “through the”.

§ 4026. Career counseling

(a) Facilitation of transition from Service

In order to facilitate their transition from the Service, the Secretary may provide (by contract or otherwise, subject to the availability of appropriations) professional career counseling, advice, and placement assistance to members of the Service, and to former members of the Service who were assigned to receive counseling and assistance under this subsection before they were separated from the Service, other than those separated for cause. Career counseling and related services provided pursuant to this chapter shall not be construed to permit an assignment that consists primarily of paid time to conduct a job search and without other substantive duties for more than one month.

(b) Facilitation of employment of spouses of members; establishment of family liaison office

(1) The Secretary may facilitate the employment of spouses of members of the Service by—

(A) providing regular career counseling for such spouses;

(B) maintaining a centralized system for cataloging their skills and the various governmental and nongovernmental employment opportunities available to them; and

(C) otherwise assisting them in obtaining employment.

(2) The Secretary shall establish a family liaison office to carry out this subsection and such other functions as the Secretary may determine.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 706, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2101; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXIII, § 2314(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-827.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277 inserted at end “Career counseling and related services provided pursuant to this chapter shall not be construed to permit an assignment that consists primarily of paid time to conduct a job search and without other substantive duties for more than one month.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXIII, § 2314(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-828, provided that: “The