

**§ 8587. Election of annuity for self and beneficiary**

(a) At the time of his retirement, a civilian member retiring under this chapter may elect to receive instead of the amount payable annually by the Secretary of the Navy under section 8585 or 8586 of this title a reduced annuity for his life and an annuity payable after his death to his beneficiary in either—

- (1) an amount equal to his reduced annuity; or
- (2) an amount equal to 50 percent of his reduced annuity.

The annuities payable to principal and beneficiary, under either election, shall be in amounts that have, on the date of the retirement of the civilian member, a combined actuarial value equal to the actuarial value of the annuity payable by the Secretary under section 8585 or 8586 of this title, as determined under actuarial tables prepared by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

(b) If the civilian member elects to take a reduced annuity under this section, he shall, at the time of his retirement, designate the beneficiary in writing and file the designation with the Secretary.

(c) The annuity payable under this section to the beneficiary of a deceased civilian member shall be terminated upon the death of the beneficiary.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 440, §7087; Pub. L. 97-295, §1(45), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1298; renumbered §8587 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§807(c)(1), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836, 1840.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES  
1956 ACT

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
7087 .....	34 U.S.C. 1073c-3.	Jan. 16, 1936, ch. 3, §4C; added Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 740, 60 Stat. 805.

In subsection (a) the words “under actuarial tables prepared by the Civil Service Commission” are substituted for the words “under the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act” because that Act, as amended in 1948, no longer provides for the computation of actuarial values. The Secretary of the Navy, in administering the provisions of law codified in this section, uses tables prepared by the Civil Service Commission prior to the 1948 amendment.

1982 ACT

This amends 10:7087(a) to reflect the transfer of functions from the Civil Service Commission to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1978 (eff. Jan. 1, 1979, 92 Stat. 3783).

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, §807(c)(1), renumbered section 7087 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-232, §809(a), substituted “section 8585 or 8586” for “section 7085 or 7086” in introductory provisions and concluding provisions.

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-295 substituted “Director of the Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and

special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**§ 8588. Regulations**

The Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this chapter.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 441, §7088; renumbered §8588, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
7088 .....	34 U.S.C. 1073e.	Jan. 16, 1936, ch. 3, §6, 49 Stat. 1093.

The appropriations authorization in the second sentence of the source is omitted as unnecessary.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7088 of this title as this section.

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**CHAPTER 859—PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS**

- Sec. 8591. Degree granting authority for Naval War College.
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- 8593. Naval War College: acceptance of grants for faculty research for scientific, literary, and educational purposes.
- 8594. Marine Corps University: acceptance of grants for faculty research for scientific, literary, and educational purposes.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(e)(3), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837, 1838, redesignated chapter 609 of this title as this chapter and items 7101 to 7104 as 8591 to 8594, respectively.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, §543(f)(2), (g)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4462, 4463, added items 7101 and 7102 and struck out former items 7101 “Naval War College: master of arts in national security and strategic studies” and 7102 “Marine Corps University: masters degrees; board of advisors”.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, §522(d)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3243, added items 7103 and 7104.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §532(b)(3)(B), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1105, substituted “masters degrees; board of advisors” for “master of military studies” in item 7102.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §911(a)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2828, added item 7102.

**§ 8591. Degree granting authority for Naval War College**

(a) AUTHORITY.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the President of the Naval War College may, upon the recommendation of the faculty of the Naval War College components, confer appropriate degrees upon graduates who meet the degree requirements.

(b) **LIMITATION.**—A degree may not be conferred under this section unless—

(1) the Secretary of Education has recommended approval of the degree in accordance with the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies; and

(2) the Naval War College is accredited by the appropriate civilian academic accrediting agency or organization to award the degree, as determined by the Secretary of Education.

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) When seeking to establish degree granting authority under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives—

(A) a copy of the self assessment questionnaire required by the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies, at the time the assessment is submitted to the Department of Education's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; and

(B) the subsequent recommendations and rationale of the Secretary of Education regarding the establishment of the degree granting authority.

(2) Upon any modification or redesignation of existing degree granting authority, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing the rationale for the proposed modification or redesignation and any subsequent recommendation of the Secretary of Education on the proposed modification or redesignation.

(3) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing an explanation of any action by the appropriate academic accrediting agency or organization not to accredit the Naval War College to award any new or existing degree.

(Added Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title IX, §912(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1626, §7101; amended Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, §543(f)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4461; renumbered §8591, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(c)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7101 of this title as this section.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Upon the recommendation of the faculty of the Naval War College, the President of the college may confer the degree of master of arts in national security and strategic studies upon graduates of the college who fulfill the requirements for the degree.

“(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The authority provided by subsection (a) shall be exercised under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy.

“(c) **NAVAL WAR COLLEGE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term ‘Naval War College’ means the College of Naval Warfare and the College of Naval Command and Staff.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and

special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-417 applicable to any degree granting authority established, modified, or redesignated on or after Oct. 14, 2008, for an institution of professional military education referred to in such amendment, see section 543(j) of Pub. L. 110-417, set out as a note under section 2161 of this title.

#### § 8592. Degree granting authority for Marine Corps University

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the President of the Marine Corps University may, upon the recommendation of the directors and faculty of the Marine Corps University, confer appropriate degrees upon graduates who meet the degree requirements.

(b) **LIMITATION.**—A degree may not be conferred under this section unless—

(1) the Secretary of Education has recommended approval of the degree in accordance with the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies; and

(2) the Marine Corps University is accredited by the appropriate civilian academic accrediting agency or organization to award the degree, as determined by the Secretary of Education.

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**—(1) When seeking to establish degree granting authority under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives—

(A) a copy of the self assessment questionnaire required by the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies, at the time the assessment is submitted to the Department of Education's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; and

(B) the subsequent recommendations and rationale of the Secretary of Education regarding the establishment of the degree granting authority.

(2) Upon any modification or redesignation of existing degree granting authority, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing the rationale for the proposed modification or redesignation and any subsequent recommendation of the Secretary of Education on the proposed modification or redesignation.

(3) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing an explanation of any action by the appropriate academic accrediting agency or organization not to accredit the Marine Corps University to award any new or existing degree.

(d) **BOARD OF ADVISORS.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall establish a board of advisors for the Marine Corps University. The Secretary shall ensure that the board is established so as to meet all requirements of the appropriate regional accrediting association.