

through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

(e) **REPORTS.**—Not later than one year after the effective date of any regulations prescribed under subsection (a), or any significant modification of such regulations, the Secretary shall, in conjunction with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, submit to Congress a report setting forth the plans of the Secretary to provide training to appropriate Department personnel to meet any new professional certification or credential standard under such regulations or modification.

(f) **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POSITION DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “financial management position” means a position or group of positions (including civilian and military positions), as designated by the Secretary for purposes of this section, that perform, supervise, or manage work of a fiscal, financial management, accounting, auditing, cost, or budgetary nature, or that require the performance of financial management-related work.

(Added Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title XI, §1104(a)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2661; amended Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XI, §1110, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4619; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title X, §1051(a), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1581.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the authority to prescribe certification and credential standards for professional accounting positions.

2008—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “0505, 0510, 0511, or equivalent” for “GS-510, GS-511, and GS-505”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title XI, §1104(b), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2661, provided that: “Standards established pursuant to section 1599d of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), may take effect no sooner than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 2, 2002].”

### § 1599e. Probationary period for employees

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding sections 3321 and 3393(d) of title 5, the appointment of a covered employee shall become final only after such employee has served a probationary period of two years. The Secretary concerned may extend a probationary period under this subsection at the discretion of such Secretary.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered employee” means any individual—

(A) appointed to a permanent position within the competitive service at the Department of Defense; or

(B) appointed as a career appointee (as that term is defined in section 3132(a)(4) of title 5) within the Senior Executive Service at the Department.

(2) The term “Secretary concerned” includes the Secretary of Defense with respect to employees of the Department of Defense who are not employees of a military department.

(c) **EMPLOYMENT BECOMES FINAL.**—Upon the expiration of a covered employee’s probationary

period under subsection (a), the supervisor of the employee shall determine whether the appointment becomes final based on regulations prescribed for such purpose by the Secretary of Defense.

(d) **APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 75 OF TITLE 5 FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE COMPETITIVE SERVICE.**—With respect to any individual described in subsection (b)(1)(A) and to whom this section applies, section 7501(1) and section 7511(a)(1)(A)(ii) of title 5 shall be applied to such individual by substituting “completed 2 years” for “completed 1 year” in each instance it appears.

(Added Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title XI, §1105(a)(1), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1023.)

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title XI, §1105(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1024, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall apply to any covered employee (as that term is defined in section 1599e of title 10, United States Code, as added by such subsection) appointed after the date of the enactment of this section [Nov. 25, 2015].”

### § 1599f. United States Cyber Command recruitment and retention

(a) **GENERAL AUTHORITY.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense may—

(A) establish, as positions in the excepted service, such qualified positions in the Department of Defense as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the United States Cyber Command, including—

(i) positions held by staff of the headquarters of the United States Cyber Command;

(ii) positions held by elements of the United States Cyber Command enterprise relating to cyberspace operations, including elements assigned to the Joint Task Force-Department of Defense Information Networks; and

(iii) positions held by elements of the military departments supporting the United States Cyber Command;

(B) appoint an individual to a qualified position (after taking into consideration the availability of preference eligibles for appointment to the position); and

(C) subject to the requirements of subsections (b) and (c), fix the compensation of an individual for service in a qualified position.

(2) The authority of the Secretary under this subsection applies without regard to the provisions of any other law relating to the appointment, number, classification, or compensation of employees.

(b) **BASIC PAY.**—(1) In accordance with this section, the Secretary shall fix the rates of basic pay for any qualified position established under subsection (a)—

(A) in relation to the rates of pay provided for employees in comparable positions in the Department, in which the employee occupying the comparable position performs, manages, or supervises functions that execute the cyber mission of the Department; and

(B) subject to the same limitations on maximum rates of pay established for such employees by law or regulation.