

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

§ 7409. Rifle ranges: availability for use by members and civilians

(a) RANGES AVAILABLE.—All rifle ranges constructed in whole or in part with funds provided by the United States may be used by members of the armed forces and by persons capable of bearing arms.

(b) MILITARY RANGES.—(1) In the case of a rifle range referred to in subsection (a) that is located on a military installation, the Secretary concerned may establish reasonable fees for the use by civilians of that rifle range to cover the material and supply costs incurred by the armed forces to make that rifle range available to civilians.

(2) Fees collected pursuant to paragraph (1) in connection with the use of a rifle range shall be credited to the appropriation available for the operation and maintenance of that rifle range and shall be available for the operation and maintenance of that rifle range.

(3) Use of a rifle range referred to in paragraph (1) by civilians may not interfere with the use of the range by members of the armed forces.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Regulations to carry out this section with respect to a rifle range shall be prescribed, subject to the approval of the Secretary concerned, by the authorities controlling the rifle range.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 236, § 4309; Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, § 1301(b)(3)(A), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 735; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title III, § 328(e), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1533; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title III, § 380(b)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2390; renumbered § 7409, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4309(a)	32:186 (1st sentence).	June 3, 1916, ch. 134, § 113 (1st 2 sentences), 39 Stat. 211.
4309(b)	32:186 (less 1st sentence).	

In subsection (a), the words “such a comprehensive * * * as will ultimately result in” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words “United States” are substituted for the word “Congress”. The words “members of the armed forces” are substituted for the words “those in any branch of the military or naval service”. The words “of the United States” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4309 of this title as this section.

1992—Pub. L. 102-484 amended section generally. Prior to amendment section read as follows:

“(a) RANGES AVAILABLE.—(1) All rifle ranges constructed in whole or in part with funds provided by the United States may be used by members of the armed forces and by able-bodied persons capable of bearing arms.

“(b) MILITARY RANGES.—(1) In the case of a rifle range referred to in subsection (a) located on a military installation, the Secretary of the Army shall establish reasonable fees for the use by civilians of that rifle range to cover any costs incurred by the Army to make that rifle range available to civilians.

“(2) Use of a rifle range referred to in paragraph (1) by civilians may not interfere with the use of those ranges by members of the armed forces.

“(c) REGULATIONS.—Regulations to carry out this section shall be prescribed by the authorities controlling the rifle range, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Army.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-510 substituted “Rifle ranges: available for use by members and civilians” for “Rifle ranges: recommendations to Congress; regulations” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) The Secretary of the Army shall submit annually to Congress recommendations and estimates for the establishment and maintenance of indoor and outdoor rifle ranges under a plan to provide facilities for rifle practice in all sections of the country.

“(b) All rifle ranges established under subsection (a) and all rifle ranges already constructed, in whole or in part with funds provided by the United States, may be used by members of the armed forces and by all able-bodied persons capable of bearing arms, under regulations prescribed by the authorities controlling those ranges and approved by the Secretary.”

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “persons” for “males”.

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 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title III, § 380(e), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2391, provided that:

“(1) This section [enacting section 4316 of this title and amending this section and sections 4308 and 4313 of this title] and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the earlier of—

“(A) the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 1992]; or

“(B) October 1, 1992.

“(2) If under paragraph (1) the amendments made by this section take effect before October 1, 1992, the amendments made by section 328 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101-510; 104 Stat. 1533) shall not take effect.

“(3) If under paragraph (1) the amendments made by this section take effect on October 1, 1992, the amendments made by this section shall be considered executed immediately following the amendments made by section 328 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law 101-510; 104 Stat. 1533).”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title III, § 328(h), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1534, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 4308, 4311, and 4313 of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1992.”

§ 7414. Degree granting authority for United States Army Command and General Staff College

(a) AUTHORITY.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, the Commandant of the United States Army Command and General Staff College may, upon the recommendation of the faculty and dean of the college, 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 accord-

ance with the Federal Policy Governing Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies; and

(2) the United States Army Command and General Staff 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 United States Army Command and General Staff College to award any new or existing degree.

(Added Pub. L. 93-365, title VII, §708(a)(1), Aug. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 407, §4314; amended Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §512(11), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2929; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIII, §1322(a)(13), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1671; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, §543(c)(1), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4458; renumbered §7414, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4314 of this title as this section.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, and with the approval of a nationally recognized civilian accrediting association approved by the Secretary of Education, the Commandant of the United States Army Command and General Staff College may upon recommendation by the faculty confer the degree of master of military art and science upon graduates of the college who have fulfilled the following degree requirements: a minimum of thirty semester hours of graduate credit, including a masters thesis of six to eight semester hours, and a demonstration of competence in the discipline of military art and science as evidenced by satisfactory performance on a general comprehensive examination. These requirements may be altered only with the approval of such association.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-510 struck out at end “The Secretary of the Army shall report annually to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives the following information: (1) the criteria which must be met to entitle a student to award of the degree, (2) whether such criteria have changed in any respect during the reporting year, (3) the number of students in the most recent resident course graduating class, (4) the number of such students who were enrolled in the master of military art and science program, and (5) the number of students successfully completing the master of military art and science program.”

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “Secretary of Education” for “Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare”.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

RETROACTIVE DEGREE CONFERRAL; MAXIMUM AMOUNT

Pub. L. 93-365, title VII, §708(b), Aug. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 407, provided that: “The Commandant of the United States Army Command and General Staff College may confer the degree of master of military art and science upon graduates of the college who have completed the requirements for that degree since 1964 but prior to the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1974]; but the number of such degrees awarded for such period may not exceed two hundred.”

§ 7415. The Judge Advocate General's School: master of laws in military law

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, the Commandant of the Judge Advocate General's School of the Army may, upon recommendation by the faculty of such school, confer the degree of master of laws (LL.M.) in military law upon graduates of the school who have fulfilled the requirements for that degree.

(Added Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title V, §504(a), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1086, §4315; renumbered §7415, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4315 of this title as this section.

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.

§ 7417. Military history fellowships

(a) FELLOWSHIPS.—The Secretary of the Army shall prescribe regulations under which the Sec-