

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

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8258 of this title as this section.

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 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

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.

**CHAPTER 915—APPOINTMENTS IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE**

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(d)(3)(A), (e)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, redesignated chapter 835 of this title as this chapter and items 8281 and 8310 as 9151 and 9160, respectively.

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 officers: 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”.

**§9151. 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, §281; renumbered §9151, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §806(b)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832.)

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.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8281 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.

**§9160. Warrant officers: original appointment; qualifications**

Original appointments as warrant officers in the Regular Air Force shall be made from persons who have served on active duty at least one year in the Air Force.