

dividuals shall be eligible for appointment and admission to the United States Air Force Academy, beginning with appointments to such academy for the class beginning in calendar year 1976, and (2) the academic and other relevant standards required for appointment, admission, training, graduation, and commissioning of female individuals shall be the same as those required for male individuals, except for those minimum essential adjustments in such standards required because of physiological differences between male and female individuals, see section 803(a) of Pub. L. 94-106, set out as a note under section 7442 of this title.

SECRETARY TO IMPLEMENT POLICY OF EXPEDITIOUS  
ADMISSION OF WOMEN TO THE ACADEMY

Secretary to continue to exercise the authority granted under this chapter and chapters 403 and 603 of this title, but such authority to be exercised within a program providing for the orderly and expeditious admission of women to the Academy, consistent with the needs of the services, see section 803(c) of Pub. L. 94-106, set out as a note under section 7442 of this title.

**§ 9443. Cadets: appointment; to bring to full strength**

If it is determined that, upon the admission of a new class to the Academy, the number of cadets at the Academy will be below the authorized number, the Secretary of the Air Force may fill the vacancies by nominating additional cadets from qualified candidates designated as alternates and from other qualified candidates who competed for nomination and are recommended and found qualified by the Academy Board. At least three-fourths of those nominated under this section shall be selected from qualified alternates nominated by the persons named in paragraphs (2) through (8) of section 9442(a) of this title, and the remainder from qualified candidates holding competitive nominations under any other provision of law. An appointment under this section is an additional appointment and is not in place of an appointment otherwise authorized by law.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 564, §9343; Pub. L. 88-276, §4(2), Mar. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 153; Pub. L. 89-718, §46, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 93-171, §3(5), Nov. 29, 1973, 87 Stat. 691; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title V, §532(a)(2), (c)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1563, 1564; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(f)(43), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1955; renumbered §9443 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§806(a)(3), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1832, 1840.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9343 .....	10:1092d.	June 30, 1950, ch. 421, §4, 64 Stat. 305.

The words "If it is determined" are substituted for the words "When upon determination". The words "within his discretion" are omitted as covered by the word "may". The words "within the capacity of the Academy", "from the remaining sources of admission authorized by law", and "to be admitted in such class" are omitted as surplusage. The words "by the persons named in clauses (1)-(6) of section 9342(a), and clause (2) of section 9342(e), of this title" are substituted for the words "by the Vice President, Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, Delegates and Resident Commissioners, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and the Governor of

the Canal Zone". The words "under any other provision of law" are substituted for the words "from sources authorized by law other than those holding such alternate appointments".

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 9443 to 9445 were renumbered sections 9493 to 9495 of this title, respectively.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 9343 of this title as this section and substituted "section 9442(a)" for "section 9342(a)".

2013—Pub. L. 112-239 substituted "paragraphs" for "clauses".

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, §532(a)(2), (c)(2), amended section identically, substituting "clauses (2) through (8)" for "clauses (2)-(9)".

1973—Pub. L. 93-171 substituted "clauses (2)-(9) of section 9342(a)" for "clauses (2)-(8) of section 9342(a)".

1966—Pub. L. 89-718 substituted "Academy Board" for "Faculty".

1964—Pub. L. 88-276, among other changes, increased percentage of nominees to be selected from two-thirds to three-fourths, and struck out "as are necessary to meet the needs of the Air Force, but not more than the authorized strength of Air Force cadets" after "the Faculty".

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 1973 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 93-171, see section 4 of Pub. L. 93-171, set out as a note under section 7442 of this title.

NUMBER OF ALTERNATE APPOINTEES FROM CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES NOT TO BE REDUCED BECAUSE OF ADDITIONAL PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

Nonreduction of number of appointees from congressional sources under this section because of additional Presidential appointments under section 9342(b) (1) of this title, see section 2 of Pub. L. 89-650, set out as a note under section 7443 of this title.

**§ 9446. Cadets: requirements for admission**

(a) To be eligible for admission to the Academy a candidate must be at least 17 years of age and must not have passed his twenty-third birthday on July 1 of the year in which he enters the Academy.

(b) To be admitted to the Academy, an appointee must show, by an examination held under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force, that he is qualified in the subjects prescribed by the Secretary.

(c) A candidate designated as a principal or an alternate for appointment as a cadet shall appear for physical examination at a time and place designated by the Secretary.

(d) To be admitted to the Academy, an appointee must take and subscribe to an oath prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force. If a candidate for admission refuses to take and subscribe to the prescribed oath, his appointment is terminated.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 565, §9346; Pub. L. 89-718, §47, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1121; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §555(d), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2527; renumbered §9446, Pub. L. 115-232, div.