

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and not as part of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 which comprises this subchapter.

§ 1726. Compensation and terms of service**(a) Living allowances**

The Secretary shall provide each participant in the Public Lands Corps and each resource assistant with a living allowance in an amount established by the Secretary.

(b) Educational credit

The Secretary may provide a Corps participant with an educational credit that may be applied toward a program of postsecondary education at an institution of higher education that agrees to allow the credit for participation in the Corps.

(c) Terms of service**(1) In general**

Each participant in the Corps and each resource assistant shall agree to participate in the Corps or serve as a resource assistant, as the case may be, for such term of service as may be established by the Secretary enrolling or selecting the individual.

(2) Indian Youth Service Corps

With respect to the Indian Youth Service Corps established under section 1727b of this title, the Secretary shall establish the term of service of participants in consultation with the affected Indian tribe.

(d) Hiring**(1) In general**

The Secretary may—

(A) grant to a member of the Public Lands Corps credit for time served with the Public Lands Corps, which may be used toward future Federal hiring; and

(B) provide to a former member of the Public Lands Corps noncompetitive hiring status for a period of not more than 2 years after the date on which the member's service with the Public Lands Corps is complete.

(2) Time-limited appointment

For purposes of section 9602 of title 5, a former member of the Corps hired by the Secretary under paragraph (1)(B) for a time-limited appointment shall be considered to be appointed initially under open, competitive examination.

(e) Applicability to qualified youth or conservation corps

The hiring and compensation standards described in this section shall apply to any individual participating in an appropriate conservation project through a qualified youth or conservation corps, including an individual placed through a contract or cooperative agreement, as approved by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 852; amended Pub. L. 109-154, §2(e), Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2892; Pub. L. 114-289, title III, §302(3), Dec.

16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1487; Pub. L. 116-9, title IX, §9003(e), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 834.)

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(1), substituted “Compensation and terms of service” for “Living allowances and terms of service” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(3), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(4), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(2), redesignated subsec. (b) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(5), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and inserted heading, redesignated former pars. (1) and (2) as subpars. (A) and (B), respectively, of par. (1) and realigned margins, and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-9, §9003(e)(6), added subsec. (e).

2016—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 114-289 substituted “2 years” for “120 days”.

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-154, §2(e)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: “The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide each participant in the Public Lands Corps and each resource assistant with a living allowance in an amount not to exceed the maximum living allowance authorized by section 140(a)(3) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 for participants in a national service program assisted under subtitle C of title I of such Act.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-154, §2(e)(2), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1993 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

§ 1727. National service educational awards**(a) Educational benefits and awards**

If a participant in the Public Lands Corps or a resource assistant also serves in an approved national service position designated under subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.], the participant or resource assistant shall be eligible for a national service educational award in the manner prescribed in subtitle D of such title [42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.] upon successfully complying with the requirements for the award. The period during which the national service educational award may be used, the purposes for which the award may be used, and the amount of the award shall be determined as provided under such subtitle.

(b) Forbearance in collection of Stafford loans

For purposes of section 1078 of title 20, in the case of borrowers who are either participants in the Corps or resource assistants, upon written request, a lender shall grant a borrower forbearance on such terms as are otherwise consistent with the regulations of the Secretary of Education, during periods in which the borrower is serving as such a participant or a resource assistant.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title II, §208, as added Pub. L. 103-82, title I, §105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 853.)