

§ 7153. Commissioned officers: appointment without specification of branch; transfer between branches

(a) Appointments in commissioned grades in the Regular Army shall be made without specification of branch except in each of the special branches and as professors or director of admissions of the United States Military Academy.

(b) Commissioned officers appointed in the Regular Army without specification of branch shall be assigned, and may be transferred and re-assigned, by the Secretary of the Army to branches other than the special branches, according to their professional qualifications and the needs of the Army.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 181, §3283; Pub. L. 85-600, §1(4), Aug. 6, 1958, 72 Stat. 522; Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, §820(d)(1), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1627; Pub. L. 95-551, §2, Oct. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 2069; renumbered §7153, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(b)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3283(a)	10:506(b) (2d sentence). 10:506(c) (1st sentence).	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, §502(b) (2d sentence), (c) (less proviso), 61 Stat. 884; June 12, 1948, ch. 449, §104(d)(1), 62 Stat. 358.
3283(b)	10:506(c) (less 1st sentence and less proviso).	

Subsection (a) is substituted for 10:506(b) (2d sentence) and 506(c) (1st sentence). The words “in each of the special branches” are substituted for the enumeration of branches in 10:506(b) (2d sentence) and for the words “each of the several corps of the Army Medical Service, as chaplains”, in 10:506(c).

In subsection (b), the words “other than the special branches and the Women’s Army Corps” are substituted for 10:506(c) (words between 3d and 4th parentheses). The word “their” is substituted for the words “of the officers concerned”. The words “of the Army” are substituted for the words “of the branches, arms, and services”. The words “from time to time” and “arms, and services” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 3283 of this title as this section.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-551 substituted “director of admissions” for “registrar”.

Pub. L. 95-485 struck out “, in the Women’s Army Corps,” after “special branches”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-485 struck out “and the Women’s Army Corps” after “special branches”.

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-600 inserted reference to registrar of the Military Academy.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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.

CHAPTER 719—TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

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Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(e)(2)(A), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839, redesignated chapter 339 of this title as this chapter and item 3446 as 7176.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §502(11), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2910, struck out items 3441 “General rule”, 3442 “Commissioned officers; regular and reserve components: appointment in higher grade”, 3444 “Commissioned officers: during war or emergency”, 3445 “Officers: additional appointments during war or emergency”, 3447 “Appointments in commissioned grade: how made; how terminated”, 3448 “Warrant officers: grades, appointment”, 3449 “Warrant officers: promotion”, 3451 “Officers: acceptance of appointment in higher grade”, and 3452 “Officers; Medical and Dental Corps: temporary promotion to captain”.

1968—Pub. L. 90-235, §3(b)(2), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 758, struck out item 3450 “Warrant officers: suspension of laws for promotion or mandatory retirement or separation during war or emergency”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(81)(F), (G), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1480, struck out item 3443 “Commissioned officers; Reserves; appointment in higher or lower grade” and added item 3452.

§ 7176. Retention on active duty

The President may retain on active duty a disabled officer until—

(1) the physical condition of the officer is such that the officer will not be further benefited by retention in a military hospital or a medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(2) the officer is processed for physical disability benefits provided by law.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 196, §3446; Pub. L. 85-861, §1(81)(C), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1480; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1621(a)(10), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1603; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §701(j)(6), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 116; renumbered §7176, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(b)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1956 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3446	10:499.	June 19, 1948, ch. 511, 62 Stat. 489.

The word “shall” is substituted for the words “authorized and directed”. The words “on active duty” are substituted for the words “in service”. The words “warrant officers, and flight officers” are omitted, since the definition of “officer” in section 101(14) of this title covers commissioned, warrant, and flight officers. The words “who has only a temporary appointment” are substituted for the words “of the Army * * * of the United States”. The words “his physical condition is such that he” are substituted for the words “their treatment for physical reconstruction has reached a point where they”. The words “in the Army” are substituted for the words “in the military service”.

1958 ACT

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3446	10 App.:499.	June 15, 1956, ch. 388, 70 Stat. 282.

The words “commissioned officers and warrant” are omitted as covered by the definition of the word “officer” in section 101(14) of this title. The words “condi-