

missions, perform any function which any category of diplomatic officer (other than a chief of mission) or consular officer is authorized by law to perform.

**(c) Limits of consular districts**

The Secretary of State shall define the limits of consular districts.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 312, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2087.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—COMPENSATION

**§ 3961. Salaries of chiefs of mission**

(a) Except as provided in section 3942(b) of this title, each chief of mission shall receive a salary, as determined by the President, at one of the annual rates payable for levels II through V of the Executive Schedule under sections 5313 through 5316 of title 5, except that the total compensation, exclusive of danger pay, for any chief of mission shall be subject to the limitation on certain payments under section 5307 of title 5 or the limitation under section 3962(a)(3) of this title, whichever is higher.

(b) The salary of a chief of mission shall commence upon the effective date of appointment to that position. The official services of a chief of mission are not terminated by the appointment of a successor, but shall continue for such additional period, not to exceed 50 days after relinquishment of charge of the mission, as the Secretary of State may determine. During that period, the Secretary of State may require the chief of mission to perform such functions as the Secretary of State deems necessary in the interest of the Government.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 401, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2087; Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 177(a), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1362; Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 142(b), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 108-447, div. B, title IV, § 412(c), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2905.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-447, which directed the substitution of “shall be subject to the limitation on certain payments under section 5307 of title 5 or the limitation under section 3962(a)(3) of this title, whichever is higher” for “shall not exceed the annual rate of pay payable for level I of such Executive Schedule”, was executed by making the substitution for “shall not exceed the annual rate payable for level I of such Executive Schedule” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-138 substituted “Except as provided in section 3942(b) of this title, each” for “Each” and “level I of such” for “level II of such”.

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-204 substituted “Each chief” for “Except as provided in section 3942(b) of this title, each chief”, and inserted before period at end “, except that the total compensation, exclusive of danger pay, for any chief of mission shall not exceed the annual rate payable for level II of such Executive Schedule”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-204 not applicable to salary of any individual serving under Presidential appointment under section 3942 of this title immediately

before Dec. 22, 1987, during the period such individual continues to serve in such position, see section 177(c) of Pub. L. 100-204, set out as a note under section 3942 of this title.

**§ 3962. Salaries of Senior Foreign Service members**

**(a) Prescription by President; basic salary rates; adjustments; determinations by Secretary**

(1) The President shall prescribe salary classes for the Senior Foreign Service and shall prescribe an appropriate title for each class. The President shall also prescribe ranges of basic salary rates for each class. Except as provided in paragraph (3), basic salary rates for the Senior Foreign Service may not exceed the maximum rate or be less than the minimum rate of basic pay payable for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of title 5.

(2) The Secretary shall determine which basic salary rate within the ranges prescribed by the President under paragraph (1) shall be paid to each member of the Senior Foreign Service based on individual performance, contribution to the mission of the Department, or both, as determined under a rigorous performance management system. Except as provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary and, to the extent possible, consistent with regulations governing the Senior Executive Service, the Secretary may adjust the basic salary rate of a member of the Senior Foreign Service not more than once during any 12-month period.

(3) Upon a determination by the Secretary that the Senior Foreign Service performance appraisal system, as designed and applied, makes meaningful distinctions based on relative performance—

(A) the maximum rate of basic pay payable for the Senior Foreign Service shall be level II of the Executive Schedule; and

(B) the applicable aggregate pay cap shall be equivalent to the aggregate pay cap set forth in section 5307(d)(1) of title 5 for members of the Senior Executive Service.

**(b) Career appointees in Senior Executive Service accepting limited appointment in Senior Foreign Service; adjustment**

(1) An individual who is a career appointee in the Senior Executive Service receiving basic pay at one of the rates payable under section 5382 of title 5 and who accepts a limited appointment in the Senior Foreign Service in a salary class for which the basic salary rate is less than such basic rate of pay, shall be paid a salary at his or her former basic rate of pay (with adjustments as provided in paragraph (2)) until the salary for his or her salary class in the Senior Foreign Service equals or exceeds the salary payable to such individual under this subsection.

(2) The salary paid to an individual under this subsection shall be adjusted by 50 percent of each adjustment, which takes effect after the appointment of such individual to the Senior Foreign Service, in the basic rate of pay at which that individual was paid under section 5382 of title 5 immediately prior to such appointment.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 402, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2087; Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 124, Aug. 24, 1982, 96

Stat. 281; Pub. L. 108-447, div. B, title IV, § 412(a), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2905.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level II of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(A), is set out in section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

##### AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-447, § 412(a)(1), substituted “The President shall also prescribe ranges of basic salary rates for each class. Except as provided in paragraph (3), basic salary rates for the Senior Foreign Service may not exceed the maximum rate or be less than the minimum rate of basic pay payable for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of title 5.” for “The President shall also prescribe one or more basic salary rates for each class. Basic salary rates for the Senior Foreign Service may not exceed the maximum rate or be less than the minimum rate of basic pay payable for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of title 5, and shall be adjusted at the same time and in the same manner as rates of basic pay are adjusted for the Senior Executive Service.”

Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 108-447, § 412(a)(2), added pars. (2) and (3) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “The Secretary shall determine which of the basic salary rates prescribed by the President under paragraph (1) for any salary class shall be paid to each member of the Senior Foreign Service who is appointed to that class. The Secretary may adjust the basic salary rate of a member of the Senior Foreign Service not more than once during any 12-month period.”

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-241 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted provision authorizing the President to prescribe one or more basic salary rates for each class, and added par. (2).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 15, 1981, except that subsec. (a), for purposes of implementing section 4151 of this title, is effective Oct. 17, 1980, see section 2403(a) and (d)(2) of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of this title.

#### Executive Documents

##### ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARY CLASSES WITH TITLES FOR SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE

For establishment of salary classes with titles for the Senior Foreign Service, at basic rates of pay equivalent to that established from time to time for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 4 of Ex. Ord. No. 12293, Feb. 23, 1981, 46 F.R. 13969, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

#### § 3963. Foreign Service Schedule

The President shall establish a Foreign Service Schedule which shall consist of 9 salary classes and which shall apply to members of the Service who are citizens of the United States and for whom salary rates are not otherwise provided for by this subchapter. The maximum salary rate for the highest class established under this section, which shall be designated class 1, may not exceed the maximum rate of basic pay prescribed for GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5. Salary rates established under this section shall be adjusted in accordance with section 5303 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 403, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2088; Pub. L. 101-509, title V, § 529 [title I, § 101(b)(1)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1439.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-509 substituted “section 5303” for “subchapter I of chapter 53”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-509 effective on such date as the President shall determine, but not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 180 days, after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 529 [title I, § 305] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out as a note under section 5301 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 15, 1981, except that for purposes of implementing section 4151 of this title it is effective Oct. 17, 1980, see section 2403(a) and (d)(2) of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of this title.

#### Executive Documents

##### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12249

Ex. Ord. No. 12249, Oct. 25, 1980, 45 F.R. 71347, which provided for a Foreign Service Schedule, was superseded by Ex. Ord. No. 12330, Oct. 15, 1981, 46 F.R. 50921, formerly set out as a note under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

##### ADJUSTMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE SCHEDULE

For adjustment of Foreign Service Schedule pay rates under this section, see the executive order detailing the adjustment of certain rates of pay set out as a note under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 3964. Assignments to salary class

(a) The Secretary shall assign all Foreign Service officers and Foreign Service personnel (other than Foreign Service personnel who are paid in accordance with section 3967 of this title or section 3968 of this title) to appropriate salary classes in the Foreign Service Schedule.

(b)(1) The salary class to which a member of the Service is assigned under this section shall not be affected by the assignment of the member to a position classified under subchapter V.

(2) Except as authorized by subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 5, changes in the salary class of a member of the Senior Foreign Service or a member of the Service assigned to a salary class in the Foreign Service Schedule shall be made only in accordance with subchapter VI. The Secretary shall prescribe regulations (which shall be consistent with the relevant provisions of subchapter VI of chapter 53 of title 5 and with the regulations prescribed to carry out such provisions) providing for retention of pay by members of the Service in cases in which reduction-in-force procedures are applied.

(Pub. L. 96-465, title I, § 404, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2088; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 180(a)(3), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 415.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-236 struck out “who are family members of Government employees paid in ac-