

**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.

**§ 7840. Final settlement of officer’s accounts**

Before final payment upon discharge may be made to an officer of the Army who has been accountable or responsible for public property, he must obtain a certificate of nonindebtedness to the United States from each officer to whom he was accountable or responsible for property. He must also make an affidavit, certified by his commanding officer to be correct, that he is not accountable or responsible for property to any other officer. An officer who has not been responsible for public property must make an affidavit of that fact, certified by his commanding officer. Compliance with this section warrants the final payment of the officer concerned.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 274, § 4840; renumbered § 7840, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4840 .....	10:878.	Jan. 12, 1899, ch. 46, § 2, 30 Stat. 784.

The words “Before final payment upon discharge may be made” are substituted for the words “shall warrant their final payment”. The words “at any time” are omitted as surplusage. The word “must” is substituted for the words “shall be required \* \* \* to”. The words “He must also make” are substituted for the words “accompanied by”. The words “from each officer to whom he was accountable or responsible for property” are substituted for the words “from only such of the bureaus of the Department of the Army to which the property for which they were accountable or responsible pertains”, since there is no longer a bureau structure within the Department of the Army. The words “that he is not accountable or responsible for property to any other officer” are substituted for the words “accompanied by the affidavits of officers, of nonaccountability or nonresponsibility to other bureaus of the Department of the Army”, for the same reason. The reference to certificates from the General Accounting Office is omitted as obsolete. The last sentence is substituted for 10:878 (last 18 words). The last proviso of section 2 of the act of January 12, 1899, ch. 46, 30 Stat. 784, is not contained in 10:878. It is also omitted from the revised section, since it related to authority of mustering officers to administer oaths and the general authority to administer oaths is now contained in section 936 of this title (article 136 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4840 of this title as this section.

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**§ 7841. Payment of small amounts to public creditors**

When authorized by the Secretary of the Army, a disbursing official of Army subsistence funds may keep a limited amount of those funds in the personal possession and at the risk of the disbursing official to pay small amounts to public creditors.

(Added Pub. L. 97-258, § 2(b)(10)(B), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1056, § 4841; renumbered § 7841, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4841 .....	31:493.	Mar. 2, 1907, ch. 251 (proviso on p. 1166), 34 Stat. 1166.

The title of Secretary of War was changed to Secretary of the Army by section 205(a) of the Act of July 26, 1947 (ch. 343, 61 Stat. 501), and by sections 1 and 53 of the Act of August 10, 1956 (ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 157, 676). The word “When” is substituted for “as shall from time to time be” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “disbursing official” are substituted for “Officers intrusted with the disbursement” for consistency.

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4841 of this title as this section.

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**§ 7842. Settlement of accounts of line officers**

The Comptroller General shall settle the account of a line officer of the Army for pay due the officer even if the officer cannot account for property entrusted to the officer or cannot make a monthly report or return, when the Comptroller General is satisfied that the inability to account for property or make a report or return was the result of the officer having been a prisoner, or of an accident or casualty of war.

(Added Pub. L. 97-258, § 2(b)(10)(B), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1057, § 4842; renumbered § 7842, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
4842 .....	31:44 (1st sentence).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, § 304 (1st par. 1st sentence), 42 Stat. 24.
	31:95.	R.S. § 278.

The words “Comptroller General” are substituted for “General Accounting Office” for consistency. The words “audit and” are omitted as surplus. The words