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Subpart A—Definitions

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§ 21.1 Meaning of terms.

As used in this part, the term:

(a) *Act* means the Public Health Service Act, 58 Stat. 682, as now or hereafter amended.

(b) *Department* means the Department of Health and Human Services.

(c) *Secretary* means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(d) *Service* means the Public Health Service.

(e) *Surgeon General* means the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

(f) *Commissioned officer* or *officer*, unless otherwise indicated, means either an officer of the Regular Corps or an officer of the Reserve Corps.

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Subpart B—Appointment

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The terms *approved school*, *approved college*, *approved postgraduate school*, or

approved training course means, except as otherwise provided by law:

(a) A school, college, postgraduate school, or training course which has been accredited or approved by a professional body or bodies recognized by the Surgeon General for such purpose, or which, in the absence of such a body, meets generally accepted professional standards as determined by the Surgeon General, or

(b) In the case of a candidate who is applying for appointment as a medical officer, any non-approved medical school provided that the candidate has passed examinations given by a professional body or bodies recognized by the Surgeon General for such purpose.

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§ 21.22 Submission of application and evidence of qualifications.

(a) *Application form.* Every candidate for examination for appointment as an officer shall submit a written application on such form as may be prescribed by the Surgeon General.

(b) *Documentary evidence.* The application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence as may be required by the Surgeon General.

§ 21.23 False statements as disqualification.

Willfully false statements shall be cause for rejection of the application or, as provided in subpart N of this part, for dismissal.

§ 21.24 Physical examinations.

Every candidate for appointment as an officer shall undergo such physical examination as the Surgeon General may direct, and no candidate who is not found to be physically qualified shall be appointed as an officer.

§ 21.25 Eligibility; junior assistant grade.

(a) *Requirements; all candidates.* Except as provided in § 21.54, and as otherwise provided in this section, every candidate for examination for appointment in the grade of junior assistant:

- (1) Shall be a citizen of the United States;
- (2) Shall be at least 18 years of age; and

(3) Shall have been granted an academic or professional degree from an approved school, college, or postgraduate school, and, unless the required professional training has been otherwise obtained from an approved school, college, or postgraduate school, shall have majored in the profession in which the examination is being held.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Special requirement; therapists.* Every candidate for examination for appointment as a therapist shall have received a certificate from an approved school of physical therapy or an approved school of occupational therapy.

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§ 21.26 Eligibility; assistant grade.

(a) *Requirements; all candidates.* Except as otherwise provided in this section every candidate for examination for appointment in the grade of assistant:

(1) Shall meet the requirements for eligibility for examination for appointment in the grade of junior assistant;

(2) Shall be at least 21 years of age; and

(3) Shall have had at least 7 years of educational and professional training or experience subsequent to high school, except that a candidate who applies for examination for appointment in the Reserve Corps to serve as a medical or dental intern may be examined for such appointment upon the completion of 6 years of such education, training, or experience.

(b) *Additional requirements; dietitians.* Every candidate for examination for appointment as a dietitian shall have successfully completed an approved training course for dietetic interns.

§ 21.27 Eligibility; senior assistant grade.

Every candidate for examination for appointment in the grade of senior assistant shall meet the requirements for eligibility for examination for appointment in the grade of assistant and shall have completed at least 10 years of educational and professional training or experience subsequent to high school.