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Service officer of the Department. Panels examining candidates for the U.S. Information Agency will be chaired by a Foreign Service officer of that Agency. Determinations of duly constituted panels of deputy examiners are final, unless modified by specific action of the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service.

(3) Grading: Candidates appearing for the oral examination will be graded "recommended" or "not recommended." If recommended, the panel will assign a grade which will be advisory to the Final Review Panel in determining the candidate's standing on the rank-order register of eligibles. The candidacy of anyone who is graded "not recommended" is automatically terminated and may not be considered again until the candidate has passed a new written examination.

(4) An investigation shall be conducted of candidates who have been graded "recommended" by the oral examining panel to determine loyalty to the Government of the United States and attachment to the principles of the Constitution.

(22 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.)

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§ 11.4 Medical examination for appointment to class 7 or 8.

The Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service has established the following rules regarding the medical examination of candidates.

(a) A candidate graded "recommended" on the oral examination will be eligible for the physical examination.

(b) The medical examination is designed to determine the candidate's physical fitness to perform the duties of a Foreign Service officer on a worldwide basis and to determine the presence of any physical, nervous, or mental disease or defect of such a nature as to make it unlikely that the candidate would become a satisfactory officer. The Executive Director of the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, with the concurrence of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Medical Services, may make such exceptions to these physical requirements as are in the interest of the Service. All such excep-

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tions shall be reported to the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service at its next meeting.

(c) The medical examination will be conducted by medical officers of the Armed Forces, the Public Health Service, the Department, accredited colleges and universities, or, with the approval of the Board of Examiners, by private physicians.

(d) The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Medical Services will determine, on the basis of the report of the physician(s) who conducted the medical examination, whether the candidate has met the standards set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

(22 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.)

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§ 11.5 Certification for appointment to class 7 or 8.

(a) Candidates will not be certified as eligible for appointment as Foreign Service officers of class 8 unless they are at least 21 years of age, is a citizen of the United States, and, if married, married to a citizen of the United States. A candidate may be certified as eligible for direct appointment to class 7 if, in addition to meeting these specifications, the candidate also has additional qualifications of experience, education, and age which the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service currently defines as demonstrating ability and special skills for which there is a need in the Foreign Service. Recommended candidates who meet these requirements will be certified for appointment, in accordance with the needs of the Service, in the order of their standing on their respective registers.

(b) Separate registers for Department of State candidates will be maintained for the administrative, consular, commercial/economic, and political functional specialties. Successful candidates for the U.S. Information Agency will have their names placed on a separate rank-order register and appointments will be made according to the needs of the Agency. Postponement of entrance on duty for required active military service, or required alternative service, civilian Government service abroad (to a maximum of 2

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years of such civilian service), or Peace Corps volunteer service, will be authorized. A candidate may be certified for appointment to class 7 or 8 without first having passed an examination in a foreign language, but the appointment will be subject to the condition that the newly appointed officer may not receive more than one promotion unless, within a specified period of time, adequate proficiency in a foreign language is achieved.

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§ 11.6 Final Review Panel.

After the results of the medical examination and background investigation are received, the candidate's entire file will be reviewed by a Final Review Panel, consisting of two or more deputy examiners. Candidates who have been graded "recommended" by oral examining panels, who have passed their medical examination, and who, on the basis of investigation have been found to be loyal to the Government of the United States and personally suitable to represent it abroad, will have their names placed on a rank-order register for the functional specialty for which they have been qualified. Their standing on the register will be determined by the Final Review Panel after taking into account the grade assigned by the oral examining panel and any information developed subsequent to the oral examination concerning the applicant. The candidacy of anyone who is determined by the Final Review Panel to be unqualified for appointment shall be terminated and the candidate so informed.

(22 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.)

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§ 11.7 Termination of eligibility.

(a) Candidates who have qualified but have not been appointed because of lack of vacancies will be dropped from the rank-order register 30 months after the date of the written examination: *Provided, however,* That reasonable time spent in civilian Government service abroad (to a maximum of 2 years such service), including service as a Peace Corps volunteer, in required

active military service, or in required alternative service, subsequent to establishing eligibility for appointment will not be counted in the 30-month period.

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Examiners may extend the eligibility period when such extension is, in his judgment, justified in the interests of the Service. The Chairman shall report the approved extensions to the Board of Examiners.

(22 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.)

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§ 11.8 Travel expenses of candidates.

The travel and other personal expenses of candidates incurred in connection with the written and oral examinations will not be borne by the Government, except that the Department may issue round-trip invitational travel orders to bring candidates to Washington at Government expense when it is determined that it is necessary in ascertaining a candidate's qualifications and adaptability for appointment.

(22 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.)

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§ 11.10 Mid-level Foreign Service officer career candidate appointments. [Reserved]

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(a) *General considerations*—(1) *Authority*. Pursuant to sections 302 and 306 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), all Foreign Service officers shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. All appointments shall be made to a class and not to a particular post. No person shall be eligible for appointment as a Foreign Service officer unless that person is a citizen of the United States. Such appointment is initially to career candidate status, with subsequent commissioning to career status governed by Volume 3 (Personnel), Foreign Affairs Manual section 570.

(2) *Veterans' preference*. Pursuant to section 301 of the Act, and notwithstanding the provisions of section 3320 of title 5 of the United States Code, the