

**PART 56—NONDISCRIMINATION  
ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP IN  
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AS-  
SISTED OR CONDUCTED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

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**§ 56.1 Purpose.**

This part implements section 504 of Public Law 93-112, "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," September 26, 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) (1976); section 111 of Pub. L. 93-516, "Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974," December 7, 1974 (29 U.S.C. 706, 780, 790) (1976); section 119 of Pub. L. 95-602, "Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978," November 6, 1978 (29 U.S.C. 794) (supp. III 1979); and Department of Justice Regulation, "Implementation of Executive Order 12250, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Federally Assisted Programs," August 11, 1981 (28 CFR part 41) to prohibit discrimination based on handicap in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance disbursed by the Department of Defense and in programs and activities conducted by the Department of Defense.

**§ 56.2 Applicability and scope.**

(a) This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military

Departments, the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the National Guard Bureau, and the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to as "DoD Components") insofar as they:

(1) Extend Federal financial assistance to programs and activities that affect handicapped persons in the United States and that are covered by this part (see § 56.7(b)).

(2) Conduct programs and activities that affect handicapped persons in the United States and that are covered by this part (see § 56.7(c)).

(b) This part also applies to each recipient of Federal financial assistance disbursed by the Department of Defense and to each program and activity that receives or benefits from such assistance, insofar as such recipient, program, or activity affects a handicapped person in the United States.

**§ 56.3 Definitions.**

(a) *Facility*. All or any portion of buildings, structures, equipment, roads, walks, parking lots, or other real or personal property or any interest in such property.

(b) *Federal financial assistance*. Any grant, loan, contract (other than a procurement contract or a contract of insurance or guaranty), or any other arrangement by which the Federal Government provides or otherwise makes available assistance in the form of:

(1) Funds.

(2) Services performed by Federal personnel, including technical assistance, counseling, training, and provision of statistical or expert information.

(3) Real and personal property or any interest in or use of such property, including:

(i) Transfers or leases of such property for less than fair market value or for reduced consideration.

(ii) Proceeds from a subsequent transfer or lease of such property if the Federal share of its fair market value is not returned to the Federal government.

(c) *Handicapped person*. Any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment. For