

or as a VISTA volunteer under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2991 *et seq.*) or the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-113), or as a full-time community volunteer (including criminal justice volunteer, volunteer in justice, and VET REACH volunteer) under part C of title I of Pub. L. 93-113. To be qualifying under this section VISTA and community volunteer service must total at least 1 year. In addition, a community volunteer must have served prior to October 1, 1976.

(b) *Time limit.* An agency in the executive branch may make an appointment under this section only within 1 year after the person completes the qualifying service. (For Community volunteers who have completed their service before March 10, 1978, the 1-year period begins on March 10, 1978.) However, an agency may extend the period for 2 more years to a total of 3 years if the person, after the qualifying service, is:

- (1) In the military service;
- (2) Studying at a recognized institution of higher learning; or
- (3) In another activity which, in the agency's view, warrants extension.

(c) *Conditions.* Any law, Executive order, or regulation that disqualifies an applicant for appointment also disqualifies an applicant for appointment under this section.

(d) *Tenure on appointment.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, a person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section becomes a career-conditional employee.

(2) A person appointed under paragraph (a) or this section becomes a career employee if excepted from the service requirement for career tenure by § 315.201(c).

(e) *Acquisition of competitive status.* A person appointed under paragraph (a) of this section acquires a competitive status automatically on completion of probation.

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§ 315.606 Noncompetitive appointment of certain present and former Foreign Service officers and employees.

Subject to the conditions prescribed by OPM, an agency may appoint noncompetitively a present or former career officer or employee of the Foreign Service who was appointed under authority of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended (22 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), or legislation that supplements or replaces that Act, if:

(a) He qualifies under the requirements set forth in Executive Order 11219, and

(b) OPM has concurred in his present or former agency's plan, and substantive changes thereto, for noncompetitive entry of civil service employees into the Foreign Service positions of that agency.

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§ 315.607 Noncompetitive appointment of present and former Peace Corps personnel.

(a) An agency in the executive branch may appoint noncompetitively, for other than temporary appointment, an individual:

(1) Who has completed no less than 36 months of continuous service without a break in service of 3 days or more under section 7(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2506) which pertains to the appointment of Peace Corps staff (not volunteers);

(2) Whom the Director of the Peace Corps certifies as having satisfactorily served under such an appointment; and

(3) Who meets OPM qualification standards—including any written test requirements—for the position in question.

(4) Who is not a Peace Corps volunteer as this paragraph does not apply to Peace Corps volunteers.

(b) *Time limitations.* (1) An individual's eligibility under this section extends through September 30, 1982, or until 3 years after separation from qualifying service with the Peace Corps, whichever is later.