

(2) Pay adjustments (other than general pay adjustments) that take effect at the same time must be processed in the order that gives the employee the maximum benefit. When a position or appointment change and entitlement to a higher rate of pay occur at the same time, the higher rate of pay is deemed to be the employee's existing rate of basic pay.

(g) *Status as a GM employee.* (1) An employee retains status as a GM employee (as defined in § 531.202) when detailed to any position or when reassigned to another General Schedule position in which the employee continues to be a supervisor or management official (as defined in paragraphs (10) and (11) of section 7103(a) of title 5, United States Code).

(2) An employee permanently loses status as a GM employee if the employee is promoted (including a temporary or term promotion), transferred, reduced in grade, reassigned to a position in which the employee will no longer be a supervisor or management official, or has a break in service of more than 3 calendar days.

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§ 531.204 Special provisions.

(a) *Promotions and transfers.* (1) The requirements of section 5334(b) of title 5, United States Code, apply only to an employee who is promoted or transferred from a position in one grade of the General Schedule to a position in a higher grade of the General Schedule.

(2) For the purpose of section 5334(b) of title 5, United States Code, an employee's "existing rate of basic pay" includes any applicable special rate established under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code, or law enforcement special rate established under section 403 of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (FEPCA) (Pub. L. 101-509, 104 Stat. 1465).

(3) When an employee at grade GS-1 or grade GS-2 is promoted or transferred to a higher grade, the amount of a step increase above step 10 of the em-

ployee's grade equals the amount of the increment between step 9 and step 10 of the grade from which promoted.

(b) *Classification decisions.* When a classification decision is made effective retroactively under part 511 of this chapter, the agency shall treat the corrective personnel action affecting the employee concerned as a cancellation or correction, as the case may be, of the original action of demotion, and the employee is entitled to retroactive pay in accordance with the terms of the corrective action.

(c) *Expiration or termination of temporary promotions.* (1) On expiration or termination of a temporary promotion when an employee is returned to the lower grade, an agency must recompute the employee's rate of basic pay for the lower grade as if the employee had not been temporarily promoted unless the agency sets pay at a higher rate under § 531.203(d).

(2) In the case of an employee whose rate of basic pay would otherwise fall between two steps of General Schedule grade or applicable special rate range, the rate of basic pay of the employee must be increased to the rate for the next higher step of the grade or special rate range.

(d) *Rate of basic pay on acquiring status as a GM employee.* On acquiring status as a GM employee (as defined in § 531.202) on November 1, 1993, an employee shall continue to receive the rate of basic pay that was payable on October 31, 1993.

(e) *Rate of basic pay on loss of status as a GM employee.* On loss of status as a GM employee (as defined in § 531.202) under § 531.203(g)(2), an employee shall receive (except as provided in paragraph (f) of this section) his or her existing rate of basic pay, plus any of the following adjustments that may be applicable, in the order specified:

(1) The amount of any annual adjustment under section 5303 of title 5, United States Code, to which the employee would otherwise be entitled on that date or, for an employee subject to special pay rates, the amount of any pay adjustment made on that date under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code, and part 530 of this chapter;

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(2) The amount of any step increase under section 5335 of title 5, United States Code, and § 531.404 to which the employee otherwise would be entitled on that date;

(3) The amount resulting from a promotion effective on that date;

(4) In the case of an employee whose resulting rate of basic pay falls between two steps of a General Schedule grade (or, in the case of an employee whose position is subject to special pay rates, between the two steps of the applicable special rate range), the amount of any increase that may be necessary to pay the employee the rate for the next higher step of that grade (or special rate range); and

(5) In the case of an employee whose resulting rate of basic pay falls below the minimum rate of a General Schedule grade (or, in the case of an employee whose position is subject to special pay rates, below the minimum of the applicable special rate range), the amount of any increase that may be necessary to pay the employee the minimum rate for that grade (or special rate range).

(f) *Special exceptions.* Paragraphs (e) (1) through (4) of this section do not apply to any employee who loses status as a GM employee (as defined in § 531.202) under § 531.203(g)(2) as a result of—

(1) An action taken for disciplinary or performance related reasons;

(2) The expiration or termination of a temporary promotion; or

(3) A reduction in grade at the employee's request.

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§ 531.205 Pay schedule conversion rules at the time of an annual pay adjustment under 5 U.S.C. 5303.

(a) On the effective date of a pay adjustment under 5 U.S.C. 5303, the rate of basic pay of an employee subject to the General Schedule shall be initially adjusted, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, as follows:

(1) If an employee is receiving basic pay immediately before the effective

date of his pay adjustment at one of the rates of a grade in the General Schedule, he shall receive the rate of basic pay for the corresponding numerical rate of the grade in effect on and after such date.

(2)(i) Except as provided in paragraphs (a)(2)(ii) through (iv) of this section, an agency shall determine the annual pay adjustment under 5 U.S.C. 5303 for a GM employee (as defined in § 531.202) as follows:

(A) Subtract the minimum rate of the range of the employee's position in effect on the day immediately preceding the pay adjustment from the employee's rate of basic pay on the day immediately preceding the pay adjustment;

(B) Subtract the minimum rate of the range in effect immediately preceding the pay adjustment from the maximum of that rate range;

(C) Divide the result of paragraph (a)(2)(i)(A) of this section by the result of paragraph (a)(2)(i)(B) of this section, carry the result to the seventh decimal place, and truncate, rather than round, the result;

(D) Subtract the minimum rate of the new rate range for the grade from the maximum rate of that range;

(E) Multiply the result of paragraph (a)(2)(i)(C) of this section by the result of paragraph (a)(2)(i)(D) of this section; and

(F) Add the result of paragraph (a)(2)(i)(E) of this section to the minimum of the new rate range and round to the next higher whole dollar amount.

(ii) The rate of basic pay of an employee which is at the minimum or maximum of the rate range in effect on the day preceding the pay adjustment shall be adjusted to the minimum or maximum of the new rate range, respectively.

(iii) The rate of basic pay of an employee which is less than the minimum rate of the rate range of the employee's position shall be increased by the full amount of the annual pay adjustment under 5 U.S.C. 5303 applicable to the rate range of the grade of the employee's position.

(iv) An employee who is receiving retained pay shall receive one-half of the