

Selective Service System

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(3) Who, having completed theological or divinity school, is a student in a full-time graduate program or is a full-time intern, and whose studies are related to and lead toward entry into service as a regular or duly ordained minister of religion. Satisfactory progress in these studies as determined by the school in which the registrant is enrolled, must be maintained for qualification for the deferment.

(b) The registrant's classification shall be determined on the basis of the written information in his file folder, oral statements, if made by the registrant at his personal appearance before a board, and oral statements, if made by the registrant's witnesses at his personal appearance.

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§ 1639.4 Exclusion from Class 2-D.

A registrant shall be excluded from Class 2-D when:

(a) He fails to establish that the theological or divinity school is a recognized school; or

(b) He fails to establish that the church or religious organization which is sponsoring him is so recognized; or

(c) He ceases to be a full-time student; or

(d) He fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

§ 1639.5 Impartiality.

Boards may not give precedence to any religious organization or school over another, and all are to be given equal consideration.

§ 1639.6 Considerations relevant to granting or denying claims for Class 2-D.

(a) The registrant's claim for Class 2-D must include the following:

(1) A statement from a church or religious organization that the registrant is preparing for the ministry under its direction; and

(2) Current certification to the effect that the registrant is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction required for entrance into a recognized theological or divinity school in which he has been pre-enrolled; or

(3) Current certification to the effect that the registrant is satisfactorily

pursuing a full-time course of instruction in a recognized theological or divinity school; or

(4) Current certification to the effect that the registrant, having completed theological or divinity school, is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time graduate program or is a full-time intern, whose studies are related to and lead toward entry into service as a regular or duly ordained minister of religion.

(b) A board may require the registrant to obtain from the church, religious organization, or school detailed information in order to determine whether or not the theological or divinity school is in fact a recognized school or whether or not the church or religious organization which is sponsoring the registrant is recognized.

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§ 1639.7 Types of decisions.

(a) A board may grant a classification into Class 2-D until the end of the academic school year.

(b) Upon the expiration of a 2-D classification, a board shall review any request for extension of the classification in the same manner as the first request for Class 2-D. This section does not relieve a registrant of his duties under § 1621.1 of this chapter.

(c) The board may deny a claim for Class 2-D when the evidence fails to merit any of the criteria established in this section.

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§ 1639.8 Statement of reason for denial.

(a) Denial of a claim for a ministerial student deferment by a board must be accompanied by a statement specifying the reason(s) for such denial as prescribed in §§ 1633.9, 1651.4 and 1653.3 of this chapter. The reason(s) must in turn, be supported by evidence in the registrant's file.

(b) If a board's denial is based on statements by the registrant or his witnesses at a personal appearance, this must be fully explained in the statement of reasons accompanying the denial.