

purposes of this Directive as it relates to employment programs of recipients, such term does not include any individual who is an alcoholic or drug abuser and whose current use of alcohol or drugs prevents such individual from performing the duties of the job in question, or whose employment, by reason of such current alcohol or drug abuse, would constitute a direct threat to property or to the safety of others. As used in this paragraph:

(1) *Physical or mental impairment.* Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: Neurological; musculoskeletal and special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. The term includes such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments; cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and muscular dystrophy; multiple sclerosis; cancer; heart disease; diabetes; drug abuse; and alcoholism.

(2) *Major life activities.* Functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

(3) *Has a record of such an impairment.* Has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) *Is regarded as having an impairment.* Has: (i) A physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but is treated by a recipient or DoD Component as constituting such a limitation;

(ii) A physical or a mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment; or

(iii) None of the impairments defined above, but is treated by a recipient or DoD Component as having such an impairment.

(d) *Historic properties.* Those properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

(e) *Include; such as.* Not all the possible items are covered, whether like or unlike the ones named.

(f) *Qualified handicapped person.* A handicapped person who:

(1) With respect to employment, can perform the essential functions of the job in question with reasonable accommodation.

(2) With respect to services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for receiving the services in question.

(g) *Recipient.* Any State or political subdivision or instrumentality thereof, any public or private agency, institution, organization, or other entity, or any person that receives Federal financial assistance directly or through another recipient, including any successor, assignee, or transferee of a recipient, but not the ultimate beneficiary of the assistance. The term includes persons and entities applying to be recipients.

(h) *Substantial impairment.* A significant loss of the integrity of finished materials, design quality, or special character resulting from a permanent alteration.

§ 56.4 Policy.

It is DoD policy that no qualified handicapped person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity that receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance disbursed by a DoD Component or under any Federal program or activity that is conducted by a DoD Component. Guidelines for determining actions that discriminate against handicapped persons are prescribed in § 56.8.

§ 56.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The *Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) (ASD(MRA&L))*, or designee, shall monitor compliance with this part. In discharging this responsibility, the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, shall:

(1) Coordinate efforts of DoD Components to enforce this part.