

candidates from outside the agency for vacancies, registrants in an agency's RPL have priority for selection over employees eligible under this subpart in accordance with § 330.705.

(d) This subpart applies only when agencies are making selections from outside their workforce, and does not prohibit movement within an agency, as permitted by subpart F of this part.

§ 330.702 [Reserved]

§ 330.703 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart:

(a) *Agency* has the meaning given in § 330.604(a).

(b) *Displaced employee* means:

(1) A current career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who has received a specific RIF separation notice, or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area;

(2) A former career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who was separated through reduction in force, or removed for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside of the local commuting area;

(3) A former career or career-conditional employee who was separated because of a compensable injury or illness as provided under the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, whose compensation has been terminated and whose former agency is unable to place the individual as required by § 353.110(b) of this chapter;

(4) A former career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, who retired with a disability under sections 8337 or 8451 of title 5, United States Code, whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated;

(5) A former career or career-conditional competitive service employee, in tenure group 1 or 2, at grades GS-15 level or equivalent or below, who received a RIF separation notice, and who retired on the effective date of the

reduction in force or under the discontinued service retirement option;

(6) A former Military Reserve Technician or National Guard Technician who is receiving a special disability retirement annuity from OPM under section 8337(h) or 8456 of title 5 United States Code, as described in subpart H of this part;

(7) A current Executive Branch agency employee in the excepted service, serving on an appointment without time limit, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who has been given noncompetitive appointment eligibility and selection priority by statute for positions in the competitive service, and who is in receipt of a reduction in force separation notice or notice of proposed removal for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment outside of the local commuting area; or

(8) A former Executive Branch agency employee in the excepted service, who served on an appointment without time limit, at grade levels GS-15 or equivalent and below, who has been given noncompetitive appointment eligibility and selection priority by statute for positions in the competitive service, and who has been separated through reduction in force or removed for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment outside of the local commuting area.

(c) *Eligible employee* means a displaced employee who meets the conditions set forth in § 330.704(a).

(d) *Local commuting area* has the meaning given in § 330.604(e).

(e) *Special selection priority* has the meaning given in § 330.604(g).

(f) *Vacancy* has the meaning given in § 330.604(j).

(g) *Well-qualified employee* has the meaning given in § 330.604(k).

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§ 330.704 Eligibility.

(a) To be eligible for the special selection priority, an individual must meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Is a displaced employee as defined in § 330.703(b);

(2) Has a current (or a last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent (except for