

§ 352.702 Definitions.

In this subpart:

(a) *Agency* means the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. For reemployment purposes, the Public Health Service shall be considered the agency to which Indian Health Service employees may return.

(b) *Competitive area* is the same as defined in § 351.402 of this title.

(c) *Tribal organization* is defined in section 4(c) of the Indian Self-Determination Act (88 Stat. 2204).

§ 352.703 Basic entitlement to reemployment rights on leaving Federal employment.

(a) *Employees entitled.* The following employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, and the Indian Health Service and the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services, are granted reemployment rights subject to the conditions of this subpart, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, or the Public Health Service, as appropriate, if they leave their Federal employment to be employed, with no break in service following separation from their agency, by an Indian tribal organization to work in a function of their respective agency contracted under the Indian Self-Determination Act to be performed by that tribal organization:

(1) An employee serving in a competitive position under a career or career-conditional appointment and who has satisfactorily completed at least 6 months of a probationary period; or

(2) A non-temporary excepted service employee who has satisfactorily completed at least 6 months of a trial period if one is required by the agency.

(3) An employee serving under a career appointment in the Senior Executive Service (SES) who is not serving a probationary period.

(b) *Employees not entitled.* The following employees are not entitled to reemployment rights under this subpart:

(1) An employee who has received a notice of involuntary separation because of reduction in force, or other cause, not directly related to contracting under the Act to a tribal organization;

(2) An employee whose resignation has been accepted for reasons other than to accept tribal employment under this subpart; or

(3) An employee serving under a Schedule C excepted appointment.

(c) *Not related to other benefits.* Entitlement to reemployment rights does not depend on continuation of Federal employee benefits coverage during service with a tribal organization.

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§ 352.704 Duration of reemployment rights.

(a) *Termination of authority.* Rights are not granted to persons who leave Federal employment for employment with a tribal organization after the date (December 31, 1985, at present) specified in section 105(e) of the Indian Self-Determination Act (88 Stat. 2209).

(b) *Maximum period of entitlement.* Entitlement to reemployment terminates at the end of 6 years following the date employment commences in the tribal organization unless exercised or otherwise terminated before that time as provided in this subpart.

§ 352.705 Return to Federal employment.

(a) *Conditions.* Reemployment rights may be exercised only under the following conditions. The individual must apply in writing to the former employing agency for reemployment not later than 30 calendar days after:

(1) Receipt of notice of involuntary separation from tribal employment. For this purpose, involuntary separation means any separation against the will and without consent of the individual.

(2) Reversion of the function to Federal operation, whether reversion is through tribal or Federal action; or

(3) Separation with the joint consent of the tribal organization and the Federal agency for reasons of personal hardship or other special circumstances.

(b) *Termination.* A former employee's entitlement to reemployment terminates for: