

SEC. 1121. RESTRUCTURING THE RESTRICTION ON DEGREE TRAINING.

Section 4107 of title 5, United States Code, is amended--

(1) in subsection (a), by striking `subsection (b)' and inserting `subsections (b) and (c)';

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking `subsection (a)' and inserting `subsection (a) or (c)'; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

`(c) With respect to an employee of the Department of Defense--

`(1) this chapter does not authorize, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the selection and assignment of the employee for training, or the payment or reimbursement of the costs of training, for--

`(A) the purpose of providing an opportunity to the employee to obtain an academic degree in order to qualify for appointment to a particular position for which the academic degree is a basic requirement; or

`(B) the sole purpose of providing an opportunity to the employee to obtain one or more academic degrees, unless such opportunity is part of a planned, systematic, and coordinated program of professional development endorsed by the Department of Defense; and

`(2) any course of post-secondary education delivered through classroom, electronic, or other means shall be administered or conducted by an institution recognized under standards implemented by a national or regional accrediting body, except in a case in which such standards do not exist or the use of such standards would not be appropriate.'.