

SEC. 808. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENT IN CONTRACTING POSITIONS.

(a) **APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES-** Section 1724 of title 10, United States Code, is amended in the first sentence of subsection (d)--

(1) by striking 'employee of' and inserting 'employee or member of'; and

(2) by striking 'employee possesses' and inserting 'employee or member possesses'.

(b) **MANDATORY ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS-** (1) Subsection (a)(3) of such section is amended--

(A) by inserting 'and' before '(B)'; and

(B) by striking ', or (C)' and all that follows through 'listed in subparagraph (B)'.

(2) Subsection (b) of such section is amended to read as follows:

'(b) **GS-1102 SERIES POSITIONS AND SIMILAR MILITARY POSITIONS-** The Secretary of Defense shall require that a person meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (3) of subsection (a), but not the other requirements set forth in that subsection, in order to qualify to serve in a position in the Department of Defense in--

'(1) the GS-1102 occupational series; or

'(2) a similar occupational specialty if the position is to be filled by a member of the armed forces.'

(c) **EXCEPTION-** Subsection (c) of such section is amended to read as follows:

'(c) **EXCEPTION-** The requirements imposed under subsection (a) or (b) shall not apply to a person for the purpose of qualifying to serve in a position in which the person is serving on September 30, 2000.'

(d) **DELETION OF UNNECESSARY CROSS REFERENCES-** Subsection (a) of such section is amended by striking '(except as provided in subsections (c) and (d))' in the matter preceding paragraph (1).

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE-** This section, and the amendments made by this section, shall take effect on October 1, 2000, and shall apply to appointments and assignments to contracting positions made on or after that date.