

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during August 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Office of the Secretary	Deputy White House Liaison	DA170116	08/05/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ..	Office of Communications	Press Assistant	DA170153	08/18/2017
COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS	Office of the Chief of Staff	Director of Scheduling	DC170083	08/04/2017
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	Office of the Commissioners	Special Assistant to the Commissioner.	CC140001	08/06/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of the Secretary of Defense	Speechwriter	DD140139	08/15/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Assistant Speechwriter	DH170212	08/03/2017
	Office of Administration for Children and Families.	Press Assistant (Regional Media)	DH170175	08/27/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.	Chief Spokesperson	DH170216	08/19/2017
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DH170190	08/05/2017
	Office of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Special Assistant	DH170097	08/05/2017
	Office of the Chief of Staff	Director of Advance	DH170169	08/05/2017
		Special Assistant	DH170180	08/05/2017
		Special Assistant	DH170255	08/21/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Office of the Chairman	Special Assistant	DM170132	08/03/2017
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs (2).	EP170048	08/12/2017
	Office of the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	EP170051	08/19/2017
	Office of the Chairman	Confidential Assistant	EP170045	08/12/2017
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	Confidential Assistant	DR150009	08/04/2017
	Office of the Director	Confidential Assistant	DR170003	08/12/2017
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Presidents Commission on White House Fellowships.	Chief Strategist	QQ170005	08/05/2017
PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS.	Office of the Chief Operating Officer.	White House Liaison	QQ170003	08/19/2017
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.		Deputy Director	WH160002	08/25/2017
		Chief Operating Officer	SE100006	08/15/2017

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service; September 2017

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency

that were established or revoked from September 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities

established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No schedule A authorities to report during September 2017.

Schedule B

No schedule B authorities to report during September 2017.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during September 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Farm Service Agency	State Executive Director—Washington.	DA170190	09/13/2017
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DA170176	09/19/2017
		Staff Assistant	DA170193	09/22/2017

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Senior Advisor	DA170186	09/22/2017
	Broadcasting Board of Governors	Special Advisor for Strategy	IB170006	09/11/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).	Special Assistant (Personnel and Readiness).	DD170223	09/12/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for East Asia	DD170225	09/14/2017
	Washington Headquarters Services.	Staff Assistant	DD170227	09/22/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict).	Defense Fellow	DD170226	09/14/2017
		Special Assistant for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism.	DD170229	09/20/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.	Office of Assistant Secretary Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.	Special Assistant (Counternarcotic and Global Threats).	DD180003	09/21/2017
		Financial Specialist	DF170013	09/06/2017
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ..	Office for Civil Rights	Attorney Adviser	DB170140	09/05/2017
	Office of Postsecondary Education	Confidential Assistant	DB170137	09/06/2017
	Office of Communications and Outreach.	Confidential Assistant	DB170141	09/11/2017
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	Office of Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	Senior Advisor	DE170189	09/06/2017
	Office of the Chief Information Officer.	Special Assistant	DE170201	09/07/2017
	Office of Scheduling and Advance	Advance Lead	DE170215	09/07/2017
	Office of the Secretary	White House Liaison	DE170160	09/12/2017
	Office of Public Affairs	Director of Strategic Communications and Messaging.	DE170221	09/20/2017
	Office of Science	Special Advisor (2)	DE170211	09/22/2017
			DE170210	09/26/2017
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.	Office of the General Counsel	Senior Counsel	EP170097	09/12/2017
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.	Region 7—Lenexa, Kansas	Deputy General Counsel	EP170095	09/14/2017
		Deputy Regional Administrator	EP170093	09/22/2017
	Federal Acquisition Service	Executive Director	GS170045	09/01/2017
	Office of Government-wide Policy	Senior Advisor for Government wide Policy.	GS170050	09/06/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.	Senior Advisor	DH170309	09/06/2017
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DH170324	09/11/2017
	Office of the General Counsel	Advisor and Legal Counsel	DH170334	09/12/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Senior Advisor	DH170333	09/26/2017
	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Regional Director, Denver, Colorado, Region VIII.	DH170247	09/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Office of Partnership and Engagement.	Business Liaison	DM170284	09/26/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Assistant Press Secretary	DM170274	09/28/2017
		Deputy Speechwriter	DM170278	09/28/2017
	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Senior Policy Advisor	DM170277	09/28/2017
	Office of Field Policy and Management.	Regional Administrator-Region 1 ...	DU170176	09/06/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.	Office of Community Planning and Development.	Regional Administrator	DU170177	09/14/2017
		Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.	DU170180	09/19/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.	United States Fish and Wildlife Service.	Advisor	DI170099	09/06/2017
	Secretary's Immediate Office	Senior Advisor for Strategic Communication and Outreach.	DI170114	09/26/2017
		Senior Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	DI170112	09/14/2017
	Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.	Special Assistant	DI170116	09/14/2017
	Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.	Senior Advisor	DI170115	09/19/2017
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	Office of the Associate Attorney General.	Confidential Assistant	DJ170166	09/06/2017
	Office of the Attorney General	White House Liaison	DJ170172	09/15/2017
		Civil Division	DJ170187	09/28/2017

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	Employment and Training Administration.	Chief of Staff	DL170090	09/06/2017
	Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Senior Legislative Officer (2)	DL170099	09/14/2017
		Legislative Officer	DL170107	09/22/2017
			DL170097	09/08/2017
	Office of the Secretary	Staff Assistant	DL170100	09/22/2017
		Special Assistant (2)	DL170095	09/11/2017
			DL170108	09/22/2017
			DL170114	09/22/2017
	Office of the Solicitor	Senior Counselor	DL170098	09/11/2017
	Office of Disability Employment Policy.	Senior Advisor	DL170115	09/19/2017
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Special Assistant	DL170106	09/26/2017	
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Office of Public Affairs	Public Affairs Specialist	QQ170015	09/22/2017
OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.	Congressional, Legislative, and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Deputy Director	PM170050	09/06/2017
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.	Office of the General Counsel	Deputy General Counsel	SB170064	09/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DS170192	09/01/2017
	Bureau of Legislative Affairs	Special Assistant	DS170196	09/07/2017
	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Protocol Officer (Visits)	DS170198	09/08/2017
	Office of Policy Planning	Senior Advisor	DS170158	09/11/2017
			DS170193	09/19/2017
		Staff Assistant	DS170208	09/29/2017
		Special Advisor	DS170209	09/29/2017
	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.	Office of the Secretary	White House Liaison	DT170143
		Special Assistant	DT170130	09/26/2017
Office of the General Counsel		Legal Advisor	DT170149	09/28/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.	Office of the Executive Secretary ..	Special Assistant	DY170173	09/29/2017

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Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.	Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs.	DA170145	09/02/2017
	Office of Rural Housing Service	Senior Advisor	DA160112	09/16/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.	Office of Executive Secretariat	Confidential Assistant	DC170137	09/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.	DD160084	09/01/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).	Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).	DD150123	09/29/2017
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.	Office of the Secretary of Defense	Advance Officer	DD170164	09/30/2017
	Office of the Secretary	Confidential Assistant	DB170121	09/03/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.	Office of the Chief of Staff	Advance Representative	DM170133	09/15/2017
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.	Office of the Attorney General	White House Liaison	DJ170084	09/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	Office of the Secretary	Deputy Chief of Staff	DL170062	09/30/2017
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	Office of the Under Secretary for Management.	Special Advisor	DS170186	09/28/2017
	Office of the Bureau of International Information Programs.	Deputy Coordinator	DS170155	09/30/2017
	Office of the General Counsel	Senior Vice President and General Counsel.	EB110009	09/02/2017
EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ..	Office of the Administrator	White House Liaison	GS170016	09/02/2017
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.	Office of the Director	Special Assistant	BO170057	09/02/2017
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.				

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY.	Office of National Drug Control Policy	Digital Engagement Specialist	QQ170002	09/08/2017

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical

utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. Title and purpose of information collection: Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; OMB 3220–0007.

Under Section 7(b)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), and Section 5(c) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) any person aggrieved by a decision made by an office of the RRB on his or her application for an annuity or benefit under those Acts has the right to appeal to the RRB. This right is prescribed in 20 CFR 260 and 20 CFR 320. The notification letter, which is provided at the time of filing the original application, informs the applicant of

such right. When an applicant protests a decision, the concerned RRB office reviews the entire file and any additional evidence submitted and sends the applicant a letter explaining the basis of the determination. The applicant is then notified that to protest further, they can appeal to the RRB's Bureau of Hearings and Appeals. The appeal process is prescribed in 20 CFR 260.5 and 260.9 and 20 CFR 320.12 and 320.38.

To file a request for an appeal the applicant must complete Form HA–1, *Appeal Under the Railroad Retirement Act or Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act*. The form asks the applicant to explain the basis for their request for an appeal and, if necessary, to describe any additional evidence they wish to submit in support of the appeal. Completion is voluntary, however, if the information is not provided the RRB cannot process the appeal. The RRB proposes no changes to Form HA–1.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
HA–1	550	20	185

2. Title and purpose of information collection: Annual Earnings Questionnaire; OMB 3220–0179.

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II portion of the regular annuity and any

supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed 50 percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such deductions apply. The LPE generally refers to an annuitant's last employment with a non-railroad person, company, or institution prior to retirement, which was performed at the same time as

railroad employment or after the annuitant stopped railroad employment. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the RRB to determine if possible reductions in annuities are in order due to LPE.

The RRB utilizes Form G–19L, *Annual Earnings Questionnaire*, to obtain LPE earnings information from annuitants. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to retain a benefit. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–19L.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G–19L	300	15	75

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information or to

obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or

supporting material, contact Dana Hickman at (312) 751–4981 or