

The President's Pay Agent
Washington, DC 20415-0001

November 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Continuation of Locality Payments for Non-General Schedule Employees

The law requires that locality pay for non-General Schedule (GS) categories of employees must be renewed each year (5 U.S.C. 5304(h)). Each year, the President's Pay Agent issues a memorandum to continue locality pay for non-GS categories. This memorandum continues locality payments in 2021 for the Governmentwide and single-agency categories of employees who are authorized to receive 2020 locality payments. This action does not authorize locality pay for any categories of employees not already receiving locality pay.

Locality payments will continue for the Governmentwide categories shown in Attachment 1 with no further action required by any agency. Under the statute, locality payments may be made to single-agency categories of employees only at the request of the head of an Executive agency. Attachment 2 shows single-agency categories receiving locality pay in 2020, and these categories will continue to receive locality pay in 2021 without any further action required by any agency unless the head of an Executive agency requests that payments cease.

Under the statute, locality payments may not be received by employees paid under the senior level (SL) and scientific and professional (ST) pay systems, members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and similar pay systems (except certain SL/ST and SES employees in nonforeign areas, as described below), employees paid under the critical pay authority, senior executives in temporary organizations, prevailing rate employees, categories of positions paid Executive Schedule (EX) rates of pay, or any position that has a rate of basic pay higher than the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule (EX-IV).

The Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act (NAREAA; sections 1911-1919 of Public Law 111-84, October 28, 2009) provided locality pay to employees in SES, SL, and ST positions whose official worksite was located in a nonforeign area (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5941) on the day before the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010. Therefore, these SES, SL, and ST employees will receive the locality pay rate for their area, subject to the applicable locality rate cap established by 5 U.S.C. 5304(g)—i.e., EX-II if the employee is covered by an appraisal system certified under 5 U.S.C. 5307(d), or EX-III if not so covered. For additional information, see CPM 2009-27, December 30, 2009, which is available at <https://www.chcoc.gov/content/nonforeign-area-retirement-equity-assurance-act>. In particular, see the section on “SES and SL/ST Employees” and the example provided in Attachment 3.

Please contact Joe Ratcliffe, U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Pay Systems staff, by **Thursday, December 3, 2020**, via email at pay-leave-policy@opm.gov, if you do not want locality payments continued in 2021 for a single-agency employee category in your agency for

which such payments were previously authorized by the President's Pay Agent. Please note that a decision not to continue locality payments in 2021 for a category of employees means that those employees would no longer be entitled to any locality payment. All employees in a given locality pay area who receive locality payments in 2021 must receive the same percentage as received by GS employees in that area, subject to applicable pay caps.

Under 5 U.S.C. 5304(g) and 5 CFR 531.606, locality rates may not exceed the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule for administrative law judges and members of Boards of Contract Appeals. Locality rates for all other categories of non-GS employees (except experts and consultants appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3109 and certain SES, SL, and ST employees in nonforeign areas as previously described) may not exceed (1) the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule when the maximum scheduled annual rate of pay for such positions is less than or equal to the maximum payable scheduled annual rate of pay for GS-15 or (2) the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule when the maximum scheduled annual rate of pay for such positions exceeds the maximum payable scheduled annual rate of pay for GS-15. Experts and consultants appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3109 are subject to the pay limitations in 5 CFR 304.105.

For the President's Pay Agent:

SIGNED

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Attachments

cc: The Honorable Eugene Scalia
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The Honorable Russell Vought
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Chief Human Capital Officers (CHCOs)
Deputy CHCOs
Human Resources Directors

**CONTINUED LOCALITY PAY EXTENSIONS
GOVERNMENTWIDE CATEGORIES
OF NON-GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES**

1. Administrative law judges (ALJs) paid under 5 U.S.C. 5372.
2. Administrative appeals judges (AAJs) paid under 5 U.S.C. 5372b.
3. Members of Boards of Contract Appeals (BCA) paid under 5 U.S.C. 5372a.
4. Members of the Foreign Service paid under 22 U.S.C. 3963.
5. Members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) or employees covered by Senior Level (SL) or Scientific and Professional (ST) pay systems with official worksites in a nonforeign area (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5941) on the day before the first day of the first pay period that began on or after January 1, 2010.

CONTINUED LOCALITY PAY EXTENSIONS
SINGLE-AGENCY CATEGORIES OF NON-GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES
(Updated November 27, 2020)

Agency	Pay Authority [pay plan code]	Types of Employees [number of employees¹]	Original Approval Date
Agency for International Development	22 U.S.C. 2385 [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions [66]	Jan. 7, 1994
	22 U.S.C. 2386 [EE, EG]	Experts and consultants under the Foreign Assistance Act [15]	Jan. 7, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [15]	Jan. 7, 1994
Agriculture	5 CFR 213.3102(l) [EG]	Temporary, intermittent, and seasonal employees [1]	Feb. 9, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [3]	Feb. 9, 1994
American Battle Monuments Commission	36 U.S.C. 2101 [AD]	Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission [1]	Nov. 25, 1996
Corporation for National and Community Service	42 U.S.C. 12651f(b)(1) [NX]	Senior level equivalent employees in pay band NX-2 of CNS' alternative personnel system [9]	June 15, 1995
Defense	10 U.S.C. 1595 [AD]	National Defense University Directors, Deans, and Professors [72]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 184 [AD]	Defense Centers for Security, Defense, and Strategic Studies, Director, Deputy Director, professors, instructors, and lecturers.	July 27, 2010
	10 U.S.C. 4021 [AD]	United States Army Command and General Staff College Civilian Staff and Faculty [5]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 4331 and 4338 [AD]	United States Army Military Academy Civilian Staff and Faculty [97]	Jan. 3, 1997

¹ Number of employees as of the original approval date.

Defense (Continued)	10 U.S.C. 6952 [AD]	United States Naval Academy Civilian Faculty [322]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 7043 [AD]	Naval Postgraduate School Academic Dean [1]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 7044 [AD]	Naval Postgraduate School Civilian Faculty [322]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 7478 [AD]	Naval War College Faculty [52]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 7478 [AD]	United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College Civilian Faculty [14]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 9021 [AD]	Air University Civilian Faculty [30]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 9314 [AD]	Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Faculty [114]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 9338 [AD]	United States Air Force Academy Civilian Faculty [77]	Jan. 3, 1997
	10 U.S.C. 1746 [AD]	Defense Acquisition University Faculty [305]	April 12, 2000
	Sec. 1101 of PL 105-261 [AD]	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Experimental Personnel Management Program [20]	July 28, 2000
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board	Section 161d of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (Public Law 101-510) [DN]	Professional scientific and technical personnel [59]	Dec. 30, 1996
Energy	42 U.S.C. 7231(d) [EJ]	Scientific, engineering, professional, and administrative employees [200]	Dec. 30, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 & 42 U.S.C. 7233 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [105]	Dec. 30, 1994
	Section 3241 of P.L. 106-65 [EN]	Scientific, engineering, and technical positions in the National Nuclear Security Administration [300]	Jan. 13, 2003
Education	20 U.S.C. 9011 [AD]	Executive Director of the National Assessment Governing Board [1]	June 26, 2002
	20 U.S.C. 9621 [AD]	Deputy Executive Director of the National Assessment Governing Board [1]	July 13, 2009
Environmental Protection Agency	P.L. 95-190 [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions [19]	Jan. 4, 1994
General Services Administration	5 U.S.C. 3109 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [10]	June 7, 1999

Homeland Security	P.L. 105-261 and P.L. 107-296 [AD]	Scientists and engineers at the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA) [1 (1 as of approval date, but HSARPA was new and in the process of adding positions and recruiting--limited to 20 under Section 1101 of P.L. 105-261)]	Oct. 3, 2003
	Title 14, Section 186 [AD]	Civilian faculty members at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy [68]	Oct. 31, 2003
	5 U.S.C. chapter 102 [LE]	Uniformed Division of the U.S. Secret Service [1095] (Note: United States Secret Service Uniformed Division officers are entitled to locality pay under 5 U.S.C. 5304 by law, not by administrative action. See 5 U.S.C. 10203(b)(3) and Public Law 111-282, October 15, 2010.)	Jan. 31, 1994
Interior	Title 4 of D.C. Code [SP]	United States Park Police [620] (Note: Under section 4-416(c)(3) of the D.C. Code, United States Park Police are entitled to locality pay under 5 U.S.C. 5304 by law, not by administrative action. See P.L. 108-7, February 20, 2003, and section 902(b) of Public Law 106-554, December 21, 2000.)	Aug. 10, 1998
Justice	Section 371(a) of Public Law 104-208 and 8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(4) [IJ]	Immigration judges [200] (Note: Immigration judges are entitled to locality pay under 5 U.S.C. 5304 by law, not by administrative action. See section 371(c)(2)(B) of Public Law 104-208, September 30, 1996.)	Dec. 29, 1996
Labor	U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 97-37, April 10, 1997	Administrative law judges with pay set pursuant to a settlement agreement in a lawsuit, <u>Levin and Miller v. U.S.</u> , entered into by the United States Court of Federal Claims in 1997. [2]	August 8, 2005
National Archives	44 U.S.C. 2102 Note [AD]	Director of the Center for Legislative Archives [1]	July 15, 1994
	44 U.S.C. 2503(a) [AD]	Executive Director, National Historical Publications and Records Commission [1]	July 15, 1994
National Science Foundation	42 U.S.C. 1873(a)(1) [AD, EE, EG]	Professional and technical employees, experts and consultants [264]	Jan. 4, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [1]	Mar. 22, 1994
Nuclear Regulatory	Atomic Energy Act of 1954 &	Senior Level employees [41] and Administrative Judges [12]	Jan. 4, 1994

Commission	Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 [SN, AJ]		
Office of Personnel Management	5 U.S.C. 3109 [EF, ED, EH]	Experts and consultants [2]	Jan. 7, 1994
Overseas Private Investment Corporation	Section 233(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions [20]	Jan. 31, 1996
Peace Corps	22 U.S.C. 2506(a)(2) [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions [83]	Jan. 7, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 [EE]	Experts and consultants [34]	Jan. 7, 1994
Small Business Administration	P.L. 94-305 [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions [34]	Jan. 4, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [1]	Dec. 30, 1994
Smithsonian	5 U.S.C. 5375	Members of the police force of the National Zoological Park [13]	Jan. 7, 1994
State	22 U.S.C. 1474(l) [GG]	Non-U.S. citizen employees [307]	Jan. 4, 1994
	22 U.S.C. 4024 [GG]	Employees at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center [350]	Jan. 7, 1994
	22 U.S.C. 287 [GG]	Employees at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations [58]	Jan. 7, 1994
	22 U.S.C. 287 [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions whose pay is linked to Foreign Service Officer pay under 22 U.S.C. 3963	Jan. 7, 1994
	5 U.S.C. 3109 [ED, EF]	Experts and consultants [50]	Jan. 7, 1994
Transportation	46 U.S.C. Append. 1295g [AD]	Professors, lecturers, and instructors at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy [86]	July 23, 2008
Treasury	5 U.S.C. 5378 [TR]	Members of the police forces in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Bureau of the Mint [377]	Jan. 31, 1994
U.S. Trade and Development Agency	Section 661(c)(2)(C) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 [AD]	Miscellaneous types of positions [2]	Dec. 9, 1998
Veterans Affairs	38 U.S.C. 7404(b) [VN]	Physician assistants, optometrists, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries	Jan. 4, 1994

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	38 U.S.C. 7404(b) [VN]	Chiropractors [167]	Aug. 5, 2020
	38 U.S.C. 7405(b)(2) [AD]	Medical support personnel, trainees, and students [631]	Jan. 4, 1994
	38 U.S.C. 7404(a) [SR]	Non-physician, non-dentist, and non-nurse employees [4]	April 5, 1994
	38 U.S.C. 7101A [AL]	Members of the Board of Veteran's Appeals [53]	Dec. 30, 1994