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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT Physical Examinations and Annual Certificates of Physical Condition of Reservists, as Required by Section 1004(a), Title 10, U. S. Code

- Refs.: (a) DoD Directive 1205.9, "Physical Examinations and Annual Certificates of Physical Condition as Required by Section 225, Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952," January 19, 1953 (hereby cancelled)
(b) Section 1004(a), Title 10, U. S. Code

I. PURPOSE

To establish a uniform policy relating to physical examinations and certificates of physical condition for reservists (other than retired reservists) when not on active duty.

II. CANCELLATION

Reference (a) is hereby superseded and cancelled.

III. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to all Military Departments in the administration of members of reserve components.

IV. POLICY

- A. Each member of the Ready Reserve who is not on active duty shall be examined as to his physical fitness at least once every four years, or more often as the Secretary concerned considers necessary, and shall execute and submit annually a certificate of physical condition.
- B. Each member of the Standby Reserve in an active status, or on an inactive status list, shall execute and submit annually a certificate of physical condition.
- C. Members of the Standby Reserve may be examined as to their physical condition if the Secretary concerned considers such action necessary.

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D. Physical examinations will be reported on Standard Form 88, "Report of Physical Examination" and Standard Form 89, "Report of Medical History". To accomplish physical examinations, the Military Departments are authorized to use jointly all available medical facilities and to award points creditable toward retirement to medical reservists not on active duty for administering physical examinations or to use civilian physicians on a reimbursable basis where governmental medical facilities are not available.

E. The following action may be taken in regard to those reservists failing to submit such information as may be requested by the appropriate Secretary after every reasonable effort has been made to obtain such information:

1. Reservists having obligation under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, may be ordered to active duty or active duty for training, as deemed appropriate under the provisions of Section 672(b), Title 10, U. S. Code, for the purpose of securing the necessary information.
2. All other reservists may be considered for discharge pursuant to Section 1162(a) of Title 10, U. S. Code.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

It is requested that two copies of the implementing directives of the Military Departments be submitted to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Personnel and Reserve) within 90 days.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This directive is effective immediately.

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