



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

April 27, 2022

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, UNDER SECRETARIES,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS**

**SUBJECT:** Delegations of Authority for Actions Under 38 U.S.C. §§ 721 and 723,  
Recoupment of Bonuses or Awards (VIEWS 5158034)

**1. DELEGATIONS.** Under the authority vested in me as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and pursuant to 38 U.S.C. §§ 303 and 512, I delegate authority to serve as proposing and deciding officials in recoupment actions initiated under 38 U.S.C. §§ 721 and 723 and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Notice 05-22 as follows:

a. **DELEGATIONS UNDER 38 U.S.C. § 721, Recoupment of bonuses or awards paid to employees of Department.** The delegations of authority under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 721 are as follows:

- (1) Proposing Official – Supervisor who originally approved the award or bonus in accordance with the procedures, including delegations, established in VA Handbook 5017, Employee Recognition and Awards, or higher-level official in the supervisory line of authority, or other individual who is otherwise delegated such authority by the Secretary.
- (2) Deciding Official – Supervisor who is at least one supervisory level above and within the same supervisory line as the Proposing Official, or other individual who is otherwise delegated such authority by the Secretary.

b. **DELEGATIONS UNDER 38 U.S.C. § 723, Recoupment of relocation expenses paid on behalf of employees of Department.** The delegations of authority under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 723 are as follows:

- (1) Proposing Official – Supervisor who originally authorized the payment of relocation expenses in accordance with the procedures, including applicable delegations, established in VA Handbook 5007, Pay Administration, or higher-level official in the supervisory line of authority, or other individual who is otherwise delegated such authority by the Secretary.
- (2) Deciding Official – Supervisor who is at least one supervisory level above and within the same supervisory line as the Proposing Official, or other individual who is otherwise delegated such authority by the Secretary.

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- c. **DELEGATION TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.** I delegate to the Deputy Secretary authority to designate other individuals in writing as Proposing or Deciding Officials as set forth in Section 1.a. and 1.b. of this memorandum.

**2. AUTHORITY.** 38 U.S.C. §§ 303, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; 38 U.S.C. § 512, Delegation of Authority; 38 U.S.C. § 721, Recoupment of bonuses or awards paid to employees of Department; and 38 U.S.C. § 723, Recoupment of relocation expenses paid on behalf of employees of Department.

**3. RESTRICTIONS.** None. This delegation does not affect the Secretary's authority to carry out, modify, or further delegate the authority delegated herein.

**4. REDELEGATIONS.** None.

**5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This designation is effective upon signature. I waive the 2-year expiration date required by VA Directive 0000. This delegation will remain in effect for 4 years unless otherwise rescinded, modified, or superseded.



Denis McDonough