

**VOLUME 7A, CHAPTER 12: “PURPORTED MARRIAGES”****SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

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## CHAPTER 12

### PURPORTED MARRIAGES

#### 1.0 GENERAL

##### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to establish policy for purported marriages and the related impact to military pay.

##### 1.2 Authoritative Guidance

The pay policies and requirements established by the DoD in this chapter are derived primarily from, and prepared in accordance with the United States Code (U.S.C.), Title 37. The specific statutes, regulations, and other applicable guidance that govern each individual section are listed in the reference section at the end of the chapter.

#### 2.0 VALIDATION OF PAYMENTS BASED ON PURPORTED MARRIAGES

##### 2.1 Authority for Validation

A payment of an allowance based on a purported marriage that is made under [37 U.S.C. § 423](#) or prior laws, before the marriage is annulled or terminated is valid if:

2.1.1. A court of competent jurisdiction adjudges or decrees that the military member entered the marriage in good faith; or

2.1.2. In the absence of such judgment or decree, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned or a person designated by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned makes a finding of good faith.

##### 2.2 Responsibility for Validation

Findings of good faith under subparagraph 2.1.2 are submitted to the offices listed in Chapter 26, Table 26-11. Purported marriages requiring such findings are listed in Chapter 26.

##### 2.3 Payments Not Validated

Payments based on invalid marriages are erroneous payments or overpayments unless validated.

REFERENCES

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**2.0 – VALIDATION OF PAYMENTS BASED ON PURPORTED MARRIAGES**

37 U.S.C. § 423