

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

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Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

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The previous version dated [December 2019](#) is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
All	Updated hyperlinks and formatting to comply with current administrative instructions.	Revision
1.2	Added statement to refer reader to the reference page.	Addition

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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 Department of Defense in this chapter are derived primarily from, and prepared in accordance with Title 37, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 423 ([37 U.S.C. § 423](#)). 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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37 U.S.C. § 423