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## CHAPTER 12

PURPORTED MARRIAGES

## 1201 GENERAL

## 120101. Purpose

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

## 120102. Authoritative Guidance

The bibliography at the end of this chapter lists the authoritative references.

## 1202 VALIDATION OF PAYMENTS BASED ON PURPORTED MARRIAGES

## 120201. Authority for Validation

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

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

B. 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.

## 120202. Responsibility for Validation

Findings of good faith under subparagraph 120201.B are submitted to the offices listed in the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Chapter 10, Part B, subparagraph 10104.G.3, [Determination and Validations](#). Purported marriages requiring such findings are listed in the JTR, Chapter 10, Part B, subparagraph 10104.G.

## 120203. Payments Not Validated

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

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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37 U.S.C. § 423