Title 10, United States Code, sections 4344, 6957 and 9344, pertaining to the United States Military Academy, the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy, respectively, require that a foreign government reimburse the United States for the costs of instructing each foreign cadet or midshipman approved to attend one of the Service Academies. The reimbursement is required unless waived by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

The Service Academies Foreign Cadet Rate is a composite of the costs to operate the academies—including cadet/midshipman pay, allowances and emoluments—for the fiscal years in effect during the academic year. This composite rate is developed each year in the May/June timeframe so that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service can bill and collect the reimbursement amount from the sponsoring foreign governments before the arrival of the cadets and midshipmen in midsummer. The academic year for the Service Academies begins in the June/July timeframe each year and ends 12 months later.

The billing rate for the 2000/2001 academic year (July 2000 through June 2001) is $60,143.