

(c) Blanket waiver requests should not be submitted and shall not be considered. The term “blanket waiver” refers to a nonrecurring cost recoupment charge waiver that is not related to a particular sale; for example, waivers for all sales to a country or all sales of a weapon system.

(d) A waiver request shall not be considered for a sale that was accepted without a nonrecurring cost recoupment charge waiver, unless the acceptance was conditional on consideration of the waiver request.

(e) Requests for waivers shall be processed expeditiously, and a decision normally made to either approve or disapprove the request within 60 days after receipt. A waiver in whole or in part of the recoupment charge or a denial of the request shall be provided in writing to the appropriate DoD Component.

## PART 168a—NATIONAL DEFENSE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

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### § 168a.1 Purpose.

This part:

(a) Establishes guidelines for the award of National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships, as required by 10 U.S.C. 2191.

(b) Authorizes, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2191 and consistent with DoD 5025.1, the publication of a regulation which will be codified at 32 CFR part 168b.

### § 168a.2 Applicability.

This part applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, and the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as “DoD Components”).

### § 168a.3 Definition.

*Sponsoring Agency.* A DoD Component or an activity that is designated to award NDSEG fellowships under § 168a.5(a).

### § 168a.4 Policy and procedures.

(a) Sponsoring Agencies, in awarding NDSEG fellowships, shall award:

(1) Solely to U.S. citizens and nationals who agree to pursue graduate degrees in science, engineering, or other fields of study that are designated, in accordance with § 168a.5(b)(2), to be of priority interest to the Department of Defense.

(2) Through a nationwide competition in which all appropriate actions have been taken to encourage applications from members of groups (including minorities, women, and disabled persons) that historically have been underrepresented in science and engineering.

(3) Without regard to the geographic region in which the applicant lives or the geographic region in which the applicant intends to pursue an advanced degree.

(b) The criteria for award of NDSEG fellowships shall be:

(1) The applicant’s academic ability relative to other persons applying in the applicant’s proposed field of study.

(2) The priority of the applicant’s proposed field of study to the Department of Defense.

### § 168a.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering (Research and Advanced Technology) [DDDR&E(R&AT)], shall:

(1) Administer this part and issue DoD guidance, as needed, for NDSEG fellowships.

(2) Designate those DoD Components that will award NDSEG fellowships, consistent with relevant statutory authority.

(3) Issue a regulation in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2191 and DoD 5025.1–M.

(b) The Heads of Sponsoring Agencies, or their designees, in coordination with a representative of the Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering (Research and Advanced Technology) [DDDR&E(R&AT)], shall: