

# Department of Defense



## DIRECTIVE

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**SUBJECT:** Settlement and Payment of Claims Under 31 U.S.C. 3701 and 3721, "The Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964"

References: (a) Sections 3701 and 3721 of title 31, United States Code

(b) DoD Directive 5515.10, "Settlement and Payment of Claims Under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964,"  
June 17, 1965 (hereby canceled)

### 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

Pursuant to reference (a), this Directive reissues reference (b) and establishes the delegation of authority for settlement and payment of claims under reference (a).

### 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components").

### 3. POLICY

It is DoD policy that claims filed under reference (a) shall be processed and, if appropriate, administratively settled pursuant to this Directive.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The General Counsel of the Department of Defense shall issue DoD Instructions and other guidance to implement this Directive, as appropriate.


4.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall settle and pay claims as authorized by reference (a). This delegation of authority is limited as follows:

4.2.1. The Secretary of the Army, or his designee, as to civilian officers and employees of the Department of Defense who are not civilian officers or employees of a Military Department.

4.2.2. The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, or their designees, as to members of the Armed Forces and civilian officers or employees of their respective Military Departments.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

  
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Deputy Secretary of Defense