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# 5 U.S. Code § 2102 - The competitive service

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**(a)** The “competitive service” consists of—

**(1)** all civil service positions in the executive branch, except—

**(A)** positions which are specifically excepted from the competitive service by or under statute;

**(B)** positions to which appointments are made by nomination for confirmation by the Senate, unless the Senate otherwise directs; and

**(C)** positions in the Senior Executive Service;

**(2)** civil service positions not in the executive branch which are specifically included in the competitive service by statute; and

**(3)** positions in the government of the District of Columbia which are specifically included in the competitive service by statute.

**(b)** Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(B) of this section, the “competitive service” includes positions to which appointments are made by nomination for confirmation by the Senate when specifically included therein by statute.

**(c)** As used in other Acts of Congress, “classified civil service” or “classified service” means the “competitive service”.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 408; Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, § 401(b), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1154.)



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