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# 5 U.S. Code § 2101 - Civil service; armed forces; uniformed services

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For the purpose of this title—

**(1)** the “civil service” consists of all appointive positions in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of the Government of the United States, except positions in the uniformed services;

**(2)** “armed forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard; and

**(3)** “uniformed services” means the armed forces, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and

## Atmospheric Administration.

([Pub. L. 89-554](#), Sept. 6, 1966, [80 Stat. 408](#); [Pub. L. 90-83, § 1\(4\)](#), Sept. 11, 1967, [81 Stat. 196](#); [Pub. L. 96-54, § 2\(a\)\(4\)](#), Aug. 14, 1979, [93 Stat. 381](#); [Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 927\(a\)](#), Jan. 1, 2021, [134 Stat. 3831](#).)



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