

*VIII. Selection, training, and supervision of DOD polygraph examiners**A. Selection.—*

1. No candidate will be selected for the position of polygraph examiner on or after September 1, 1965, unless the following minimum requirements are met:

- (a) U.S. citizen;
- (b) At least 25 years of age;
- (c) Graduate of an accredited college (baccalaureate degree), plus 2 years as an investigator with a recognized Government agency; or have satisfactorily completed 2 years training at an accredited college (a minimum of 60 semester hours, or an advanced standing as a junior), or the equivalent of 2 years of college, as defined by the head of the DOD component concerned, plus 5 years' investigative experience;
- (d) Successfully screened, on the basis of a background investigation, as being a person of high moral character and sound emotional temperament.

2. Incumbents: (a) Persons now acting as polygraph examiners may continue in that capacity, provided the head of the investigative agency concerned finds that they meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Have the education and experience set forth in subparagraph VIII-A-1(c) above, or 8 years of comprehensive investigative experience.

(2) Have been found to be of high moral character and sound emotional temperament, after completion of a satisfactory screening including a background investigation.

(3) Have been an authorized and practicing polygraph examiner for at least 6 months within the past 3 years, and are proficient in conducting such examinations.

*B. Training.—*

1. Training programs of polygraph examiners shall be determined by the Secretaries of the military departments consistent with the objectives and requirements of this directive. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) will be kept currently advised of the content of such programs.

2. Training programs for DOD polygraph examiners shall be designed to assure that no person shall be designated as a qualified DOD polygraph examiner without having demonstrated an understanding of the following:

- (a) Investigative techniques;
- (b) Methods of interrogation;
- (c) The basic elements of psychology, normal, abnormal, and criminal;
- (d) Constitutional and other legal considerations;
- (e) Physiology;
- (f) The functioning of the polygraph including its usefulness and limitations;
- (g) Regulations of the DOD concerning use of the polygraph;
- (h) Training described in subparagraphs (c), (d), and (e), above, shall be conducted by appropriate professional medical and legal personnel.

3. Before being certified as a qualified DOD polygraph examiner by the head of the investigative organization of which the candidate is a part, each candidate shall serve an apprenticeship under a certified examiner. Such apprenticeship will be for a period of not less than 6 months following the basic training course, during which period of time the candidate shall be required to demonstrate proficiency in the use of the polygraph.

4. Appropriate provision will be made by the heads of the DOD components to assure that polygraph examiners obtain suitable refresher training.

*C. Supervision of polygraph examiners.—*

1. The conduct of each individual polygraph examination shall be carefully supervised pursuant to regulations issued by the head of the DOD component concerned.

2. Each examiner shall prepare a written record of each polygraph examination conducted, containing as a minimum the information shown in enclosure 1.

3. Appropriate supervisory officials shall review each record of a polygraph examination in the light of pertinent investigative information. On the basis of such review, the supervisory official shall determine whether it is appropriate to request the individual to undergo a repeat polygraph examination. Such a request should be made when it is considered desirable by the supervisory official, irrespective of whether the individual examined has made significant admissions in connection with the investigation, and irrespective of whether results of the polygraph examination disclose unusual