

Family Member Appointments (Excepted Service: Schedule A, 213.3106(b)(6))

This type of appointment is designed to remove certain competitive service restrictions in filling positions and is primarily used to provide job opportunities to family members of active duty military members and CONUS-hired US citizen Federal employees who are transferred to the overseas area. Family member for this purpose means the spouse or other family member (spouse or unmarried child under age 23) residing with the military member or civilian employee within the commuting area. Family members who are eligible for reinstatement are given career or career-conditional appointment rather than a family member appointment in the excepted service. If you have an excepted appointment you do not have regular civil service status, and are generally not eligible to transfer to other government agencies or locations. The exception is if you accompany your sponsor to another overseas location; in that case, you may request leave without pay to avoid a break in service. Your continued employment would, of course, be contingent upon selection for a vacancy at that location. See article on Executive Order (EO) 12721 for additional information on opportunities once you return to the United States.