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Summary of Changes, Chapter 15 (Update 75)

Removed Pages	Identification	Insert Page	Explanation of Changes
15-1 thru 15-19	N/A	1 thru 24	Chapter 15, in its' entirety has been updated, to include: (1) reformatted page numbers from 15-1, 15-2, 15-3, etc., to new format of 1,2,3, etc.; (2) added a footnote to each page to reflect Chapter number and title of guide; (3) reformatted text from column to paragraph to meet 508 compliance requirements; (4) distinguished new text changes and/or additions in >dark red font surrounded by angled brackets< ; (5) distinguished deletion/removal of text with *** in green font ; and, (6) removed all symbols annotating historical changes throughout the chapter.

Listing of Specific Changes to Chapter 15 (Update 75)

Chapter	Page Number(s)	Explanation of Changes
15	2	Reformatted text from column to paragraph to meet 508 compliance requirements.
15	3 thru 5	Incorporated or updated regulatory hyperlinks throughout Chapter 15.
15	7	Step 10, removed reference to "him/her" and added "they are".
15	10	Note section updated to include hyperlink to OPM Fact Sheet: OPM's "Fact Sheet: Effect of Extended Leave Without Pay (LWOP) (or Other Nonpay Status) on Federal Benefits and Programs" .

Chapter	Page Number(s)	Explanation of Changes
15	11 thru 21	Incorporated regulatory hyperlinks, notes, and jump to links to remarks in Table 15-A, rules 1 through 43.
15	12	Table 15-A, Rule 6: added jump to link to Table 15-B in "Required Remark Column"
15	16	Added new Rules 25 -30 in reserve for pending regulation and accordingly, renumbered the remaining rules in this table.
15	17	Table 15-A/Rule 32/Note 3: updated rule number in the Notes column to reflect renumbered rule.
15	18	Table 15-A/Rule 35/"And Column"/Note 6: updated rule numbers in the "And" column and the "Notes" column to reflect renumbered rules.
15	19	Table 15-A/Rule 36/"And" Column: updated rule numbers in the "And" column to reflect renumbered rules.
15	20	Table 15-A/Rule 42/Note 6: updated rule numbers in the "Notes" column to reflect renumbered rules.
15	21	Table 15-A/Rule 43/Note 6: updated rule numbers in the "Notes" column to reflect renumbered rules.
15	22-24	Incorporated regulatory hyperlinks and notes, throughout Table 15-B, rules 1 through 9.
15	22	Table 15-B/Rule 3/Note 3: updated rule number in the "Notes" column to reflect renumbered rule.
15	22	Table 15-B/Rule 4/Note 3: updated rule number in the "Notes" column to reflect renumbered rule.
15	23	Table 15-B/Rule 5/Note 3: updated rule number in the "Notes" column to reflect renumbered rule.
15	23	Table 15-B/Rule 6/"If" Column: updated rule number in the "If" column to reflect renumbered rule.

Chapter 15: Placement in Nonpay or Nonduty (Natures of action 430, 450, 452, 460, 471, 473, 480, 772, 773)

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1. Coverage

This chapter covers furloughs, and extensions of furloughs, placements in leave without pay status and extensions of leave without pay, suspensions, placements of seasonal employees in nonpay and nonduty status at the end of a peak workload period, sabbaticals for employees in the Senior Executive Service, and absent-uniformed service actions ([38 U.S. Code, chapter 43](#)).

It does not cover:

- Changes to service computation dates for leave, when time in a nonpay status exceeds six months during a calendar year. (See Chapter 6 for instructions.)
- An employee using annual or sick leave. No personnel action is required to document use of annual leave or use of sick leave.
- Recording of absence without leave, an absence for which the employee did not receive approval. A Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action is not required to document absence without leave.

2. Definitions

- a) **Furlough** is the placement of an employee in a temporary nonpay and nonduty status (or absence from duty) because of lack of work or funds, or for other nondisciplinary reasons.
- b) **Suspension** is the placement of an employee in a temporary nonpay status and nonduty status (or absence from duty) for disciplinary reasons or other reasons pending an inquiry.
- c) **LWOP** (leave without pay) is a temporary nonpay status and nonduty status (or absence from a prescheduled tour duty) granted at the employee's request.
- d) **Absent - Uniformed Service** employee is absent (whether in pay or nonpay status) to perform duty with the uniformed services and has reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ([USERRA – 38 U.S. Code chapter 43](#)).
- e) **Seasonal employee** is one who works on an annual recurring basis and for less than 2,080 hours per year.

- f) **Sabbatical** is an absence from duty, without charge to pay or leave, that an agency may grant to a Senior Executive Service career appointee to engage in study or uncompensated work experience.

3. Selection of Legal Authority

- a) **Meaning of “equivalent to CS Regs.”** For some actions covered by this chapter, the legal authority you place on the action indicates it is being taken under Civil Service laws or regulations, under agency procedures that are similar or equivalent to those required under Civil Service laws or regulations, or under other procedures. The rule you follow to select the legal authority will depend upon your knowing what procedures are being used. For example, you may have to know if the action is being taken under “[5 U.S.C. 75](#)” (chapter 75 of title 5 of the U.S. Code, “Adverse Actions”), under agency procedures that are equivalent to 5 U.S.C. 75 (“5 U.S.C. Eq”), or under other procedures. There are some agencies that are not covered by the Civil Service laws and regulations, and there are some employees who are not covered because of the appointments on which they serve. If your agency is not covered by Civil Service procedures, or the employee who is the subject of the action is not covered, your agency may have used other procedures that are different from those required by the Civil Service laws or regulations. If you are not sure whether your agency, or whether the employee who is the subject of the action, is covered by Civil Service procedures applicable to that particular action, or by equivalent agency procedures, ask the personnel specialist who approved the action. *You cannot determine the correct authority without knowing the procedures being used to effect the action.*
- b) **Actions for Which the Agency Must Select the Authority.** For some actions covered by this chapter, you will be given a Legal Authority Code and be told to cite the appropriate authority. To document one of these actions, ask the personnel specialist who approved the action how that action was handled:
 - i) If a specific law, Executive Order, or regulation was the basis for the action, that law, Executive Order, or regulation should be cited in the authority block on the Standard Form 50, *along with the legal authority code shown in the table.*
 - ii) If the agency has internal regulations, an agency manual, or an employee code of conduct or ethics that provides penalties for

violations or misdeeds, cite the agency regulation or the agency manual or code of conduct reference in the authority block on the Standard Form 50 *along with the legal authority code shown in the table*. If the action is being taken under "[5 U.S.C. 75](#)" (chapter 75 of title 5 of the U.S. Code, "Adverse Actions"),

- iii) If the action is being taken under an authority that is unique to your department or agency, cite that authority (along with the authority code approved by the Office of Personnel Management) instead of the authority and code shown in this chapter.
- iv) For actions where a specific legal authority is not cited in the table and where the action is not covered by paragraphs (1)-(2) above, show in the authority block on the Standard Form 50 "[5 U.S.C. 302](#)", *along with the legal authority code shown in the table*. ([5 U.S.C. 302](#)) is the general authority for an agency head to delegate authority to take actions necessary to carry out personnel actions. Cite it only when no other authority is appropriate for the action being processed.)

4. When to Process an Action

a) Process a personnel action for:

- Leave without pay of 80 hours or more granted because of an on-the-job illness or an on-the-job injury.
- Leave without pay for uniformed service that is not subject to the provisions of [38 U.S.C. 4301](#) et. seq.
- Leave without pay subject to the Intergovernmental Personnel Act
- Leave without pay, not described above, that is scheduled for more than 30 days.
- Suspension that is scheduled for one day or more.
- Furlough that is scheduled for one day or more.
- Placement in nonpay status actions for seasonal employees.
- Placement in Absent - Uniformed Service status
- Sabbatical

Use job aid, **Instructions for Processing Personnel Actions on**

Placement in Nonpay or Nonduty Status, when documenting the actions above.

Job Aid

Instructions for Processing Personnel Actions on Placement in Nonpay and Nonduty Status

Step	Action
1	Compare data on the Standard Form 52, Request for Personnel Action, submitted by requesting office with the last action in the employee's Official Personnel Folder to be sure they are correct.
2	Use job aid, Effects of Nonpay Status , to identify actions necessary when an employee is placed in a nonpay status.
3	Use Table 15-A to select the nature of action and authority. Put them in blocks 5A-F of the Standard Form 52.
4	<p>Use Table 15-B to select remarks/remarks codes required by the Office of Personnel Management for the action. Enter them in Part F of the Standard Form 52.</p> <p>Also enter any additional remarks/remarks codes that are required by your agency's instructions or that are necessary to explain the action.</p>
5	<p>Complete the Standard Form 52 as required by instructions in Chapter 4 of this Guide.</p> <p>When a suspension is not to be imposed on consecutive workdays, explain in remarks the schedule for the days on which the suspension will be carried out. For example, "suspension to be imposed on Monday - Wednesday of each week for a total of 45 days."</p>
6	Follow your agency's instructions to obtain approval signature in Part C, block 2, of the Standard Form 52.
7	Follow instructions in Chapter 4 of this Guide to complete the Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action. Follow your agency's instructions to have it signed or authenticated.
8	Enter or update not-to-exceed date of action in any tickler system your agency uses. Use job aid, Effects of Nonpay Status , to identify any changes (for example, within-grade increase eligibility date) that will change as a result of the employee's nonpay status and make the necessary changes in your tickler system.

*Instructions for Processing Personnel Actions on Placement in Nonpay and
Nonduty Status, Continued*

Step	Action
9	Check The Guide to Personnel Recordkeeping to decide if any of the documents submitted with or created in connection with the action should be filed on the right side of the employee's Official Personnel Folder. Follow your agency's instructions to dispose of those not filed in the Folder.
10	<p>Issue any notices required for the action, including the following if appropriate:</p> <p>—When the employee will be in nonpay status for more than 7 consecutive days, give the employee a completed Standard Form 8, Notice to Federal Employee About Unemployment Insurance, showing the full address of the payroll office where the individual's records are maintained.</p> <p>—When an employee enters active duty with the Armed Forces or another uniformed service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide the employee with information about any applicable restoration rights after service is completed and explain those rights or refer the employee to a specialist who can explain them. (See Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), as codified in 38 U.S. Code chapter 43 and regulated in 5 CFR part 353.) • if applicable, ask the employee to state in writing whether unused annual leave should be paid in a lump sum or held until employee returns. See 5 U.S. Code 5552 and 5 CFR 550.1203(c). • if the employee is a member of the Reserve or National Guard who is called to active duty, work with the employee to determine if *** >they are< covered by the reservist differential provision in 5 U.S. Code 5538 and, if *** >they are< covered, provide information about the program.
11	Follow your agency's instructions to distribute documentation of the personnel action.

Job Aid

Effects of Nonpay Status

This job aid provides information on how nonpay status affects certain personnel actions and benefits. It will also assist you in determining appropriate remarks to place on the Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action.

Determination	Number of Days/Hours in Nonpay Status Allowed Without Penalty (See Note below)
Initial Appointment Probationary Period	Any nonpay time in excess of 22 <i>workdays</i> extends the probationary period by that number of days.
Supervisory/Managerial Probationary Period	Any nonpay time in excess of 22 <i>workdays</i> extends the probationary period by that number of days.
Career Tenure	Any nonpay time in excess of 30 <i>calendar</i> days for each period of absence extends the service date for career tenure by that number of days.
Leave Earnings	If employee is in nonpay status for an entire pay period, no annual or sick leave is earned for that pay period. If nonpay time occurs during part of one or more of a full-time employee's pay periods, the employee continues to earn leave until the nonpay time totals 80 hours. Then leave is reduced by the amount the employee earns during a pay period.
Service Computation Dates	6 months of nonpay time is creditable. The employee's service computation date must be adjusted by the amount of nonpay time in excess of 6 months in one calendar year. (Excess time is added to employee's service computation date.)
Within-grade Increase General Schedule	Waiting Period/Nonpay Time Allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting Period for Steps 2-3-4: 2 workweeks (80 hours for full time employee) • Waiting Period for Steps 5-6-7: 4 workweeks (160 for full-time employee) • Waiting Period for Steps 8-9-10: 6 workweeks (240 for full-time employee)

Determination	Number of Days/Hours in Nonpay Status Allowed Without Penalty (See Note below)
Within-grade Increase Federal Wage System	<p>Nonpay Time allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting Period for Step 2: 1 workweek (40 hours for full time employee) • Waiting Period for Step 3: 3 workweeks (120 hours for full-time employee) • Waiting Period for Steps 4-5: 4 workweeks (160 hours for full time employees)
Federal Employees Group Life Insurance	<p>For an employee in nonpay status, coverage continues at no cost for up to 12 months in nonpay status. However, if while in nonpay status the employee receives pay during any part of a pay period, the employee is not considered to be in nonpay status for FEGLI purposes. Coverage is terminated after employee has been in nonpay status for 12 months. Previous time in nonpay status counts toward the 12 months if employee did not return to duty for at least 4 consecutive months.</p> <p>If an employee is in active-duty military status while in civilian nonpay status, FEGLI coverage similarly continues at no cost to the employee for up to 12 months in nonpay status. However, per Section 1102 of Public Law 110-181 the employee may elect to continue FEGLI coverage for an additional 12 months by paying both the employee and agency premiums for Basic coverage and by paying the entire cost of Optional coverage. You must give the eligible employee an opportunity to elect the additional 12 months as soon as possible before or after the employee enters nonpay status, but no later than before the end of the first 12 months in nonpay status.</p>

Determination	Number of Days/Hours in Nonpay Status Allowed Without Penalty (See Note below)
Federal Employees Health Benefits	<p>You must give an employee who begins nonpay status an opportunity to elect to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. terminate the enrollment, or 2. continue it and agree to pay the premium or incur a debt. If employee elects to continue the enrollment, it continues for up to 365 days in nonpay status. Previous periods in nonpay status count toward the 365 days if the employee does not return to duty for at least 4 consecutive months. Employee is responsible for payment of the employee share of the premium. See 5 CFR 890.303, 890.304, 890.305, and 890.502 for information about exceptions to the general rule and for additional information. Also, see the FEHB Handbook at FEHB Handbook. If employee does not make an election to terminate or continue the enrollment, it automatically terminates at the end of the last pay period in which the employee paid premiums.

Note: If absence is to perform duty with the uniformed services and employee exercises restoration rights, or because of compensable injury, there is no penalty for the nonpay status — the time is credited for length of service purposes just as though the employee had remained in pay and duty status. >For additional information, visit [OPM's "Fact Sheet: Effect of Extended Leave Without Pay \(LWOP\) \(or Other Nonpay Status\) on Federal Benefits and Programs"](#). <

Tables

Table 15-A. Documenting Placements in Nonpay/Nonduty Status

>Notes and Additional Remarks columns have been added.<

Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
1	Furlough on one or more consecutive or continuous days (see note 7).	Is during a reduction in force notice period	472	Furlough NTE (Date)	L9K	Reg. 351.806	M72	Reason for furlough: (state reason)	7. Unlike an administrative furlough, agencies should not prepare an SF-50, "Notification of Personnel Action" (or a List Form of Notice for a group of employees who are to be furloughed on the same day or days each pay period) at the outset of a shutdown furlough. Instead, employees will receive a shutdown furlough notice citing the reasons for the furlough because the ultimate duration of a shutdown furlough is not known by agencies at the outset of the furlough. Once an appropriation has been signed by the President, agencies will be instructed on the appropriateness of preparing SF-50 documentation.	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
2		The furlough is more than 30 calendar days, is not covered under Rule 1, and is effected under 5 CFR part 351			PNM	Reg. 351.603				
3		The furlough is for 30 calendar days or less based on decision of an administrative officer and is effected under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75			VAJ	5 U.S.C. 75				
4		Employee is a Senior Executive Service appointee			VDR	5 U.S.C. 3595a				
5		The furlough is for 30 calendar days or less and is not effected under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75			USM	(Cite agency authority for furlough)				

Table 15-A. Documenting Placements in Nonpay/Nonduty Status, Continued

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Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
6	Furlough that occurs during parts of one or more pay periods which is interrupted by days in pay and duty status (i.e., furlough on Non-consecutive days)	Is during a reduction in force notice period	471	Furlough	L9K	Reg. 351.806	M72 and (see Table 15-B, rules 8 and 9)	Reason for furlough: (state reason).		Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
7		Is for more than 30 calendar days (or 22 workdays) and is effected under 5 CFR part 351			PNM	Reg. 351.603				
8		Is for 30 calendar days (or 22 workdays) or less and is effected under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75			VAJ	5 U.S.C. 75				
9		Is for 30 calendar days (or 22 workdays) or less and is effected under other than 5 U.S.C. chapter 75			USM	(Cite agency authority for furlough)				
10		Employee is a Senior Executive Service appointee			VDR	5 U.S.C. 3595a				

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Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
11	An indefinite suspension pending outcome of legal or investigative proceedings	Suspension is effected under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75	452	Suspension-Indefinite	VAJ	5 U.S.C. 75	S49	Reason for suspension: (state reason)		Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
12		Suspension is effected under agency procedures equivalent to those required under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75			VHJ	5 U.S.C. 75 Eq				
13		Suspension is not covered by Rule 12 or 13			USM	(Enter agency authority for suspension)				

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Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
14	Suspension that is directed by the Merit Systems Protection Board (see Note 1)	Is for 14 calendar days or less	450	Suspension NTE (date)	VAA	5 U.S.C. 1204	549	Reason for suspension: (state reason)	1. In counting days to determine length of suspension, and thus the procedures which must be followed and the authority for the action, count consecutive or calendar days, not workdays. When the suspension is not imposed on consecutive workdays, also use remark S77, "Suspension to be imposed on (list specific workdays or dates)." 2. The legal authority suffix "MFD" means more than 14 days."	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
15		Is for more than 14 calendar days		Suspension NTE (date)	VAB	5 U.S.C. 1204-MFD (see Note 2)				
16	Suspension that is taken in the interest of national security (see Note 1)	Is for 14 calendar days or less	450	Suspension NTE (date)	V4J and ZEM	5 U.S.C. 7352 and E.O. 10450	549	Reason for suspension: (state reason)	1. In counting days to determine length of suspension, and thus the procedures which must be followed and the authority for the action, count consecutive or calendar days, not workdays. When the suspension is not imposed on consecutive workdays, also use remark S77, "Suspension to be imposed on (list specific workdays or dates)." 2. The legal authority suffix "MFD" means more than 14 days."	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
17		Is for more than 14 calendar days		Suspension NTE (date)	VAV and ZEM	5 U.S.C. 7532-MFD and E.O. 10450 (see Note 2)				
18	Suspension that is effected under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75 , i.e., under civil service adverse action procedures (see Note 1)	Is for 14 calendar days or less	450	Suspension NTE (date)	VAC	5 U.S.C. 7502			1. In counting days to determine length of suspension, and thus the procedures which must be followed and the authority for the action, count consecutive or calendar days, not workdays. When the suspension is not imposed on consecutive workdays, also use remark S77, "Suspension to be imposed on (list specific workdays or dates)."	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
19		Is for more than 14 calendar days			VWJ	5 U.S.C. 7512				
20		Is for more than 14 calendar days and employee is serving in the SES			VDS	5 U.S.C. 7542				

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Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
21	Suspension that is effected under an agency authority, following procedures that are equivalent to those required under 5 U.S.C. chapter 75 (see Note 1)	Is for 14 calendar days or less	450	Suspension NTE (date)	VAD and USP	5 U.S.C. 7502 Eq and (cite agency authority for suspension for 1-14 calendar days)	S49	Reason for suspension: (state reason)	1. In counting days to determine length of suspension, and thus the procedures which must be followed and the authority for the action, count consecutive or calendar days, not workdays. When the suspension is not imposed on consecutive workdays, also use remark S77, "Suspension to be imposed on (list specific workdays or dates)."	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
22		Is for more than 14 calendar days			VAE and USR	5 U.S.C. 7512 Eq and (cite agency authority for suspension for more than 14 calendar days)				
23	Suspension that is effected under an agency authority that is not described in rules 11-22 (See Note 1)	Is for 14 calendar days or less	450	Suspension NTE (date)	USP	(cite agency authority for suspension for 1-14 calendar days)	S49	Reason for suspension: (state reason)	1. In counting days to determine length of suspension, and thus the procedures which must be followed and the authority for the action, count consecutive or calendar days, not workdays. When the suspension is not imposed on consecutive workdays, also use remark S77, "Suspension to be imposed on (list specific workdays or dates)."	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
24		Is for more than 14 calendar days			USR	(cite agency authority for suspension for more than 14 calendar days)				

Table 15-A. Documenting Placements in Nonpay/Nonduty Status, Continued

Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
>25<	>Reserved for pending regulation<									
>26<	>Reserved for pending regulation<									
>27<	>Reserved for pending regulation<									
>28<	>Reserved for pending regulation<									
>29<	>Reserved for pending regulation<									
>30<	>Reserved for pending regulation<									

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Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
>31<	Leave without pay (LWOP)	LWOP is for temporary assignment to a State or local government, or an institution of higher learning	460	LWOP NTE (date)	NYM	Reg. 334.101				3. Rule >32< only applies when the injury or illness is compensable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. chapter 81 , subchapter I.
>32<	LWOP is granted because of an on-the-job injury or illness and extends, or is expected to extend, for 80 hours or more (see Note 3)	Q3K			5 CFR part 353	N10	To (or expected to) be paid under 5 U.S.C. chapter 81			
>33<	LWOP is for more than 30 calendar days during a reduction in force notice period	LWOP, scheduled for more than 30 calendar days, was requested by employee in lieu of annual leave during advance notice period of a separation for failure to accept new assignment or to relocate with position	460	LWOP NTE (date)	L9K	Reg. 351.806				
>34<	LWOP, scheduled for more than 30 calendar days, was requested by employee in lieu of annual leave during advance notice period of a separation for failure to accept new assignment or to relocate with position				DAK	Reg. 630.101-Decl	M76	Requested, in lieu of annual leave, after declining offer of (position title, series, grade, and location)		

Table 15-A. Documenting Placements in Nonpay/Nonduty Status, Continued

Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
>35<	Leave without pay (LWOP)	Documents the beginning of LWOP to perform duty with the uniformed services when the employee <i>does not</i> have restoration rights under 38 U.S.C. 4301 et. seq. (i.e., rules >42 or 43< of this table are not applicable) (See note 6)	460	LWOP NTE (date)	DAM	Reg. 630.101			6. If an employee provides multiple military orders documenting continuous periods of service, an agency must determine whether all periods of service covered by the orders are subject solely to this rule. If this rule <i>is not</i> applicable to all periods of service and additional documentation is required under another rule, NOAC 292/RTD <i>is not</i> required when: 1) NOAC 473 is immediately followed by another NOAC 473 action; or 2) an NOAC 460 action effected per rule >35< is immediately followed by NOAC 473 (or vice versa). Example: employee submits 3 military orders to agency documenting <i>continuous</i> military service that begins on 01/02/12, and ends on 12/31/12. Order #1 reflect rule >42< service from 01/02/12, to 02/15/12; order #2 reflect rule >42< service from 02/16/12, to 04/30/12; and order #3 reflect rule >43< service from 05/01/12 to 12/31/12. The employee uses paid leave during absence in 01/12, begins use of unpaid leave (LWOP) on 02/01/12, and returns to duty on 01/01/13. <i>Per rule >42<, process NOAC 473 effective 02/01/12, to document the beginning of unpaid leave (LWOP).</i> This single personnel action documents the period of continuous service that is subject to rule >42< per orders #1 and #2. Additionally, process an NOAC 473 effective 05/01/12, <i>to document the beginning of the employee's absence for the continuing service under order #3 as required by rule >43<.</i> An NOAC 292/RTD <i>is not</i> required between the back-to-back actions required per rules >42 and 43<. On 01/01/13, process an NOAC 292/RTD.	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
>36<	Leave without pay (LWOP)	LWOP, that is not covered by Rules >31 – 35<, is scheduled to exceed 30 calendar days	460	LWOP NTE (date)	DAM	Reg. 630.101				Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.

Table 15-A. Documenting Placements in Nonpay/Nonduty Status, Continued

Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
>37<	Extension of Leave without Pay	Employee is on an assignment with a State or local government or an institution of higher learning	773	Ext of LWOP NTE (date)	N1M	Reg. 334.104				Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
>38<					(enter same code as for the LWOP NTE)	(enter the same authority as for the LWOP NTE)				
>39<	Extension of Furlough NTE		772	Ext of Furlough NTE (date)	(enter same code as for the Furlough NTE)	(enter the same authority as for the Furlough NTE)				Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.
>40<	Sabbatical (see Note 4)		480	Sabbatical NTE (date)	V3M	5 U.S.C. 3396(c)(1)	M53	Employee is to suffer no loss of, or reduction in: pay, leave, credit for time or service, or performance or efficiency rating.	4. Because an employee who is on Sabbatical is still in pay status, there is no need for a return to duty action at the end of the Sabbatical.	
>41<	Release of seasonal employee to nonpay and nonduty status to meet workload requirements		430	Placement in Nonpay Status	CUL	5 CFR part 340	M71	Reason for placement in nonpay status: (state reason)		Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.

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Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
>42<	To document the <i>beginning of unpaid leave of absence (LWOP)</i> to perform duty with the uniformed services when the employee has restoration rights under 38 U.S.C. 4301 seq.	Service <i>is not</i> qualifying for reservist differential provision in 5 U.S.C. 5538	473	Absent – Uniformed Service (See notes 5 and 6)	Q3K	5 CFR part 353			<p>5. Periods of Absent – Uniformed Service may include periods of paid leave or other paid time off without any additional personnel action processing.</p> <p>6. If an employee provides multiple military orders documenting continuous periods of service, an agency must determine whether all periods of service covered by the orders are subject solely to this rule. If this rule is not applicable to all periods of service and additional documentation is required under another rule, NOAC 292/RTD is not required when: 1) NOAC 473 is immediately followed by another NOAC 473 action; or 2) an NOAC 460 action effected per rule >35< is immediately followed by NOAC 473 (or vice versa). Example: employee submits 3 military orders to agency documenting continuous military service that begins on 01/02/12, and ends on 12/31/12. Order #1 reflect rule >42< service from 01/02/12, to 02/15/12; order #2 reflect rule >42< service from 02/16/12, to 04/30/12; and order #3 reflect rule >43< service from 05/01/12 to 12/31/12. The employee uses paid leave during absence in 01/12, begins use of unpaid leave (LWOP) on 02/01/12, and returns to duty on 01/01/13. Per rule >42<, process NOAC 473 effective 02/01/12, to document the beginning of unpaid leave (LWOP). This single personnel action documents the period of continuous service that is subject to rule >42< per orders #1 and #2. Additionally, process an NOAC 473 effective 05/01/12, to document the beginning of the employee's absence for the continuing service under order #3 as required by rule >43<. An NOAC 292/RTD is not required between the back-to-back actions required per rules >42 and 43<. On 01/01/13, process an NOAC 292/RTD.</p>	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.

Table 15-A. Documenting Placements in Nonpay/Nonduty Status, Continued

Rule	If Action is	And	Then NOAC is	Nature of Action is	Authority Code is	Authority is	Required Remark Code is	And Remark is	Notes	Additional Remarks
>43<	To document the beginning of an employee's absence (whether in pay or nonpay status) to perform duty with the uniformed services when the employee has restoration rights under 38 U.S.C. 4301 et. seq.	Service is qualifying for reservist differential provision in 5 U.S.C. 5538 (i.e., service is qualifying regardless of whether differential is actually payable)	473	Absent – Uniformed Service (See notes 5 and 6)	Q3K and QRD	5 CFR part 353 and 5 U.S.C. 5538			<p>5. Period of Absent – Uniformed Service may include periods of paid leave or other paid time off without any additional personnel action processing.</p> <p>6. If an employee provides multiple military orders documenting continuous periods of service, an agency must determine whether all periods of service covered by the orders are subject solely to this rule. If this rule is not applicable to all periods of service and additional documentation is required under another rule, NOAC 292/RTD is not required when: 1) NOAC 473 is immediately followed by another NOAC 473 action; or 2) an NOAC 460 action effected per rule >35< is immediately followed by NOAC 473 (or vice versa). Example: employee submits 3 military orders to agency documenting continuous military service that begins on 01/02/12, and ends on 12/31/12. Order #1 reflect rule >42< service from 01/02/12, to 02/15/12; order #2 reflect rule >42< service from 02/16/12, to 04/30/12; and order #3 reflect rule >43< service from 05/01/12 to 12/31/12. The employee uses paid leave during absence in 01/12, begins use of unpaid leave (LWOP) on 02/01/12, and returns to duty on 01/01/13. Per rule >42<, process NOAC 473 effective 02/01/12, to document the beginning of unpaid leave (LWOP). This single personnel action documents the period of continuous service that is subject to rule >42< per orders #1 and #2. Additionally, process an NOAC 473 effective 05/01/12, to document the beginning of the employee's absence for the continuing service under order #3 as required by rule >43<. An NOAC 292/RTD is not required between the back-to-back actions required per rules >42 and 43<. On 01/01/13, process an NOAC 292/RTD</p>	Jump to listing of additional remarks required for some actions.

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<i>Rule</i>	<i>If</i>	<i>And Employee</i>	<i>And</i>	<i>Then Required Remark code is</i>	<i>And Remark is</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Agency may need to write to the employee while employee is in nonpay status			M67	Forwarding address:	
2	Nature of action code is 430, 450, 452, 460, 471, or 472	Is on a full-time or part-time work schedule		G33	Service credit for retirement, reduction in force, and leave accrual continues for up to a maximum of 6 calendar months of nonpay time per calendar year. (See Note 1)	1. Do not use this remark when leave without pay is due to work-related injury for which employee is receiving, or is expected to receive, workers' compensation or if absence on leave without pay is for duty with the uniformed services. In these cases, there is no reduction in service credit. Use of this remark on suspension actions (Nature of action code 450) for periods of a week or less is optional.
3	Nature of action code is 430, 450, 452, 460, 471, or 472	Has Federal Employees Group Life Insurance coverage		B72	FEGLI coverage continues until your time in nonpay status totals 12 months. (If while in nonpay status you receive pay during any part of a pay period, you are not considered to be in nonpay status for FEGLI purposes). Contact your servicing Human Resources Office or see the FEGLI Handbook for detailed information. (See Note 3)	3. Do not use this remark when rule >35< of Table 15-A is applicable.
4	Nature of action code is 430, 450, 452, 460, 471, or 472	Has Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage	Is a Schedule D work-study employee, whose appointment is at least one year in duration, and who is expected to be in pay status at least one-third of the total time between appointment and completion of the work-study program (see 5 CFR 890.303(e)(2))	B41	Health benefits will continue as long as you participate in the work-study program if you pay the employee's share of costs. Contact your servicing Human Resources Office or see the FEHB Handbook for detailed information. (See Note 3)	3. Do not use this remark when rule >35< of Table 15-A is applicable.

Rule	If	And Employee	And	Then Required Remark code is	And Remark is	Notes
5	Nature of action code is 430, 450, 452, 460 471, or 472	Has Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage		B71	If you enter a leave without pay status or any other type of nonpay status or your pay is insufficient to cover your FEHB premium, then you must elect to either: (1) terminate your enrollment in FEHB, or (2) continue it for up to 365 days and agree to pay the premium or incur a debt. If you do not elect to terminate or continue your enrollment, it automatically terminates at the end of the last pay period in which you paid premiums. Contact your servicing Human Resources Office or see the FEHB Handbook for detailed information. (See Notes 2 and 3)	2. Do not use this remark when leave without pay is due to work-related injury for which employee is receiving, or is expected to receive, workers' compensation. 3. Do not use this remark when rule >35< of Table 15-A is applicable.
6	Nature of action code is 473 or is 460 when rule >35< of Table 15-A is applicable	Has Federal Employees Health Benefits Program coverage		B66	An employee subject to the provisions of P.L. 108-375 is eligible for continued FEHB coverage up to 24 months when called to active duty and certain requirements (including serving in support of a contingency operation) are met. An employee subject to the provisions of P.L. 108-454 is eligible for FEHB coverage for 24 months when absent because of service in the uniformed service and certain requirements are met. Contact your servicing Human Resources Office or see the FEHB Handbook for detailed information.	

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Rule	If	And Employee	And	Then Required Remark code is	And Remark is	Notes
7	Nature of action code is 473 or is 460 when rule >35< of Table 15-A is applicable	Has Federal Employees Group Life Insurance coverage		B76	FEGLI coverage continues at no cost to you until your time in nonpay status totals 12 months. If you are in active-duty military status, you may elect to continue FEGLI coverage for an additional 12 months by paying both the employee and agency premiums (Basic coverage) and by paying the entire cost (Optional coverage). Per Section 1102 of Public Law 110-181 , you must make the election before the end of your first 12 months in nonpay status. Contact your servicing Human Resources Office or see the FEGLI Handbook for detailed information.	
8	Nature of action code is 471	Has been informed of specific furlough date(s) and total number of hours		M73 (see Note 4)	To be furloughed on (list dates) for total of (number) hours.	4. If after NOAC 471 is processed there is a change in the dates on which a furlough will occur, a 002/Correction action is required and remark M73 must newly reflect the corrected dates.
9		Has been informed of the maximum hours for furlough but notification of specific furlough dates in their entirety are pending at the time the action is processed		M75 (see Note 5)	To be furloughed on discontinuous days between (beginning date of furlough period) and (ending date of furlough period) not to exceed a maximum of (number of hours) during the furlough period. You will be notified of the specific dates(s) that you will be furloughed during each pay period.	5. No additional personnel processing is required when the employee is notified of specific furlough dates.

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