SUBJECT: OSD Identification Badge Program

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5105.53 (Reference (a)), this instruction:

   a. Establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and provides procedures for the OSD Identification Badge Program, consistent with DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 1 (Reference (b)). The OSD Identification Badge is referred to in this instruction as the “OSD Badge.”

   b. The OSD Badge, which is authorized in accordance with section 1125 of Title 10, United States Code (Reference (c)), provides a distinct identification of military staff members while assigned to OSD and, after reassignment, indicates that the Service member has satisfactorily served on the Secretary of Defense’s staff.

2. APPLICABILITY. This instruction:

   a. Applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, and the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

   b. Does not apply to the Defense Agencies or the DoD Field Activities.

   c. Does not apply to Military Service members who are detailed to Federal Advisory Committees or serve as committee members, in accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5105.04 (Reference (d)).

3. POLICY. It is DoD policy, in accordance with the authority in References (b) and (c), that Service members assigned to OSD, with the exceptions listed in paragraphs 2b and 2c on this page, be issued and authorized to wear the OSD Badge. See Enclosure 2 of this instruction for eligibility requirements.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Director of Administration and Management (DA&M). The DA&M:

   (1) Establishes the policies governing the issuance of the OSD Badge.

   (2) Revokes the permanent award of the OSD Badge of any Service member who has not performed his or her duties honorably or who does not satisfactorily complete his or her tour on the Secretary of Defense’s staff.

b. Director, Washington Headquarters Services (WHS). Under the authority, direction, and control of the DA&M and through the Director, Human Resources Directorate (HRD), WHS, the Director, WHS:

   (1) Develops the policies governing the issuance of the OSD Badge.

   (2) Oversees implementation of this issuance.

c. Secretaries of the Military Departments. The Secretaries of the Military Departments will develop and publish guidance to address how and under what circumstances the OSD Badge will be worn on the uniforms of their respective Service members.

5. PROCEDURES

a. The Assistant Director, Military Personnel Division, HRD, WHS:

   (1) Procures, stocks, and issues certificates of the OSD Badge.

   (2) Establishes the entrance date of Service members proposed for authorization to wear the OSD Badge.

   (3) Issues one full-size and one miniature-size OSD Badge to all eligible Service members during in-processing.

   (4) Processes the OSD Badge Certificate and forwards to the organizations for presentation.

b. Requests for exceptions to any policy or procedure pertaining to the OSD Badge will be forwarded to the DA&M through the Assistant Director, Military Personnel Division, HRD, WHS, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

c. Lapel pin replicas of the OSD badge are not issue items. Civilian OSD staff may purchase and wear lapel pin replicas at their own discretion.
6. **RELEASABILITY. Unlimited.** This instruction is approved for public release and is available on the internet from the DoD Issuances Website at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives.

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This instruction:


   b. Must be reissued, cancelled, or certified current within 5 years of its publication to be considered current in accordance with DoDI 5025.01 (Reference (e)).

   c. Will expire effective November 19, 2023 and be removed from the DoD Issuances Website if it hasn’t been reissued or cancelled in accordance with Reference (e).

   

   

   

   

   

   

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REFERENCES

(a) DoD Directive 5105.53, “Director of Administration and Management (DA&M),” February 26, 2008
(c) Section 1125 of Title 10, United States Code
(e) DoD Instruction 5025.01, “DoD Directives Program,” September 26, 2012, as amended
ENCLOSURE 2

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS. On completion of 1 year of duty, a Service member (including Reserve Component members serving on a statutory tour in accordance with Reference (c)), will be entitled to permanent possession of the OSD Badge, upon satisfaction of one of the following criteria:

   a. Assignment to the permanent staff within the office of an OSD Principal Staff Assistant (PSA) in an authorized billet charged against the OSD personnel ceiling on or after January 31, 1961, for no less than 1 year;

   b. Temporary assignment with OSD that is approved by the DA&M, for no less than 1 year or;

   c. Any combination of paragraphs a and b of this section totaling more than 12 continuous months.

2. RESERVE COMPONENTS. Members of the Reserve Components will be entitled to permanent possession of the OSD Badge, if they have been assigned to an individual mobilization augmentee position within the office of an OSD PSA for not less than 2 years and have performed at least 48 inactive duty training days each year and two 12-day annual training periods.

3. DETAILED SERVICE MEMBERS. Service members detailed to any office of an OSD PSA will be entitled to permanent possession of the OSD Badge upon completion of their 1 year detail. The detail assignment must be approved by the Office of the DA&M Directorate for Organizational and Management Planning. The OSD Badge and certificate will not be issued until the 1 year requirement has been completed.

4. PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS. Those agencies previously authorized the OSD Badge and not included in OSD are no longer eligible. Service members currently in-processed to these organizations as of the effective date of this instruction will retain eligibility.
PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

DA&M  Director of Administration and Management
DoDI  DoD Instruction
HRD  Human Resources Directorate
PSA  Principal Staff Assistant
WHS  Washington Headquarters Services

PART II. DEFINITIONS

These terms and their definitions are for the purpose of this instruction.

**individual mobilization augmentee.** An individual reservist attending drills who receives training and is preassigned to an active component organization, a Selective Service System, or a Federal Emergency Management Agency billet that must be filled on, or shortly after, mobilization. Individual mobilization augmentees train on a part-time basis with these organizations to prepare for mobilization. Inactive duty training for individual mobilization augmentees is decided by component policy and can vary from 0 to 48 drills a year.

**in-processed.** Action in which Service members assigned to OSD report upon arrival to the Military Personnel Division, HRD, WHS, to complete paperwork necessary for their assignment.

**issue item.** Items supplied by the organization to military members.

**OSD.** The principal staff element of the Secretary of Defense in the exercise of policy development, planning, resource management, fiscal, and program evaluation responsibilities. OSD includes the immediate offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, Under Secretaries of Defense, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Assistant Secretaries of Defense, General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Assistants to the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of Administration and Management.

**permanent possession.** The right to wear or possess the OSD Badge for the remainder of the Service member’s career in the military.

**personnel ceiling.** The maximum amount of personnel that are allowed to be assigned.

**PSAs.** The Under Secretaries of Defense; Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense; Director, Director of Defense Research and
Engineering; Assistant Secretaries of Defense; General Counsel of the Department of Defense; Director of Operational Test and Evaluation; Assistants to the Secretary of Defense; and the OSD Directors.