

8. In § 21.5060, paragraph (a)(2) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.5060 Disenrollment.**

(a) *Voluntary disenrollment.* \* \* \*

(2) At any time within the initial 12 months of participation, an individual may elect to disenroll for reasons of personal hardship only.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3221(a), (b))

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9. In § 21.5064, paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) are revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.5064 Refund upon disenrollment.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) *Effective date of refund.* \* \* \*

(1) If an individual voluntarily disenrolls from the program before discharge or release from active duty, VA will refund the individual's unused contributions:

(i) On the date of the participant's discharge or release from active duty; or  
(ii) Within 60 days of VA's receipt of notice of the individual's discharge or disenrollment; or

(iii) As soon as possible after VA's receipt of notice indicating that an earlier refund is needed due to hardship or for other good reasons.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3223(b), 3232)

(2) If an individual voluntarily disenrolls from the program after discharge or release from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions, his or her contributions shall be refunded within 60 days of receipt by VA of an application for a refund from the individual.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3202(1)(A), 3223(c), 3232(b))

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**§ 21.5074 [Removed]**

10. Section 21.5074 is removed.

**§ 21.5100 [Amended]**

11. In § 21.5100, the authority citation following paragraph (b) is amended by removing "3463; Pub. L. 96-466, Pub. L. 99-576", and adding, in its place, "3697A(a)"; the authority citation following paragraph (c) is amended by removing "3463; Pub. L. 99-466, Pub. L. 99-576" and adding, in its place, "3241, 3697A (a) and (b)"; and the authority citation following paragraph (d) is amended by removing "3697A" and adding, in its place, "3697A(c)".

12. Section 21.5103 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.5103 Travel expenses.**

(a) *General.* VA shall determine and pay the necessary expense of travel to and from the place of counseling for a veteran who is required to receive

counseling as provided under 38 U.S.C. 111 (a), (d), (e), and (g).

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 111(a), (d), (e), and (g))

(b) *Restriction.* VA will not pay the necessary cost of travel to and from the place of counseling when counseling is not required, but is provided as a result of a voluntary request by the veteran.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 111)

13. In § 21.5130, paragraph (a) is amended by removing "(except paragraph (e))"; the authority citations following paragraphs (a) and (b) are removed; paragraph (d) is amended by removing "paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (o), and (v)" and adding, in its place, "paragraph (b)"; the authority citation following paragraph (d) is removed; paragraph (e) is amended by removing "paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)" and adding, in its place, "paragraph (b)"; paragraph (f) is removed; paragraphs (g) and (h) are redesignated as paragraphs (f) and (g), respectively; the authority citations following newly redesignated paragraphs (f) and (g) are amended by removing "3241" and adding, in its place, "3241(a)"; and the introductory text is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.5130 Payments; educational assistance allowance.**

VA will apply the following sections in administering benefits payable under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 32:

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14. In § 21.5132, paragraph (b)(2) is removed; and paragraph (b)(3) is redesignated as paragraph (b)(2) and is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.5132 Criteria used in determining benefit payments.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) *Contributions.* \* \* \*

(2) The amount the Secretary of Defense has contributed to the fund for the individual.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3231)

15. Section 21.5141 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 21.5141 Tutorial assistance.**

An individual who is otherwise eligible to receive benefits under the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program may receive supplemental monetary assistance to provide tutorial services. In determining whether VA will pay the individual this assistance, VA will apply the provisions of § 21.4236.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3234, 3492)

**§ 21.5145 [Removed]**

16. Section 21.5145 is removed.

**§ 21.5200 [Amended]**

17. In § 21.5200, paragraph (f) is removed and reserved.

**§ 21.5292 [Amended]**

18. In § 21.5292, paragraph (e)(2) is amended by removing "21.5300" and adding, in its place, "21.5270".

19. The undesignated center heading preceding § 21.5300 is removed.

**§ 21.5300 [Removed]**

20. Section 21.5300 is removed.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**43 CFR Parts 2120, 4100, 4600**

[WO-160-1820-02-24 1A]

RIN 1004-AC66

**Leases; Grazing Administration**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This administrative final rule transfers the regulations at 43 CFR Subpart 2120 in their entirety to a new 43 CFR Part 4600 which is under Subchapter D, Range Management. The regulations at former part 2120 were included under 43 CFR Group 2100, Acquisitions. The regulations at the former Part 2120 implement provisions of the Pierce Act (43 U.S.C. 315m-1 to 315m-4 inclusive) to provide for the lease of State, county or privately owned land located in grazing districts. The purpose of this transfer is to consolidate all range management regulations for public convenience in one area of Title 43. This administrative final rule also adds a reference to new Part 4600 in Subpart 4130 and corrects a cross reference citation in former part 2120.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 8, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Bruno, Regulatory Management, (202) 452-0352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section of the regulations explains that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may seek to lease land from the owners of State, county, or privately owned lands located within grazing districts that are chiefly valuable for grazing and are necessary to promote the orderly use, improvement and development of grazing districts. This section of the regulations has been in 43 CFR Group 2100, entitled Acquisitions, because this

element of the range management program concerns acquisition through the lease of State, county or privately owned land within a grazing district. As a result, these regulations were grouped with unrelated acquisitions such as gifts and exchanges. The new 43 CFR Part 4600 will be contained in Subchapter D, entitled Range Management. Since all regulations concerning range management are in Subchapter D, transferring the regulations formerly at 43 CFR Part 2120 to Subchapter D will consolidate all range regulations in one place thus making it more convenient. A cross-reference to new Subpart 4600 has been added in 43 CFR 4130.2 and a cross-reference corrected 43 CFR 2121.5.

#### Procedural Matters

The BLM has determined for good cause that notice and public procedure pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B)) are unnecessary for this rulemaking. Notice and public participation are unnecessary because the rulemaking merely transfers existing regulations to a new Part of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, adds a cross-reference, and corrects a cross reference. No substantive change has been made to the regulations except to redesignate numbering, provide a cross reference to new Part 4600 in Part 4100, and correct a cross reference in newly designated Section 4160.5.

The principal author of this final rule is Frank Bruno, Regulatory Management Team, BLM.

This rule is an administrative action and not subject to the Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866.

It is hereby determined that this final rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and that no detailed statement pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.

4332(2)(C)) is required. The BLM has determined that this final rule, which is a purely administrative action, is categorically excluded from further environmental review pursuant to 516 Departmental Manual (DM), Chapter 2, Appendix 1, Item 1.10, and that the proposal would not significantly affect the 10 criteria for exceptions listed in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2. Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1508.4) and environmental policies and procedures of the Department of the Interior, "categorical exclusions" means a category of actions that the Department has determined ordinarily do not

individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.

The rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) because it merely transfers a regulation to another Part of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations and makes no substantive change.

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

#### List of Subjects in 43 CFR Part 4600

Grazing lands.

Dated: May 29, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

#### PART 2120—[REDESIGNATED AS PART 4600]

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1. Part 2120 is redesignated as 43 CFR Part 4600 in new Group 4600—Leases as shown in the following redesignation table:

REDESIGNATION TABLE

Old 43 CFR part 2120	New 43 CFR part 4600
Subpart 2120 .....	Subpart 4600.
2120.0-2 .....	4600.0-2.
2120.0-3 .....	4600.0-3.
Subpart 2121 .....	Subpart 4610.
2121.1 .....	4610.1.
2121.1-1 .....	4610.1-1.
2121.1-2 .....	4610.1-2.
2121.2 .....	4610.2.
2121.2-1 .....	4610.2-1.
2121.2-2 .....	4610.2-2.
2121.2-3 .....	4610.2-3.
2121.3 .....	4610.3.
2121.4 .....	4610.4.
2121.4-1 .....	4610.4-1.
2121.4-2 .....	4610.4-2.
2121.4-3 .....	4610.4-3.
2121.5 .....	4610.5.

2. The authority for the redesignated Part 4600 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 48 Stat. 1270; 43 U.S.C. 315a.

#### Subpart 4130—Authorizing Grazing Use

3. Section 4130.2 is amended by adding paragraph (j) to read as follows:

##### 4130.2 Grazing permits or leases.

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(j) Provisions explaining how grazing permits or authorizations may be granted for grazing use on state, county or private land leased by the Bureau of

Land Management under "The Pierce Act" and located within grazing districts are explained in 43 CFR part 4600.

#### PART 4600—LEASES OF GRAZING LAND—PIERCE ACT

4. The title of the newly designated part 4600, formerly part 2120, is revised to read as set forth above.

##### Subpart 4600—General

5. The title of the newly designated subpart 4600, formerly subpart 2120, revised to read as set forth above.

##### § 4610.5 Improvements by the United States on leased lands.

6. Newly designated section 4610.5, formerly section 2121.5, is amended by removing "part 4110 of this chapter" and replacing it with "subpart 4120 of Subchapter D."

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

##### 49 CFR Parts 541, 565, 567, 571

[Docket No. 95-85; Notice 2]

RIN 2127-AF69

##### Vehicle Identification Number Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this final rule, NHTSA combines its vehicle identification number (VIN) requirements in a single regulation, Part 565. Previously, the VIN requirements were specified in two separate regulations, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 115 and Part 565. This action is part of the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative and seeks to make NHTSA's VIN requirements easier to understand and to apply. In accordance with Federal metrication policy, NHTSA also converts English measurements specified in Part 565 to metric measurements. NHTSA makes no substantive changes in any regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective July 8, 1996.

*Petitions for Reconsideration:* Any petitions for reconsideration of this final rule must be received by NHTSA no later than July 22, 1996.