

FACTS ON RESIDENCY PREFERENCE

- (1) An applicant for initial appointment with the District government in the **Career Service, Educational Service, Legal Service other than the Senior Executive Attorney Service (SEAS), or Management Supervisory Service** who is a bona fide District resident **AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION** may be awarded a residency preference of 10-points, unless he/she declines the preference points.
- (2) An employee who applies for a competitive promotion in the services listed in no. 1 above and who is a bona fide District resident **AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION** may be awarded a residency preference of 10-points, unless he/she declines the preference points.
- (3) The 10-point residency preference is to be claimed by completing the front of this form and submitting the form with the employment application.
- (4) A bona fide District resident who declines the 10-point residency preference **AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION** for initial appointment or competitive promotion, if found to be qualified, **WILL NOT** receive any preference. If selected, the person is not required to maintain bona fide residency.
- (5) Residency preference will be afforded as follows:
 - The 10 preference points will be added to any points awarded to the person on the 100-point scale used to rank qualified applicants for the position.
 - For competitive promotions, except promotional examinations (*e.g.*, police officers, firefighters), the 10-point preference will be added to any points awarded to each qualified employee on the 100-point scale used to rank the qualified employees.
 - Preference candidates will be selected ahead of equally qualified non-preference candidates.
- (6) A person who is awarded a 10-point residency preference and is selected for the position must agree in writing no later than the date of appointment to maintain bona fide District residency for a period of 7 consecutive years from the effective date of his or her appointment; and shall submit **no less than 8 proofs of bona-fide District residency on or before the effective date of the appointment.** Failure to maintain bona fide District residency will result in forfeiture of employment.
- (7) The requirement to maintain bona fide District residency is applicable **ONLY** to an applicant and employee who is awarded a 10-point residency preference at the time of application for initial appointment or competitive promotion and is selected.
- (8) Entitlement to preference: Any person who was employed by the District government on December 31, 1979, and who is still employed by the District government without having had a break in service of 1 workday or more since that date; or, pursuant to the provisions of Pub. Law No. 98-621, any former employee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at St. Elizabeths Hospital who accepted employment with the District government without a break in service effective October 1, 1987 and who has not had a break in service since that date, will be granted a residency preference upon application for a **COMPETITIVE PROMOTION** in the services listed in no. 1 above, if at least 1 qualified applicant for the position has claimed a residency preference. If selected, the employee is not required to establish or maintain bona fide District residency.
- (9) An employee who is under a 7-year residency requirement who thereafter is awarded a 10-point residency preference in applying for another position (*i.e.*, competitive promotion), if selected, will be required to begin a new 7-year residency requirement effective the date of the new appointment.