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## CHAPTER 7. UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

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#### 7-01 PURPOSE.

This Chapter describes procedures for payment of uniform allowances to NOAA Commissioned Officers (i.e., NOAA Corps Officers).

#### 7-02 AUTHORITY.

Authority for uniform allowances is contained in 5 U.S.C. 5901. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) may establish a higher maximum amount under 5 U.S.C. 5902.

#### 7-03 PAYMENT.

Newly appointed officers will receive one uniform allowance of \$600.00 in their first paycheck. Although the uniform allowance will not be received until the first paycheck, officers are expected to be prepared to purchase the minimum required uniforms during the first week of training. If a newly appointed officer separates from the NOAA Corps with less than twelve (12) months active duty, the initial uniform allowance will not be recovered.

#### 7-04 RECORDS.

The Commissioned Personnel Center, Office of NOAA Corps Operations, will maintain records of uniform allowances authorized for NOAA Corps officers.

#### 7-05 EFFECT ON OTHER ISSUANCES.

This Chapter supersedes Chapter 7 of the *NOAA Finance Handbook*, dated December 6, 2006, in its entirety.