

INDIAN AFFAIRS MANUAL

Part: 3 Delegations of Authority
Chapter: 1 General

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1.1 Purpose. This chapter describes how authority is delegated in Indian Affairs.

1.2 Policy. Authority is to be placed at the lowest organizational level which has the staff capability to effectively perform the delegated duties.

1.3 Authority.

A. Title 5, U.S.C. § 302, Delegation of Authority.

B. Reorganization Plan No. 3, 1950.

C. Title 25, U.S.C. § 1a, Delegation of Powers and Duties by the Secretary of Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

D. Title 25, U.S.C. § 2006, Bureau of Indian Affairs Education Functions.

1.4 Guidance. Departmental Manual, Parts 200 - 299, Delegation Series.

1.5 Exercise of Delegated Authority. An officer or employee who is delegated or redelegated authority must use such authority in accordance with laws, regulations, established policies and procedures, and budgetary limitations. Failure to comply may lead to disciplinary action.

1.6 Effect of Delegation. An officer who delegates or redelegates authority does not lose the power to exercise that authority, nor does the delegation or redelegation relieve that official of the responsibility for actions taken by those to whom authority was delegated.

1.7 Redelegation. Unless otherwise limited, authority may be further delegated. Such redelegation is discretionary.

1.8 Publication. Unless issued by Secretarial Order, delegations of authority are effective only upon publication in the following documents:

Delegation From	Delegation To	Citation
Secretary	Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs	209 DM 8
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs	Commissioner of Indian Affairs	230 DM 1
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs	Director, Office of Indian Education Programs	230 DM 2
Commissioner of Indian Affairs	Central Office Directors	3 IAM 2
Central Office Directors	Subordinate Organizational Levels	3 IAM 3
Commissioner of Indian Affairs	Regional Directors	3 IAM 4
Director, Office of Indian Education Programs	Education Line Officers	3 IAM 5

1.9 Suspension. Indian Affairs officials through whom authority is delegated to subordinate employees may suspend the exercise of that authority by a subordinate. A memorandum is used to notify an employee of the authorities that are being withdrawn. Reinstatement of suspended authorities is also documented by a memorandum.