

NO FEAR Act Notice

On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," which is now known as the No FEAR Act. One purpose of the Act is to "require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws." Public Law 107-174, Summary. In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Public Law 107-174, Title I, General Provisions, section 101(1).

The Act also requires federal agencies to provide this notice to federal employees, former federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to inform you of the rights and protections available to you under federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.

Antidiscrimination Laws

As a Federal Agency, AAFES cannot discriminate against an employee, former employee, or applicant with respect to the terms, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender stereotyping), age, disability (physical and mental), genetic information, or reprisal for having participated in protected EEO activity. Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by one or more of the following statutes: 10 U.S.C. 1587, 29 U.S.C. 206(d), 29 U.S.C. 631, 29 U.S.C. 633a, 29 U.S.C. 791, and 42 U.S.C. 2000e-16. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender stereotyping), age, physical/mental disability, genetic information, or reprisal for having participated in protected EEO activity, you must contact an AAFES Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with AAFES. AAFES EEO Counselors info is on the posters located on or near employee bulletin boards in AAFES facilities, or contact the nearest AAFES Human Resources Office. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of your status as a parent, you must contact an AAFES EEO counselor; however, if you are a current employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement, you must contact your local union representative. If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, you must either contact an AAFES EEO counselor as noted above or give notice of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action.

Whistleblower Protection Laws

An AAFES employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically prohibited by law and such information is specifically required by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 10 U.S.C. 1587. If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a complaint with the Department of Defense (DoD) Hotline. You can either file complaints by phone (1-800-424-9098 or 202-693-5080, or DSN 223-5080) or by letter addressed to: DoD HOTLINE Program, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155.

Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

AAFES cannot retaliate against an employee, former employee, or applicant because that individual exercises his or her rights under any of the Federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws sections or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, AAFES retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline an AAFES employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws up to and including removal. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against an AAFES employee or to violate the procedural rights of an AAFES employee who has been accused of discrimination

Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the AAFES' Human Resources Office, AAFES EEO Office, AAFES Inspector General, or AAFES Office of General Counsel. Additional information regarding Federal Antidiscrimination, Whistleblower Protection and Retaliation Laws can be found at the EEOC Web site--<http://www.eeoc.gov>.

Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 10 U.S.C. 1587.

Complaint Activity	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Number of Formal Complaints Filed	55	61	41	55	55
Number of Individuals that Filed Complaints	55	61	41	46	50
Number of Individuals who Filed two or more Complaints	0	0	0	4	5

Complaints filed by Basis	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Race	24	40	29	53	40
Color	21	27	16	19	10
Religion	4	6	2	7	3
National Origin	14	19	10	21	18
Sex (including complaints filed under Equal Pay Act)	20	25	30	27	16
Disability	23	39	26	28	22
Age	18	33	25	33	22
Reprisal	29	52	41	53	48

Complaints by Issue	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Appointment/Hire	0	5	4	1	0
Assignment of Duties	11	11	11	19	11
Awards	2	2	1	1	1
Conversion to Full-time	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Action	22	37	29	27	25
Demotion	1	3	3	3	1
Reprimand	3	9	8	6	5
Suspension	4	5	8	8	9
Removal	6	3	0	0	1
Disciplinary Warning	8	20	15	14	17
Duty Hours	10	13	10	7	10
Evaluation Appraisal	11	18	18	31	23
Examination/Test	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment	34	48	35	45	29
Non-sexual	31	46	31	40	26
Sexual	3	2	5	5	5
Medical Examination	0	1	0	1	0
Pay Including Overtime	5	4	8	6	7
Promotion/Non-Selection	7	18	15	19	17
Reassignment	9	12	7	4	4
Denied	5	2	2	1	1
Directed	4	10	5	3	3
Reasonable Accommodation	5	12	5	6	11
Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0

Finding Discrimination based on basis with hearing

Race	1	0	1	0	0
Color	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0
National Origin	0	0	0	0	0
Sex (including complaints filed under Equal Pay Act)	1	0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0
Age	1	0	0	0	0
Reprisal	0	0	1	0	0

Number of Final Agency Actions**Finding Discrimination based on issue with hearing**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Appointment/Hire	0	0	0	0	0
Assignment of Duties	0	0	0	0	0
Awards	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion to Full-time	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Action	0	0	0	0	0
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0	0
Removal	0	0	0	0	0
Counseling	0	0	0	0	0
Duty Hours	0	0	0	0	0
Evaluation Appraisal	0	0	1	0	0
Examination/Test	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Non-sexual	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Examination	0	0	0	0	0
Pay Including Overtime	0	0	0	0	0
Promotion/Non-selection	1	0	0	0	0
Reassignment	0	0	0	0	0
Denied	0	0	0	0	0
Directed	0	0	0	0	0
Reasonable Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0
Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement	0	0	0	0	0
Termination	0	0	0	0	0
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0	0	0	0	0
Time and Attendance	0	0	0	0	0

Number of Final Agency

Actions

Finding Discrimination based on issue without hearing:

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
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Pending Complaints

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
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Total Complaints Pending

66	67	58	79	71
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Pending Written Notification *

0	0	0	0	0
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Pending Decision to Accept/Dismiss *

6	5	6	1	6
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Pending Investigation

23	35	17	25	20
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Pending 180 Day investigation Notice

0	0	0	0	7
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Pending in Hearings

31	24	32	53	45
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Pending Final Agency Action

6	3	3	0	0
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Investigation Completed

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
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Timely

25	27	28	34	40
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Untimely

22	13	13	1	18
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