Secretary-General’s Bulletin

Personal status for purposes of United Nations entitlements

The Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of separately administered organs and programmes of the United Nations, hereby promulgates the following:

1. The personal status of staff members for the purpose of entitlements under the Staff Regulations and Rules will be determined by reference to the law of the competent authority under which the personal status has been established.

2. Requests relating to the determination of the personal status of staff members in connection with their entitlements may be submitted by the Secretariat for verification by the Permanent Mission to the United Nations of the country of that competent authority. Once the Permanent Mission has verified that the status in question is legally recognized for the purposes of granting benefits and entitlements, the Secretariat will take action in accordance with that verification.


4. The present Bulletin shall enter into force on the date of its issuance.

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