



## DoD DIRECTIVE 5111.03

### DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY (DUSD(P))

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**Purpose:**

- Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Sections 113 and 137a of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), and the delegation of authority under DoD Directive (DoDD) 5111.1, this issuance updates the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the DUSD(P).
- Documents the retitling of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy as the DUSD(P), pursuant to Section 906 of Public Law 115-91, codified at Section 137a of Title, 10 U.S.C.

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## **SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION**

**1.1. APPLICABILITY.** This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

**1.2. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 1.** The changes to this issuance are administrative and update organizational titles and references.

## SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES, FUNCTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, AND AUTHORITIES

**DUSD(P).** As the principal assistant to and under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), the DUSD(P):

a. Pursuant to Sections 134 and 137a of Title 10, U.S.C., exercises full power and authority to act for the USD(P) and exercises the powers of the USD(P) on any and all matters on which the USD(P) is authorized to act, pursuant to Title 10, U.S.C., and DoDD 5111.1, except in those areas where delegation of the USD(P) authority is otherwise restricted by higher authority or prohibited by law. This all-inclusive authority may not be further delegated *in toto*; however, the DUSD(P) is authorized to make specific redelegations, where authorized and as required.

b. Helps the USD(P) carry out responsibilities, fulfill functions, manage relationships, and exercise authorities provided for in law and pursuant to DoDD 5111.1.

c. Advises on and assists the USD(P) with all responsibilities in providing advice and assistance to the Secretary of Defense.

d. Is the First Assistant to the USD(P), pursuant to Section 137a of Title 10, U.S.C.; Sections 3345 to 3349d of Title 5, U.S.C., also known as the “Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998,” as amended; and Section 3.b. of DoDD 3020.04.

## **GLOSSARY**

### **G.1. ACRONYMS.**

DoDD	DoD directive
DUSD(P)	Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(P)	Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

## **REFERENCES**

- DoD Directive 3020.04, "Order of Succession Pursuant to Executive Order 13533 and the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998," August 25, 2010
- DoD Directive 5111.1, "Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P))," December 8, 1999
- Public Law 115-91, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018," December 12, 2017
- United States Code, Title 5
- United States Code, Title 10