

his or her own funds, the amount that was withheld from the distribution for the payment of Federal taxes.

(4) The transaction must be completed within 60 days of the participant's receipt of the distribution from his or her eligible retirement plan. The transaction is not complete until the TSP record keeper receives the Form TSP-60 or TSP-U-60, executed by both the participant and administrator, trustee, or custodian, together with the guaranteed funds for the amount to be rolled over.

(c) *Participant's certification.* When transferring a distribution to the TSP by either a trustee-to-trustee transfer or a rollover, the participant must certify that the distribution is eligible for transfer into the TSP, as follows:

(1) *Distribution from an eligible employer plan.* The participant must certify that the distribution:

(i) Is not one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made over the life expectancy of the participant (or the joint lives of the participant and designated beneficiary, if applicable) or for a period of 10 years or more;

(ii) Is not a minimum distribution required by I.R.C. section 401(a)(9) (26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9));

(iii) Is not a hardship distribution;

(iv) Is not a plan loan that is deemed to be a taxable distribution because of default;

(v) Is not a return of excess elective deferrals; and

(vi) If not transferred or rolled over, would be includible in gross income for the tax year in which the distribution is paid.

(2) *Distribution from a traditional IRA.* The participant must certify that the distribution:

(i) Is not a minimum distribution required under I.R.C. section 401(a)(9) (26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9)); and

(ii) If not transferred or rolled over, would be includible in gross income for the tax year in which the distribution is paid.

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§ 1600.33 Treatment accorded transferred funds.

(a) All funds transferred to the TSP pursuant to §§ 1600.31 and 1600.32 will be treated as employee contributions.

(b) All funds transferred to the TSP pursuant to §§ 1600.31 and 1600.32 will be invested in accordance with the participant's contribution allocation on file at the time the transfer is completed.

(c) Funds transferred to the TSP pursuant to §§ 1600.31 and 1600.32 are not subject to the limits on contributions described in § 1600.22.

PART 1601—PARTICIPANTS' CHOICES OF INVESTMENT FUNDS

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SOURCE: 66 FR 22093, May 2, 2001, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 1601.1 Definitions.

(a) Definitions generally applicable to the Thrift Savings Plan are set forth at 5 CFR 1690.1.

(b) As used in this part:

Acknowledgment of risk means an acknowledgment that any investment in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund is made at the participant's risk, that the participant is not protected by the United States Government or the Board against any loss on the investment, and that neither the United States Government nor the Board guarantees any return on the investment.

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Subpart B—Investing Future Deposits

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§ 1601.11 Applicability.

This subpart applies only to the investment of future deposits to the TSP's investment funds, including contributions, loan payments, and transfers or rollovers from traditional IRAs and eligible employer plans; it does not apply to redistributing participants' existing account balances among the investment funds, which is covered in subpart C of this part.

§ 1601.12 Investing future deposits in the TSP investment funds.

(a) *Allocation.* Future deposits in the TSP, including contributions, loan payments, and transfers or rollovers from traditional IRAs and eligible employer plans, will be allocated among the investment funds based on the most recent contribution allocation on file for the participant.

(b) *Investment fund availability.* All participants may elect to invest all or any portion of their deposits in any of the TSP's five investment funds.

§ 1601.13 Elections.

(a) *Contribution allocation.* Each participant may indicate his or her choice of investment funds for the allocation of future deposits by using the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, or by completing Form TSP-50 (for civilians) or Form TSP-U-50 (for uniformed services), Investment Allocation. The following rules apply to contribution allocations:

(1) Contribution allocations must be made in one percent increments. The sum of the percentages elected for all of the investment funds must equal 100 percent;

(2) The percentage elected by a participant for investment of future deposits in an investment fund will be applied to all sources of contributions and transfers (or rollovers) from traditional IRAs and eligible employer plans. A participant may not make different percentage elections for different sources of contributions;

(3) A participant who elects for the first time to invest in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund must execute an acknowledgment of risk in accordance with § 1601.33. In addition, a participant who, before June 2003, has only acknowledged the risk of investing in the F Fund or C Fund must execute an acknowledgment of risk in accordance with § 1601.33 before making any new election to invest in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund;

(4) All deposits made on behalf of a participant who does not have a contribution allocation in effect will be invested in the G Fund; and

(5) Once a contribution allocation becomes effective, it remains in effect until it is superseded by a subsequent contribution allocation. If a separated participant is rehired and had not withdrawn his or her entire TSP account, the participant's last contribution allocation before separation from service will be effective until a new allocation is made.

(b) *Effect of rejection of contribution allocation.* If a contribution allocation on a Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50 is found to be ineffective pursuant to § 1601.34, the attempted allocation will have no effect. The TSP will provide the participant with a written statement of the reason the transaction was rejected.

(c) *Contribution elections.* A participant may designate the amount of employee contributions he or she wishes to make to the TSP or may stop contributions only in accordance with 5 CFR part 1600.

Subpart C—Redistributing Participants' Existing Account Balances (Interfund Transfers)

SOURCE: 68 FR 35495, June 13, 2003, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1601.21 Applicability.

This subpart applies only to interfund transfers, which involve redistributing participants' existing account balances among the TSP's investment funds; it does not apply to the investment of future deposits, which is covered in subpart B of this part.

§ 1601.22 Methods of requesting an interfund transfer.

(a) Participants may make an interfund transfer using the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, or by completing a Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50, Investment Allocation. The following rules apply to an interfund transfer request:

(1) Interfund transfer requests must be made in whole percentages (one percent increments). The sum of the percentages elected for all of the investment funds must equal 100 percent.

(2) The percentages elected by the participant will be applied to the balances in each source of contributions and to both tax-deferred and tax-exempt balances on the effective date of the interfund transfer.

(3) Any participant who elects to invest in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund for the first time must execute an acknowledgment of risk in accordance with § 1601.33. In addition, a participant who, before June 2003, has only acknowledged the risk of investing in the F Fund or C Fund, must execute an acknowledgment of risk in accordance with § 1601.33 before making any new election to invest in the F Fund, C Fund, S Fund, or I Fund.

(b) An interfund transfer request has no effect on deposits made after the effective date of the interfund transfer request; subsequent deposits will continue to be allocated among the investment funds in accordance with the participant's contribution allocation made under subpart B of this part.

(c) If an interfund transfer on a Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50 is found to

be invalid pursuant to § 1601.34, the purported transfer will not be made. The TSP will provide the participant with a written statement of the reason the transaction was rejected.

Subpart D—Contribution Allocations and Interfund Transfer Requests

§ 1601.31 Applicability.

This subpart applies both to contribution allocations made under subpart B of this part and interfund transfers made under subpart C of this part.

§ 1601.32 Timing and posting dates.

(a) *Posting dates.* (1) A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer entered into the TSP record keeping system by a participant who uses the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, or by a TSP Service Office participant service representative at the participant's request, at or before 11 a.m. central time of any business day, will ordinarily be posted that business day. A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request made on the TSP Web site, the ThriftLine, or with a TSPSO participant service representative, after 11 a.m. central time of any business day will ordinarily be posted on the next business day.

(2) A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request made on the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine on a non-business day will ordinarily be posted on the next business day.

(3) A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request made on Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50 will ordinarily be posted under the rules in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, based on when the form is entered into the TSP system by the TSP record keeper. The TSP record keeper ordinarily enters such forms into the system within 24 hours of their receipt.

(4) In most cases, the share price(s) applied to an interfund transfer request is the value of the shares on the date the relevant transaction is posted. In some circumstances, such as error correction, the share price(s) for an earlier date will be used.

(b) *Limit.* There is no limit on the number of contribution allocations or

interfund transfer requests that may be made by a participant.

(c) *Multiple contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests.* (1) If two or more contribution allocations or two or more interfund transfer requests are received for a participant and would be posted on the same day, the following rules will apply:

(i) If one or more of the contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests are submitted through the Web site or the ThriftLine and one or more are made on Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50 and would be posted on the same day, only the latest contribution allocation or interfund transfer request made through the Web site or the ThriftLine will be posted.

(ii) If one or more of the contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests are made through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, only the contribution allocation or interfund transfer request entered at the latest time will be posted.

(iii) If the contribution allocations or interfund transfer requests are submitted using Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50, the forms will be posted in the order the TSP record keeper receives them.

(2) For purposes of determining the date and time of a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request in applying the rules of this paragraph (c), the following rules apply:

(i) The date and time of a contribution allocation or interfund transfer request made through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine is the date and time the participant confirms the percentages.

(ii) Central time is used for determining the date and time on which a transaction is entered and confirmed through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine.

(d) *Cancellation of contribution allocation or interfund transfer request.* (1) A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request may be cancelled through the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine, through written correspondence, or by contacting a participant service representative.

(2) A contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request may be cancelled by entering the cancellation on

the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine only up to the deadline, described in paragraph (a) of this section, which applies to the original request. If a change or cancellation is received after the deadline, the original request will be processed as scheduled. Any subsequent request will then be processed in turn.

(3) A participant may also cancel a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request by submitting a letter to the TSP record keeper that requests cancellation and meets the following requirements:

(i) The cancellation letter must be signed and dated and must contain the participant's name, Social Security number, and date of birth.

(ii) The cancellation for the pending transaction must be received and entered into the system before the cutoff for the day the relevant transaction is submitted for processing in order to be effective to cancel the transaction.

(iii) The letter must state unambiguously the specific contribution allocation or interfund transfer request it seeks to cancel.

(A) If it does not identify the specific contribution allocation or interfund transfer request it seeks to cancel, the written cancellation will apply to any pending contribution allocation or interfund transfer request with a date (as determined under this paragraph (d)(3)) before the date of the cancellation letter.

(B) If the date of a cancellation letter is the same as the date of a pending contribution allocation or an interfund transfer request and the request was made on Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50, the form will be cancelled.

(C) If the request was made on the TSP Web site or ThriftLine, it will only be cancelled if the written cancellation specifies the date of the TSP Web site or ThriftLine request to be cancelled.

(D) If there is no contribution allocation or interfund transfer pending when the written cancellation is processed by the TSP record keeper, the cancellation will have no effect. Cancellation letters will not be held until a contribution allocation or interfund transfer request is received.

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§ 1601.33 Acknowledgment of risk.

(a) A participant who wants to invest in any investment fund other than the G Fund must execute an acknowledgment of risk for that fund. If a required acknowledgment of risk has not been executed, no transactions involving the fund(s) for which the acknowledgment is required will be accepted.

(b) The acknowledgment of risk may be executed in association with a contribution allocation or an interfund transfer using the TSP Web site, the ThriftLine, or Form TSP-50.

§ 1601.34 Effectiveness of Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50.

A Form TSP-50 or Form TSP-U-50 will not be effective if:

(a) It is not signed and dated or if it contains a future date, a date more than one year before the TSP's receipt of the form, or an invalid date.

(b) It is missing a Social Security number, date of birth, or the participant's first or last name.

(c) The participant's date of birth does not match the information in the TSP records.

(d) The contribution allocation or interfund transfer percentages do not total 100 percent, or the percentages are not entered as whole numbers. An error to one of the transactions under this paragraph (d) will not invalidate the other transaction, but only the transaction for which the error occurred.

(e) Any other reasons that may be determined by the Executive Director.

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§ 1601.35 Posting of transaction requests.

The Board fully expects to meet the standards of §1601.32. However, the Board cannot and does not guarantee that the TSP Web site or the ThriftLine will always be available to accept and process transaction requests.

§ 1601.36 Error correction.

Errors in processing contribution allocations and interfund transfer requests, or errors that otherwise cause money to be invested in the wrong investment fund, will be corrected in ac-

cordance with the error correction regulations found at 5 CFR part 1605.

PART 1603—VESTING

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1603.1 Definitions.

1603.2 Basic vesting rules.

1603.3 Service requirements.

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§ 1603.1 Definitions.

(a) Definitions generally applicable to the Thrift Savings Plan are set forth at 5 CFR 1690.1.

(b) As used in this part:

Service means:

(1) Any non-military service that is creditable under either 5 U.S.C. chapter 83, subchapter III, or 5 U.S.C. 8411. However, that service is to be determined without regard to any time limitations, any deposit or redeposit requirements contained in those statutory provisions after performing the service involved, or any requirement that the individual give written notice of that individual's desire to become subject to the retirement system established by 5 U.S.C. chapters 83 or 84; or

(2) Any military service creditable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8432b(h)(1) and the regulations at 5 CFR part 1620, subpart H.

Uniformed services means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as members of the Ready Reserve including the National Guard.

Vested means those amounts in an individual account which are nonforfeitable.

Year of service means one full calendar year of service.

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§ 1603.2 Basic vesting rules.

(a) All amounts in a CSRS employee's or uniformed service member's individual account are immediately vested.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, all amounts in a