The only purpose of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is to accumulate funds for the purchase of another eligible security in the TreasuryDirect system. A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness within a minor’s account is the property of the minor alone. The payroll zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is a restricted form of the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that is held separately from the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness and used only for purchases made through the payroll savings plan.


§ 363.132 Can the sale of the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness be suspended?

The Secretary may suspend and rescind the suspension of sales of the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness by announcement at any time.

§ 363.133 What happens to my zero-percent certificate of indebtedness if the offering is terminated by the Secretary?

Upon the termination of this offering by the Secretary, the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness ceases to roll over; the proceeds will be paid by the ACH method to the bank account at a financial institution that you designated in your TreasuryDirect® account as your primary bank account.

§ 363.134 What regulations cover a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

The regulations in part 363 apply to a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness. We expressly disclaim representations or warranties regarding a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that in any way conflict with these regulations and other applicable law.

§ 363.135 In what form is a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness issued?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is issued in electronic form only in the TreasuryDirect® system.

§ 363.136 Do zero-percent certificates of indebtedness pay interest?

Zero-percent certificates of indebtedness do not pay any interest. However, the Secretary may prescribe a rate of interest, or change the interest rate, for zero-percent certificates of indebtedness by announcement at any time. The new rate would apply to zero-percent certificates of indebtedness issued thereafter, as provided in the announcement. The Secretary’s determination of the rate will be final.

§ 363.137 What do I need to know about the registration of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is automatically registered in the name of the TreasuryDirect® account owner.

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§ 363.138 Is Treasury liable for the purchase of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that is made in error?

We are not liable for any deposits of funds for the purchase of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that are made in error by your financial institution or employer.


§ 363.139 May I transfer or deliver my zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is nontransferable. You may not deliver a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness to another TreasuryDirect® account as a gift.


§ 363.140 May a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness be pledged or used as collateral?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness may not be pledged or used as collateral for the performance of an obligation.