

## § 363.135

### **§ 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.

[74 FR 19420, Apr. 29, 2009]

### **§ 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.

[69 FR 50309, Aug. 16, 2004. Redesignated at 75 FR 70816, Nov. 19, 2010]

### **§ 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.

[69 FR 50309, Aug. 16, 2004. Redesignated at 75 FR 70816, Nov. 19, 2010]

### **§ 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

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collateral for the performance of an obligation.

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### **ZERO-PERCENT CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS**

### **§ 363.141 How do I purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?**

(a) *Primary and linked accounts.* You may purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness through one or more of the following four methods:

(1) Payroll deduction, in which your employer sends funds through the ACH method to your TreasuryDirect® account;

(2) Deposit by your financial institution, in which your financial institution sends funds by the ACH method to your TreasuryDirect® account on a recurring or one-time basis;

(3) Through the Buy Direct function of your TreasuryDirect® account, in which you direct us to debit funds from your financial institution account to purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness. This method is limited to an amount no greater than \$1000 per transaction. When you use the Buy Direct function to debit funds to purchase all or a portion of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness, you will not be permitted to schedule a redemption to your financial institution from the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness within five business days after the settlement date of the debit entry; and

(4) By using the proceeds from the redemption of a savings bond, the proceeds of a maturing security, or an interest payment from a security to purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness.

(b) *Payroll savings plan.* You may purchase a payroll zero-percent certificate of indebtedness for your payroll savings plan through payroll deduction, in which your employer sends funds through the ACH method to your TreasuryDirect® payroll savings plan, or through a credit using the ACH method by your financial institution, in which your financial institution