

## Subpart B—Maturities, Redemption Values, and Investment Yields of Series EE Savings Bonds

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 351.5 What is the maturity period of a Series EE savings bond?

Series EE savings bonds have a total maturity period of 30 years from the issue date, consisting of an original maturity period and one or two periods of extended maturity, which vary depending on the issue date of the bond. The interest on an outstanding bond ceases to accrue 30 years after its issue date.

#### § 351.6 When may I redeem my Series EE savings bond?

(a) *Bonds with issue dates on or before January 1, 2003.* You may redeem your Series EE savings bond at any time beginning six months after its issue date.

(b) *Bonds with issue dates on or after February 1, 2003.* You may redeem your Series EE savings bond at any time beginning twelve months after its issue date.

#### § 351.7 May Series EE savings bonds be called for redemption prior to final maturity?

The Secretary of the Treasury may not call Series EE bonds for redemption prior to final maturity.

#### § 351.8 When is interest payable on Series EE savings bonds?

Interest on a bond accrues and becomes part of the redemption value. Interest earnings are payable upon redemption.

#### § 351.9 When will I receive the redemption value of my Series EE savings bonds?

(a) You will be paid the redemption value of your definitive bond when you surrender the bond for payment as provided in these regulations and in 31 CFR part 353.

(b) You will be paid the redemption value of your book-entry bond when it reaches final maturity, if you have not redeemed the bond previously.

#### § 351.10 What do I need to know about market yields, or market bid yields, to understand redemption value calculations in this subpart?

We use market yields, or market bid yields, derived from Treasury bills, notes, and bonds, to create a yield curve based on the most actively traded Treasury securities. This curve relates the yield on a security to its time to maturity. Yields at particular points on the curve are referred to as “constant maturity yields” and are determined by the Treasury from this daily yield curve. Six-month and 5-year Treasury securities rates are derived from these yield curves.

#### § 351.11 What do I need to know about the short-term savings bond rate, to understand redemption value calculations in this subpart?

We determine this rate by compiling 6-month Treasury securities rates as of the close of business for each day of the previous three months and calculating the monthly average for each month, rounding each monthly average to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent. We then determine the short-term savings bond rate by taking 85 percent of the three-month average and rounding the result to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent. For bonds entitled to interest accruals at the short-term savings bond rate, that rate applies to the bond’s first full semiannual interest accrual period following each announcement of the rate.

#### § 351.12 What do I need to know about the long-term savings bond rate, to understand redemption value calculations in this subpart?

We determine this rate by compiling 5-year Treasury securities rates as of the close of business for each day of the previous six months and calculating the monthly average for each month, rounding each monthly average to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent. We then determine the long-term savings bond rate by taking 85 percent of the 6-month average and rounding the result to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent. For bonds entitled to interest accruals at the long-term savings bond rate, that rate applies to the