

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6033 of this title.

§ 4963. Definitions

(a) First tier tax

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “first tier tax” means any tax imposed by subsection (a) of section 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4951, 4952, 4955, 4958, 4971, or 4975.

(b) Second tier tax

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “second tier tax” means any tax imposed by subsection (b) of section 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4951, 4952, 4955, 4958, 4971, or 4975.

(c) Taxable event

For purposes of this subchapter, the term “taxable event” means any act (or failure to act) giving rise to liability for tax under section 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4951, 4952, 4955, 4958, 4971, or 4975.

(d) Correct

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the term “correct” has the same meaning as when used in the section which imposes the second tier tax.

(2) Special rules

The term “correct” means—

(A) in the case of the second tier tax imposed by section 4942(b), reducing the amount of the undistributed income to zero,

(B) in the case of the second tier tax imposed by section 4943(b), reducing the amount of the excess business holdings to zero, and

(C) in the case of the second tier tax imposed by section 4944, removing the investment from jeopardy.

(e) Correction period

For purposes of this subchapter—

(1) In general

The term “correction period” means, with respect to any taxable event, the period beginning on the date on which such event occurs and ending 90 days after the date of mailing under section 6212 of a notice of deficiency with respect to the second tier tax imposed on such taxable event, extended by—

(A) any period in which a deficiency cannot be assessed under section 6213(a) (determined without regard to the last sentence of section 4961(b)), and

(B) any other period which the Secretary determines is reasonable and necessary to bring about correction of the taxable event.

(2) Special rules for when taxable event occurs

For purposes of paragraph (1), the taxable event shall be treated as occurring—

(A) in the case of section 4942, on the first day of the taxable year for which there was a failure to distribute income,

(B) in the case of section 4943, on the first day on which there are excess business holdings,

(C) in the case of section 4971, on the last day of the plan year in which there is an accumulated funding deficiency, and

(D) in any other case, the date on which such event occurred.

(Added Pub. L. 96-596, §2(c)(1), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3473, §4962; renumbered §4963, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title III, §305(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 783; amended Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10712(b)(3), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-467; Pub. L. 104-168, title XIII, §1311(c)(2), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1478.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 104-168 inserted “4958,” after “4955.”

1987—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 100-203 inserted reference to section 4955 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-168 applicable to excess benefit transactions occurring on or after Sept. 14, 1995, and not applicable to any benefit arising from a transaction pursuant to any written contract which was binding on Sept. 13, 1995, and at all times thereafter before such transaction occurred, see section 1311(d)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 104-168, set out as a note under section 4955 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-203 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 22, 1987, see section 10712(d) of Pub. L. 100-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4955 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date of section with respect to any first tier tax and to any second tier tax, see section 2(d) of Pub. L. 96-596, set out as a note under section 4961 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4942, 6213, 6214, 6503, 7422 of this title.

CHAPTER 43—QUALIFIED PENSION, ETC., PLANS

Sec. 4971.	Taxes on failure to meet minimum funding standards.
4972.	Tax on nondeductible contributions to qualified employer plans.
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4978.	Tax on certain dispositions by employee stock ownership plans and certain cooperatives.
[4978A, 4978B. Repealed.]	
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4979A.	Tax on certain prohibited allocations of qualified securities.
4980.	Tax on reversion of qualified plan assets to employer.
4980A.	Tax on excess distributions from qualified retirement plans. ¹
4980B.	Failure to satisfy continuation coverage requirements of group health plans.

¹ Section repealed by Pub. L. 105-34 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

- 4980C. Requirements for issuers of qualified long-term care insurance contracts.
- 4980D. Failure to meet certain group health plan requirements.
- 4980E. Failure of employer to make comparable Archer MSA contributions.
- 4980F. Failure of applicable plans reducing benefit accruals to satisfy notice requirements.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, § 417(17)(B), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 56, substituted “Archer MSA contributions” for “medical savings account contributions” in item 4980E.

2001—Pub. L. 107-16, title VI, § 659(a)(2), June 7, 2001, 115 Stat. 139, added item 4980F.

1998—Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, § 6023(18)(B), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 825, substituted “certain tax-favored accounts and annuities” for “individual retirement accounts, certain section 403(b) contracts, and certain individual retirement annuities” in item 4973.

1996—Pub. L. 104-191, title III, §§ 301(c)(4)(B), 326(b), title IV, § 402(b), Aug. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2050, 2066, 2087, added items 4980C, 4980D, and 4980E.

Pub. L. 104-188, title I, § 1602(b)(5)(B), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1834, struck out item 4978B “Tax on disposition of employer securities to which section 133 applied”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §§ 7301(d)(2), 7304(a)(2)(C)(iii), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2348, 2353, struck out item 4978A “Tax on certain dispositions of employer securities to which section 2057 applied” and added item 4978B.

1988—Pub. L. 100-647, title I, § 1011A(g)(1)(B), title III, § 3011(c), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3479, 3625, redesignated item 4981A as 4980A and added item 4980B.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, § 10413(b)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-438, added item 4978A.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XI, §§ 1117(b)(2), 1121(a)(2), 1131(c)(2), 1132(b), 1133(b), title XVIII, §§ 1854(a)(9)(C), 1899A(75), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2462, 2465, 2478, 2480, 2483, 2877, 2963, added item 4972, inserted “section” in item 4973, substituted “Excise tax on certain accumulations in qualified retirement plans” for “Tax on certain accumulations in individual retirement accounts” in item 4974, struck out “and allocations” after “certain dispositions” in item 4978, and added items 4979, 4979A, 4980, and 4981A.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IV, § 491(d)(56), title V, §§ 511(c)(2), 531(e)(2), 545(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 852, 862, 886, 896, substituted “and certain individual retirement annuities” for “certain individual retirement annuities, and certain retirement bonds” in item 4973 and added items 4976 to 4978.

1982—Pub. L. 97-248, title II, § 237(c)(2), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 511, struck out item 4972 “Tax on excess contributions for self-employed individuals”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §§ 1013(b), 2001(f)(2), 2002(h)(3), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 920, 957, 970, added chapter heading and analysis of sections 4971 to 4975.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 275, 6161, 6201, 6211, 6212, 6213, 6214, 6344, 6405, 6501, 6512, 6862, 6871, 7422 of this title.

§ 4971. Taxes on failure to meet minimum funding standards

(a) Initial tax

For each taxable year of an employer who maintains a plan to which section 412 applies, there is hereby imposed a tax of 10 percent (5 percent in the case of a multiemployer plan) on the amount of the accumulated funding deficiency under the plan, determined as of the end of the plan year ending with or within such taxable year.

(b) Additional tax

In any case in which an initial tax is imposed by subsection (a) on an accumulated funding de-

fiency and such accumulated funding deficiency is not corrected within the taxable period, there is hereby imposed a tax equal to 100 percent of such accumulated funding deficiency to the extent not corrected.

(c) Definitions

For purposes of this section—

(1) Accumulated funding deficiency

The term “accumulated funding deficiency” has the meaning given to such term by the last two sentences of section 412(a).

(2) Correct

The term “correct” means, with respect to an accumulated funding deficiency, the contribution, to or under the plan, of the amount necessary to reduce such accumulated funding deficiency as of the end of a plan year in which such deficiency arose to zero.

(3) Taxable period

The term “taxable period” means, with respect to an accumulated funding deficiency, the period beginning with the end of the plan year in which there is an accumulated funding deficiency and ending on the earlier of—

(A) the date of mailing of a notice of deficiency with respect to the tax imposed by subsection (a), or

(B) the date on which the tax imposed by subsection (a) is assessed.

(d) Notification of the Secretary of Labor

Before issuing a notice of deficiency with respect to the tax imposed by subsection (a) or (b), the Secretary shall notify the Secretary of Labor and provide him a reasonable opportunity (but not more than 60 days)—

(1) to require the employer responsible for contributing to or under the plan to eliminate the accumulated funding deficiency, or

(2) to comment on the imposition of such tax.

In the case of a multiemployer plan which is in reorganization under section 418, the same notice and opportunity shall be provided to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

(e) Liability for tax

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the tax imposed by subsection (a), (b), or (f) shall be paid by the employer responsible for contributing to or under the plan the amount described in section 412(b)(3)(A).

(2) Joint and several liability where employer member of controlled group

(A) In general

In the case of a plan other than a multiemployer plan, if the employer referred to in paragraph (1) is a member of a controlled group, each member of such group shall be jointly and severally liable for the tax imposed by subsection (a), (b), or (f).

(B) Controlled group

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “controlled group” means any group treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414.