

**§ 831.1801 Purpose.**

This subpart prescribes the procedures to be followed by a Federal agency when it requests the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to recover a debt owed to the United States by administrative offset against money due and payable to the debtor from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (the Fund). This subpart also prescribes the procedures that OPM must follow to make these administrative offsets.

**§ 831.1802 Scope.**

This subpart applies to agencies, employees, and Members, as defined by § 831.1803.

**§ 831.1803 Definitions.**

For purposes of this subpart, terms are defined as follows—

*Act* means the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 as amended by the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and implemented by 4 CFR 101.1 *et seq.*, the Federal Claims Collection Standards (FCCS).

*Administrative offset* means withholding money payable from the Fund to satisfy a debt to the United States under 31 U.S.C. 3716.

*Agency* means (a) an Executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, including the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Postal Rate Commission; (b) a military department, as defined in section 102 of title 5, United States Code; (c) an agency or court in the judicial branch, including a court as defined in section 610 of title 28, United States Code, the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation; (d) an agency of the legislative branch, including the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives; and (e) other independent establishments that are entities of the Federal Government.

*Annuitant* has the same meaning as in section 8331(9) of title 5, United States Code.

*Annuity* means the monthly benefit payable to an annuitant or survivor annuitant.

*Compromise* has the same meaning as in 4 CFR part 103.

*Consent* means the debtor has agreed in writing to administrative offset

after receiving notice of all rights under 31 U.S.C. 3716 and this subpart.

*Creditor agency* means the agency to which the debt is owed.

*Debt* means an amount owed to the United States on account of loans insured or guaranteed by the United States, and other amounts due the United States from fees, duties, leases, rents, royalties, services, sales of real or personal property, overpayments, fines, penalties, damages, interests, taxes, forfeitures, etc.

*Debt claim* means an agency request for recovery of a debt in a form approved by OPM.

*Debtor* means a person who owes a debt, including an employee, former employee, Member, former Member, or the survivor of one of these individuals.

*Employee* has the same meaning as in section 8331(1) of title 5, United States Code, and includes reemployed annuitants and employees of the U.S. Postal Service.

*Fraud claim* means any debt designated by the Attorney General (or designee) as involving an indication of fraud, the presentation of a false claim, or misrepresentation on the part of the debtor or any other party having an interest in the claim.

*Fund* means the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund established under 5 U.S.C. 8348.

*Lump-sum credit* has the same meaning as in section 8331(8) of title 5, United States Code.

*Member* has the same meaning as in section 8331(2) of title 5, United States Code.

*Net annuity* means annuity after excluding amounts required by law to be deducted. For example, Federal income tax is excluded up to the maximum amount that the individual is entitled to for all dependents. Other examples of exclusions are group health insurance premiums (including amounts deducted for Medicare) and group life insurance premiums.

*Paying agency* means the agency that employs the debtor and authorizes the disbursement of his or her current pay account.

*Refund* means the payment of a lump-sum credit to an individual who meets all requirements for payment and files application for it.