

Privacy Act of 1974 System of Records Notice U.S. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Name	RRB-26: Payment, Rate and Entitlement History File
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Effective Date	2-5-2008
System Location	U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.
Security Classification	None
Categories of Individuals Covered by the System	Individuals who have received or are receiving benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or the Social Security Act, including retired and disabled railroad employees, their qualified spouses, dependents, and survivors, and recipients of other, non-recurring benefits.
Categories of Records in the System	Data supporting the benefits and historical data recording the benefits paid to the above categories of individuals under the Railroad Retirement and Social Security Acts. Includes name, address, social security number, claim number, date of birth, dates of military service, creditable service months, amounts of benefits received under the Social Security Act, components of and final rates payable under the Railroad Retirement Act, health insurance premium deduction, direct deposit data, employer pension information and tax withholding information (actual amounts withheld for tax purposes).
Authority for Maintenance of the System	Section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(6))
Purpose(s)	The purpose of this system is to record in one file all data concerning payment, rate, and entitlement history for recipients of Railroad Retirement benefits.
Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and Purposes of Such Uses	a. (Standard Disclosure 3.)
	b. Records may be released to the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of their checking amounts shown on individual tax returns as pensions and annuities received under the Railroad Retirement Act.
	c. Benefit data regarding persons who, it is determined, are both RRB and VA beneficiaries may be furnished to the Veterans Administration for the purpose of assisting the VA in the administration of its income dependent benefit programs.
	d. Disability annuitant identifying information may be furnished to state employment agencies for the purpose of determining whether such annuitants were employed during times they receive disability



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	e. Identifying information about Medicare-entitled beneficiaries who may be working may be disclosed to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for the purposes of determining whether Medicare should be the secondary payer of benefits for such individuals.
	f. Benefit information may be furnished to state agencies for the purposes of determining entitlement or continued entitlement to state income-dependent benefits and, if entitled, to adjusting such benefits to the amount to which the individual is entitled under state law, provided the state agency furnishes identifying information for the individuals for whom it wants the RRB benefit information.
Disclosure to Consumer Reporting Agencies	None.
Policies and Practices for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining, and Disposing of Records in the System	

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Storage	Magnetic tape and magnetic disk.
Retrievability	By claim number or beneficiary's Social Security number.
Safeguards	Access is limited to authorized personnel only.
Retention and Disposal	Magnetic tapes are retained for 2 years then written over; magnetic disk files are retained permanently.
System Manager(s) and Address	Supervisory Data Manager, Bureau of Information Services, Information Resources Management Center, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611- 2092.
Notification Procedure	Requests for information regarding an individual's record should be in writing addressed to the System Manager identified above, including the full name and social security number and claim number of the individual. Before information about any record will be released, the System Manager may require the individual to provide proof of identity or require the requester to furnish an authorization from the individual to permit release of information.
Record Access Procedure	See Notification section above.
Contesting Record Procedure	See Notification section above.
Record Source Categories	Transmissions from the following computerized systems: Railroad Retirement Act benefit payment; Social Security benefit payment; disability rating decisions; and primary insurance amount



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None.

Exemptions Claimed for the System