

Sample Language for a Qualifying Retirement Benefits Court Order

(Note: A retirement benefits court order must meet the requirements found at 5 U.S.C. §§ 8435(c) and 8467, and 5 C.F.R. part 1653, subpart A. The Thrift Savings Plan will honor any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement that meets these requirements. Use of the format below is not required.)

[court name]

In re the Marriage of:)
)
Petitioner)
and)
Respondent)

RETIREMENT BENEFITS COURT ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before the court on motion, and the court, after reviewing the motion and being otherwise fully advised of the matter:

(Note: Any **ONE** of the following examples would qualify to require payment from the TSP, although ambiguous or conflicting language used elsewhere could cause the order to be rejected.)

ORDERED: [payee's name, Social Security number (SSN), and address] is awarded \$____ from the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account* of [participant's name, SSN, and address].

-OR-

ORDERED: [payee's name, SSN, and address] is awarded ____% of the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account[s]* of [participant's name, SSN, and address] as of [date].

-OR-

ORDERED: [payee's name, SSN, and address] is awarded [fraction]

* If the participant has both a civilian TSP account and a uniformed services TSP account, the court order must expressly identify the account to which it relates.

of the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account[s]* of [participant's name, SSN, and address] as of [date].

(Note: *The following optional language can be used in conjunction with any of the aforementioned examples.*)

FURTHER ORDERED: Earnings will be paid on the amount of the entitlement under this ORDER until payment is made.

Dated: _____

BY THE COURT:

Judge's signature

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