



# Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Agency TSP Representatives

**Subject:** Form TSP-65, Request to Combine Uniformed Services and Civilian TSP Accounts

**Date:** January 17, 2002

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board has developed [Form TSP-65](#), Request to Combine Uniformed Services and Civilian TSP Accounts. A copy of the form is available from the TSP Web site ([www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov))<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose of Form TSP-65.** If an individual separates from civilian service and has a uniformed services Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) account, the individual may ask the TSP to transfer the civilian account to his or her uniformed services account. If an individual separates from the uniformed services and has a civilian TSP account, the individual may ask the TSP to transfer the uniformed services account to his or her civilian TSP account. However, the TSP will not transfer tax-exempt combat zone contributions to a civilian TSP account. To request the transfer, a participant must complete Form TSP-65 and submit it to the TSP Service Office.

For more information about uniformed services participation in the TSP, see TSP Bulletin 01-46, dated November 30, 2001.

**Dissemination of Form TSP-65.** Participants can obtain Form TSP-65 from the TSP Web site or from the TSP Service Office (telephone number: (504) 255-6000). At this time, agencies will not be responsible for providing the form to participants and consequently will not receive supplies of this form.

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<sup>1</sup> Only one version of this form has been developed. There will not be a separate form for civilian employees and uniformed services members. Consequently, Form TSP-65 is available from either the civilian or uniformed services section of the Web site.

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**Inquiries:** Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at **(202) 942-1460**.

**Chapter:** This bulletin may be filed in Chapter 9, Withdrawal Program.

**Completion of Form TSP-65.** The back of Form TSP-65 contains instructions for completing the form. Sections I (Information About You), II (Transfer Request), III (Information for Spousal Consent), and V (Your Certification and Authorization) must be completed by all participants. Section IV (Spouse's Consent) must be completed by participants who are covered by CSRS and who are requesting to transfer their uniformed services account to their civilian account. This consent is necessary because the rights of spouses who are married to CSRS participants are different from (and less stringent than) the rights of spouses who are married to FERS or uniformed services participants.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> CSRS refers to the Civil Service Retirement System, including CSRS Offset, the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System, and other equivalent Federal civilian retirement systems. FERS refers to the Federal Employees' Retirement System, the Foreign Service Pension System, and other equivalent Federal civilian retirement systems.