

**SAVINGS BONDS – REDEMPTION AND REISSUE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SURVIVING REGISTRANT**

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

All bonds must be described by serial number on any form submitted. All bonds or forms **must be signed in the presence of an authorized certifying officer** available at most financial institutions. The certifying officer must sign, include his/her title, and affix the institution's official stamp or seal in the space provided.

TO REDEEM BONDS:

- The surviving registrant must take the bonds to a financial institution and sign the request for payment on the back of each bond **or** complete a [PDF 1522](#), *Special Form Of Request For Payment Of United States Savings And Retirement Securities Where Use Of A Detached Request Is Authorized*. The survivor's Social Security Number and current home address must be provided in the request for payment. An officer at the financial institution must certify the signature.
- Provide a certified copy of the decedent's death certificate, if the bonds are registered "A POD B" and "A" is deceased. For Series HH or Series H bonds, if the first-named owner is deceased the death certificate must be provided. **Death certificates must be certified or sworn to by the state or local registrar, with a legible seal or stamp, as a true and correct copy taken from the official records.**
- If a PDF 1522 is not necessary, a [PDF 5396](#), *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form*, may be completed to have the redemption payment electronically deposited. The financial institution where the checking or savings account is maintained can assist with completing the form.
- Series EE, Series E, and Series I bonds can be redeemed at most financial institutions. Series HH or H bonds must be sent to one of the addresses shown at the bottom of the following page.

Special Information for Series HH and Series H Bonds

Interest Penalty: No interest payments are made after a Series HH or H bond is redeemed. If bonds are submitted for payment during the month before interest is due, the bonds will be held for payment until the following month. Otherwise, the bonds will be paid in the month they are submitted and no further interest will be paid.

Interest Reported: If there is a typed or handwritten amount on the face of any Series HH or H bond, that amount will be reported to the IRS for the tax year of the redemption. This amount represents interest that was earned on the Series EE or E bonds and/or savings notes that were exchanged for the HH or H bond with tax deferral privileges. You will not receive a check for this deferred amount as the interest was applied to the purchase price of the HH or H bond. A Form 1099-INT reflecting this amount will be provided for the year the bonds are redeemed or reach final maturity.

TO REISSUE BONDS:

Bonds registered "A OR B" or "A POD B," and either is deceased:

- The surviving registrant needs to complete a [PD F 4000](#), *Request To Reissue United States Savings Bonds*.

If Series HH bonds are being reissued, the surviving registrant must also complete [PD F 5396](#), *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form*, for direct deposit of the interest payments. The financial institution where the checking or savings account is maintained can assist with completing the form.

NOTE: If the payments are to continue to be deposited to the same account, provide a statement to that effect when submitting the bonds and reissue form and a PD F 5396 will not be required.

- Provide a certified copy of the decedent's death certificate. **Death certificates must be certified or sworn to by the state or local registrar, with a legible seal or stamp, as a true and correct copy taken from the official records.**

NOTE: For Series EE, HH, or I bonds, proof of death of a beneficiary is not necessary.

- Submit the bond(s), form(s), and evidence to one of the addresses shown at the bottom of this page, unless otherwise instructed.

NOTE: If the surviving registrant is a minor, the bond(s) must be reissued in the minor's name alone.

FINAL MATURITY INFORMATION

Any bonds that have reached final maturity may not be reissued. The only option is to redeem the bonds.

Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity
E	5/41 to 11/65	40 Years	H	2/57 to 12/79	30 Years
E	12/65 to 6/80	30 Years	HH	All issues	20 Years
EE	All issues	30 Years	I	All issues	30 Years
H	6/52 to 1/57	29 years, 8 months	Savings Notes	All issues	30 Years

Unless instructed otherwise, send required documents to either of these addresses:

Bureau of the Public Debt
PO Box 7012
Parkersburg, WV 26106-7012

OR

Treasury Retail Securities Site
PO Box 214
Minneapolis, MN 55480-0214
(Phone: 800-553-2663)