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# Loans

General Purpose ♦ Residential ♦ Nonpay Status

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# Things to Consider Before You Borrow

The Thrift Savings Plan was designed to provide you with income after you retire. The amount you will have in your account at retirement depends on the decisions you make—how much you contribute, how you invest, and whether you take money out of your account—before you retire.

The TSP loan program is an important benefit that allows participants access to the money in their accounts. However, taking a loan could result in less money for you at retirement. So, before you borrow from your account, consider the following:

- If your TSP investments earn higher rates of return than the interest rate on the loan, your TSP account will end up being smaller than it would have been if you had not borrowed from it.
- If you are not able to contribute as much to the TSP because of the financial burden of your loan payments, your TSP account will not grow as quickly. If you are a FERS employee and you have to reduce your contribution rate to below 5%, you will not receive the full agency match.
- A TSP residential loan is not a mortgage. Therefore, the TSP loan interest payments are not tax deductible, as they might be for a mortgage or home equity loan.

Before you take a TSP loan, read this booklet in its entirety to make sure you realize the potential effect a loan has on your retirement income.

# Rules for Borrowing

## You can borrow from your account if:

- You have **at least \$1,000** of your own contributions and associated earnings in your account. Agency contributions (and earnings on that money) cannot be borrowed.
- You are **currently employed** as a Federal civilian employee or member of the uniformed services. (Separated or retired participants and beneficiary participants are not eligible.)
- You are in **pay status**. (Loan payments are deducted from your pay.)
- You have **not repaid a TSP loan** (of the same type) in full within the past 60 days.
- You have **not had a taxable distribution** on a loan within the past 12 months, unless the taxable distribution resulted from your separation from Federal service. (See page 10 for more information on taxable distributions.)

You can borrow from your TSP account even if you have stopped contributing your own money.



If you have both a civilian account and a uniformed services account, the eligibility requirements apply to the account from which you intend to borrow.

## There are two types of loans:

- **General purpose loan** with a repayment period of 1 to 5 years. No documentation is required.
- **Residential loan** with a repayment period of 1 to 15 years. Documentation is required. See Appendix II.

A residential loan can be used only for the purchase or construction of a primary residence. The residence can be a house, condominium, shares in a cooperative housing corporation, a townhouse, boat, mobile home, or recreational vehicle, but it must be used as your


**primary residence.** The residence must be purchased (in whole or in part) by you. You can obtain a residential loan for constructing a new residence or purchasing an existing residence, but **not** for refinancing or prepaying an existing mortgage, for renovations or repairs, for buying out another person's share in your current residence, or for the purchase of land only.

You may have **only one general purpose loan and one residential loan** outstanding at any one time.

**Minimum loan amount.** The smallest amount you can borrow is \$1,000 of your own contributions and earnings.

**Maximum loan amount.** The maximum loan amount you can borrow is the *smallest* of the following:

- (1) Your own contributions and earnings on those contributions in the TSP account from which you intend to borrow (civilian or uniformed services), not including any outstanding loan balance (the Contributions and Earnings Test);
- (2) 50% of your total vested account balance (including any outstanding loan balance) or \$10,000, whichever is greater, minus any outstanding loan balance (the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Vested Balance Test); or
- (3) \$50,000 minus your highest outstanding loan balance, if any, during the last 12 months (the IRS \$50,000 Test). **Even if the loan is currently paid in full, it will still be considered in the calculation if it was open at any time during the last 12 months.** For example, if you took out a loan for \$35,000, then paid the loan back in full within 12 months, the maximum loan amount you would be eligible to borrow would remain \$15,000 (\$50,000 minus \$35,000, the highest outstanding balance during the last 12 months) even though the money has been returned to your account. **Note:** The above example is based on the assumption that the IRS \$50,000 Test is the lower of the three maximum loan amount tests.



If you have both a civilian account and a uniformed services account, the combined account balances and outstanding loan amounts will be used to calculate the maximum loan amount for Items 2 and 3.

Your account balance is recalculated at the end of each business day based on that day's closing share prices and any transactions processed for your account that night. Therefore, your maximum loan amount may also change each day. To see the maximum loan amount you are eligible to borrow, log into My Account on the TSP website, and click on "TSP Loans" on the left-hand menu. The maximum loan amount you can borrow will be displayed in the center of the page.

**When you borrow from your TSP account**, the loan is disbursed proportionally from any traditional (non-Roth) and Roth balances in your account. Similarly, if you are a uniformed services employee with tax-exempt contributions in your traditional balance, your loan will contain a proportional amount of tax-exempt contributions as well. If your TSP account is invested in more than one fund, your loan is deducted proportionally from the employee contributions (and earnings on those contributions) that you have in each fund. Your total account balance is decreased by the amount of your loan.

**When you repay your loan**, your payments (including interest) are deposited back into the traditional (non-Roth) and Roth balances of your account in the same proportion used for your loan disbursement. The repayment amount is invested in your TSP account according to your most recent contribution allocation.

**The loan interest rate** you pay for the life of the loan will be the G Fund's interest rate that is in effect on the date that your Loan Agreement is generated.

**You must be in pay status to get a TSP loan** because loan payments are submitted through payroll deductions. Therefore, if you are not currently receiving pay (i.e., you are in nonpay status), you will not be eligible for a TSP loan.

- For **civilian** TSP participants, nonpay status includes leave without pay and furlough.
- Most **uniformed services members** will never be in nonpay status. However, if you are a member of the Ready Reserve and you have been approved by your command for non-attendance of scheduled drill dates or you have been approved by your command to perform your yearly drill schedule over a one- or two-month period, you are considered, for TSP purposes, to be in nonpay status during the

months you do not drill. When you return to pay status, you may apply for a TSP loan.

**Note:** If your unit does not drill in a given month, you are **not** considered to be in nonpay status.

See Appendix I, How Nonpay Status Affects Your TSP Loan, for more information.

**By law, your spouse has certain rights to your TSP account.** Therefore, when you request a loan, you must indicate whether you are married, even if you are separated from your spouse. If you are married, the following rules apply:

- **If you are a FERS participant or a member of the uniformed services,** your spouse must consent to your TSP loan by signing the Loan Agreement that the TSP will send you (or that you print from the TSP website, if you request a loan online).
- **If you are a CSRS participant,** the TSP must notify your spouse when you apply for a loan.

Exceptions may be approved under certain very limited circumstances. For more information, refer to Form TSP-16, Exception to Spousal Requirements (TSP-U-16 for members of the uniformed services), which is available from the TSP website, or from your agency or service.

The TSP will pursue, and refer to the Department of Justice for prosecution, any person who attempts to deprive a spouse of his or her TSP rights by forging the spouse's signature, by lying about marital status, or by taking similar fraudulent actions.

**If you have a court order against your account, you will not be able to get a loan.** The TSP must honor certain orders, such as those that enforce payment of child support or alimony, or that award a portion of your account to a former spouse. When the TSP receives a court order, a hold is placed on your account. You cannot get a loan until the court order has been satisfied. For more information about court orders, read the TSP booklet *Court Orders and Powers of Attorney*, available from the TSP website, your agency or service, or the TSP.

# Applying for a Loan

## You can apply for a TSP loan in one of two ways:


- **Electronic Request**— TSP website, [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)

The TSP website is the most efficient way to request a loan. Log into the secure My Account section using your 13-digit TSP account number (or customized Web user ID) and your TSP Web password. Depending upon your retirement system coverage (FERS, CSRS, or uniformed services), marital status, type of loan, and how you want to receive the loan payment (by check or direct deposit), you will either be able to complete the process online, or you will be instructed to print out the partially completed Loan Agreement, complete the form, and mail or fax it to the TSP (with any additional required information). The TSP must receive the Loan Agreement **before** the expiration date at the top of the agreement.

- **Paper Request**— Form TSP-20, Loan Application

Mail or fax your completed Loan Application to the TSP. Loan applications are available from the Forms & Publications section of the TSP website, or from your agency or service. The TSP will then send you a Loan Agreement with the terms of the loan. Complete the form, and return it to the TSP (with any additional required information). The TSP must receive the Loan Agreement **before** the expiration date at the top of the agreement.

If you are requesting a **residential loan**, you are required to document the costs associated with the purchase or construction of a primary residence. See Appendix II for a list of acceptable documentation.



If you do not return all of the required documents by the expiration date, you will have to reapply by submitting another Form TSP-20, Loan Application, or by applying online.

**The TSP will deduct a \$50 fee from the proceeds of the loan to cover administrative costs.** This fee will be deducted proportionally from any traditional (non-Roth) and Roth money included in the loan amount. Your



total loan amount will be reduced by the amount of the fee. For example, if you request a loan for \$5,000, the TSP will deduct the \$50 fee, and the amount paid to you will be \$4,950. You cannot send a personal check to the TSP to pay the loan fee.

You can request that your loan be sent directly to your financial institution by electronic funds transfer (EFT). EFT is a safer method of payment than issuing a check. Please verify the routing number of your financial institution and your account number **before** you submit this information to the TSP. EFT payments can be made only to financial institutions in the United States. **Note:** If you request an EFT, your loan request cannot be completed online.

If you do not request an EFT, or if the EFT information you provide is incomplete or invalid (and the rest of your form is completed correctly), your loan will be paid to you by **check**. It will be mailed to the address in your TSP account record. This address will be printed on the first page of your Loan Agreement. **If your address is not correct, contact your agency or service to have your correct address submitted to the TSP before you apply for a loan. Lost, stolen, damaged, or misdirected checks can take 6 weeks or longer to replace.**

**If you make your loan request on the TSP website AND you are able to complete the process online**, your loan will generally be disbursed from the TSP within 3 business days, and a check will be mailed to you. It may take an additional 5 to 10 days to receive the check.

**If you complete a paper Loan Agreement**, it may take several weeks from the time the TSP receives your properly completed Loan Agreement until your loan is processed and you or your financial institution receives your loan. Improperly completed forms or invalid residential loan documentation will delay the processing of your loan.

**Your loan may be less than the amount shown on your Loan Agreement.** This can occur if the value of your account has declined. In this case, you will receive your loan in the smaller amount **unless the amount you are eligible to borrow has dropped below the \$1,000 minimum loan amount.** The repayment period will be the same, but your loan payment amount will be reduced. You will receive a written confirmation of the loan disbursement, which will show the required payment amount.

# Repaying a Loan

**Regularly scheduled loan payments are made through payroll deductions.** When your loan is disbursed, the TSP will notify your payroll office immediately to begin deducting loan payments from your salary each pay period. **Loan payments must start within 60 days of disbursement.** Check your earnings and leave statement to be sure that loan payments have started and that they are in the correct amount.

**You are responsible for ensuring that correct loan payments are submitted on time.** It does not matter whether your agency or service was responsible for a missed loan payment. You must pay the missed amount directly to the TSP using your own personal funds in order to avoid a taxable distribution (see page 10). Your payroll office cannot make up missed payments from your paycheck.

**You can reamortize<sup>1</sup> your loan at any time** to change your payment amount or to shorten or lengthen your term, so long as you do not exceed the 5-year maximum term for a general purpose loan or the 15-year maximum term for a residential loan. There are no restrictions on the number of reamortizations that you can have during the life of a loan. You can reamortize your loan on the TSP website or by calling the TSP.

**If you change agencies or payroll offices**—for example, when you transfer from one civilian agency to another, from one component of the uniformed services to another, or from active duty to Ready Reserves—you must inform your new agency or service that you have a TSP loan, and instruct it to continue your TSP loan payments. You are responsible for submitting loan payments directly to the TSP until your new agency or service begins deducting loan payments from your pay. If you transfer to an agency that has a **different pay cycle** from your previous agency, you should reamortize your loan to update the pay cycle and avoid missing loan payments.

**Members of the Ready Reserves** whose drilling intervals are irregular (that is, other than monthly) and **civilians with intermittent pay schedules** should consult with their agencies or services before taking a loan

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<sup>1</sup> Reamortizing your loan means that you can adjust the terms of your loan to change the loan payment or to shorten or lengthen the loan term. You may do so as long as you do not exceed the maximum term limit for your particular type of loan. You can reamortize your loan on the TSP website or by calling the TSP.

from their TSP accounts so that they do not miss loan payments that could result in tax consequences. For more information, see Appendix I, How Nonpay Status Affects Your TSP Loan.

**You cannot suspend your loan payments.** When you agree to the loan terms, you agree to repay the loan in full, and you authorize payroll deductions. (If you are in nonpay status, please see Appendix I.) If you are experiencing financial difficulties, you may be able to reamortize your loan to reduce the amount of each payment, but you cannot suspend or stop your loan payments.

The TSP will report your loan payments on your **quarterly participant statement**, and provide an annual loan summary on your **annual participant statement**. Review your statements carefully and report any discrepancies to your agency or service. You can also review the loan payments you have made within the last 90 days by logging into My Account on the TSP website.

**Missed loan payments?** At the end of each calendar quarter, the TSP identifies accounts with missing loan payments. If you missed loan payments, the TSP will send a notice to you indicating that you have until the end of the following calendar quarter to pay the missing amount. If you do not pay the missing amount by the date shown on the notice, you may face serious tax consequences (see page 10).

**You can make additional loan payments** to restore your account more quickly or to make up for missed payments. Payments can be made by personal check or money order. Make your check or money order payable to the Thrift Savings Plan, and send your payment with a Loan Payment Coupon (TSP-26), which can be downloaded from the TSP website. Be sure to provide your complete TSP account number and your loan number on the check or money order **and** the Loan Payment Coupon to help us identify your account. (If any information is missing, your payment will be returned to you.) You will receive a notice confirming your payment. Please allow several days for processing upon receipt of your payment (see page 19).

**You can also prepay your loan in full** at any time without a prepayment penalty using the same procedures outlined above. The TSP website or the ThriftLine can provide you with the prepayment amount, which includes all unpaid principal and any unpaid interest. The TSP will notify you and your payroll office when your loan has been paid in full. If payments continue, contact your payroll office immediately.

# Taxable Distribution

The TSP must declare a **taxable distribution** on the **entire** unpaid balance (including any accrued interest) of your loan if: (1) your loan is in default (i.e., you miss loan payments or your payments are made for less than the amount required), and you do not submit the amount needed to bring your payments up-to-date within the time period specified by the TSP; (2) you do not repay your loan in full by the maximum term limit (5 years for a general purpose loan; 15 years for a residential loan); or (3) you separate from Federal service and do not repay your loan in full.

When the TSP declares a taxable distribution, the IRS considers the unpaid balance of your loan to be taxable income. In addition, if you are under age 59½, you may have to pay a 10% early withdrawal penalty tax. Once a taxable distribution has been declared, the loan is closed, and you will not be allowed to repay it.

If any part of your loan is associated with **tax-exempt and/or Roth contributions**, those contributions will **not** be subject to tax. However, the following conditions apply to Roth **earnings**:

- If the taxable distribution is declared because **you separate from Federal service**, any Roth earnings that are not qualified<sup>2</sup> will be subject to tax. However, Roth earnings that are qualified will not be subject to tax.
- If the taxable distribution is declared for **another reason** (such as a default on your loan), the Roth earnings will be subject to tax, even if you have already met the conditions necessary for your Roth earnings to be qualified.

**A taxable distribution permanently reduces your TSP account.** If the TSP declares a taxable distribution of your loan, your final account balance at retirement will be less than it otherwise would have been.

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<sup>2</sup> Roth earnings become qualified (i.e., paid tax-free) when the following two conditions have been met: (1) 5 years have passed since January 1 of the calendar year in which you made your first Roth contribution **and** (2) you have reached age 59½ or have a permanent disability. **Note:** The TSP cannot certify to the IRS that you meet the Internal Revenue Code's definition of disability when your taxes are reported. Therefore, you must provide the justification to the IRS when you file your taxes.

**A taxable distribution will affect your eligibility for another loan.** You cannot apply for another loan from that account within 12 months of the date of the distribution (unless the distribution was due to separation).



Consult the IRS or a tax advisor for information and advice if your loan is declared a taxable distribution. The TSP will send you the appropriate tax form by January 31 of the year after the distribution.

## Separated Participants

**If you leave Federal service,** your loan must be closed within 90 days of the date when your agency or service reports your separation to the TSP. You may:

- Repay your loan in full;
- Partially repay your loan, and receive a taxable distribution on the remaining outstanding balance; or
- Receive a taxable distribution of the entire outstanding loan balance.

**Note:** A withdrawal cannot be processed from your account until your loan has been closed.

When your agency or service reports your separation, you will be sent a notice with instructions. If the TSP does not receive payment in full by the required date shown on the notice, a taxable distribution will be declared. You will have to pay Federal income tax on the unpaid balance of your loan. Also, you may be subject to the IRS 10% early withdrawal penalty tax, unless you separate from Federal service in the calendar year you are age 55 or older.

You may be able to roll over (i.e., deposit within 60 days of the taxable distribution) any or all of the taxable amount of the distribution into an IRA or an eligible employer plan using your personal funds. You thereby avoid taxes and penalties on that amount. Members of the uniformed services can also roll over tax-exempt amounts to an IRA **if** the IRA will accept them. For more specific information about rollover rules, see the TSP tax notice, “Important Tax Information About Payments From Your TSP Account,” available on the TSP website. You may also want to

consult with a tax advisor regarding your eligibility for, and the tax consequences of, making a rollover.

**If you are a civilian employee who separated to perform military service** and a taxable distribution was declared for the loan from your civilian account, you may be eligible to reverse the distribution when you return to Federal civilian service. For more information, see the fact sheet, TSP Benefits That Apply to Members of the Military Who Return to Federal Civilian Service, available on the TSP website.

## Participant Death

**In the event of your death**, the outstanding loan balance plus any unpaid interest is reported as a taxable distribution to your estate. Your loan cannot be repaid. The distribution is **not** subject to an early withdrawal penalty tax. However, any nonqualified Roth earnings included in the distribution will be subject to Federal tax.

# Appendix I

## How Nonpay Status Affects Your TSP Loan

You may suspend loan payments while in nonpay status (e.g., furlough or leave without pay) under the following conditions:

- If you go into approved nonpay status, loan payments can be suspended for up to one year of the nonpay period. If your nonpay period exceeds one year, loan payments can no longer be suspended. Your loan will be automatically reamortized at the end of the calendar quarter (March, June, September, or December) following the expiration of your one-year limit. Once you have received confirmation of your reamortization, you must make loan payments directly to the TSP from your personal funds to avoid being in default. These loan payments are required even if you are still in nonpay status. **Note:** The TSP will not automatically remove the nonpay hold on your account when your loan is reamortized after you reach the one-year limit. This will happen only when you return to pay status and you or your agency or service submits one of the documents listed below.
- If you are a civilian and go into approved nonpay status to perform **military service**, loan payments can be suspended until you return to pay status, even if this is longer than one year. (You cannot repay your civilian TSP loan by making loan deductions from your uniformed services pay.) **Note:** If the nonpay documentation submitted to the TSP does not specify that you are in nonpay status to perform military service, the suspension of your loan payments cannot exceed the one-year period described above. If your agency or service reports you as **separated** from civilian service to perform military service (rather than in nonpay), your loan must be closed within 90 days of the date when your agency or service reports your separation to the TSP (see page 11).

**When you begin your period of nonpay status**, ask your **agency or service** to submit one of the following to the TSP:

- Form TSP-41, Notification to TSP of Nonpay Status; or
- Form SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action; or

- a letter on agency or service letterhead, signed by an appropriate agency official (or your commander or adjutant), and containing your name, date of birth, and Social Security number; the beginning date of the nonpay status; the type of nonpay (military or general); and the signature and title of the agency or service representative providing the information.

**Or you** may submit the following documentation directly to the TSP:

- Form SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action; or
- a copy of your military orders.

Any documentation that you or your agency or service submits must indicate whether your nonpay status is due to military service or for another reason. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that the TSP receives the proper documentation **immediately after** you enter nonpay status and **prior to** the declaration of a taxable distribution in order for your loan payments to be suspended. Otherwise, you must send loan payments directly to the TSP while in nonpay status or risk defaulting on your loan.

**Interest on your loan will continue to accrue while loan payments are suspended.** For this reason, you may want to continue making loan payments while in nonpay status. To continue making loan payments, send a personal check or money order to the TSP. Use the Loan Payment Coupon (TSP-26) when you send in your payments. The coupon can be found on the TSP website.

**When you return from nonpay status,** you or your agency or service must notify the TSP of your date of return using any type of documentation described on pages 13 – 14. Once the TSP is informed that you have returned to pay status, your loan will be reamortized automatically, and your loan payments made by payroll deductions must resume. Your reamortized loan payments must repay your loan by the maximum time allowed (5 years for a general purpose loan; 15 years for a residential loan). If your current loan payment amount will repay your loan within this time period, your loan payment amount will not be changed. However, if your current loan payment amount will **not** repay the reamortized loan in full within this time period, your loan payment amount will be



increased. If you are in a position that routinely goes into nonpay status, be aware that your loan payments could increase substantially over the term of the loan. Any loan payments received by the TSP during the nonpay period will be taken into account when the loan is reamortized.

If you are on approved leave without pay to work full time for an employee organization under which your TSP contributions may continue, or if you are on an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment, you are eligible to apply for a TSP loan, but you may be required to send loan payments directly to the TSP while in this status. If you already have a loan when you begin your period of approved leave without pay, and your employee organization does not submit contributions or loan payments to the TSP, you must continue making your loan payments by submitting them directly to the TSP using your own personal funds. See your personnel or benefits officer for information about your TSP account.

**Note to members of the Ready Reserve: If you have a loan from your civilian account and you are called to active military duty, you may elect to change the interest rate on your TSP loan to 6% for the period of your military duty, subject to the Service Members Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. § 501). Write or call the TSP for more information.**



For more information about how nonpay status affects TSP loans, see the fact sheet, *Effect of Nonpay Status on Your TSP Account*, available from the TSP website or from your agency or service.

# Appendix II

## Requirements for Residential Loan Documentation

When you request a residential loan, you must provide supporting documentation that shows the costs associated with the purchase or construction of your primary residence.<sup>1</sup> The TSP must receive this documentation before your loan can be approved. On each document you submit, write your name, TSP account number, and TSP loan number. Do not submit original documents; they will not be returned.

### All of your documentation must:

- be from a third party (that is, someone who is selling the home to you or building it for you);
- be dated no more than 24 months before the expiration date on the TSP Loan Agreement;
- show you or your spouse as the purchaser or that the residence is being built for you;
- show the purchase or construction price;
- show the full address of the primary residence;
- show signatures of buyer and seller (contracts only).

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<sup>1</sup> A primary residence is one that you plan to live in for most of the year. A vacation home or a second home is not considered a primary residence.

# Acceptable Types of Documentation

## Purchase of House/Townhouse/Condo

- Contract, **or**
- Final (not estimated) settlement sheet

**Construction of New Home** — *Your documentation must clearly show that an entire home is being built and that you have receipts that total at least the loan amount you are requesting.*

- Construction contract(s), **or**
- Building permits
- Blueprints
- Utility permits
- Material receipts

## Purchase of a Co-op

- Documentation showing that you own shares in a co-op, **and**
- Complete purchase contract showing the sale price, **or**
- Final (not estimated) settlement sheet

## Purchase of Mobile Home<sup>2</sup>

- Contract with serial number (or other identifying number) **and**
- Address where vehicle will be located

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<sup>2</sup> A mobile home is a house trailer that can be installed on a permanent site and used as a home. Although a mobile home is movable, it requires another vehicle (e.g., a truck) to transport it from one site to another.

**Purchase of Recreational Vehicle (RV)**<sup>3</sup>— *RVs are commonly used solely for recreational purposes or only on a part-time basis (e.g., summer travel). Therefore, stricter documentation requirements are needed.*

- Contract with serial number (or other identifying number),
- Address where vehicle will be located,
- Description of vehicle’s facilities and accommodations, **and**
- Signed statement that RV will be your primary residence

**Purchase of Boat**— *Boats are commonly used solely for recreational purposes or only on a part-time basis (e.g., summer travel). Therefore, stricter documentation requirements are needed.*

- Contract with serial number (or other identifying number),
- Description of the on-board facilities and accommodations,
- Letter from marina or other location where the boat will be moored, **and**
- Signed statement that the boat will be your primary residence

**Note:** A buyer/broker agreement or a Mortgage Application or Statement is **not** an acceptable form of documentation. However, other limited forms of documentation may be adequate under certain circumstances (e.g., legal/court documentation for auction purchases). If you are unsure if your documentation is acceptable, contact the TSP.

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<sup>3</sup> A recreational vehicle (RV) is a motorized wheeled vehicle that can be used as a home. It does not require the use of another vehicle to move it from one location to another.

# Appendix III

## Checklist for Making Loan Payments Directly to the TSP\*

- ✓ Obtain a Loan Payment Coupon (TSP-26) from the TSP website ([www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)) and print **all** information on the coupon, including your TSP account number and loan number, to help us identify your account. Otherwise, your payment will be returned to you.
- ✓ You may make your payment with a personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the **Thrift Savings Plan**.
- ✓ If you do not know your loan number, check your account on the TSP website or call the TSP ThriftLine, 1-TSP-YOU-FRST (1-877-968-3778).
- ✓ Sign your check. Do not send cash.
- ✓ If you want to make payments for more than one loan, send a separate check (or money order) and coupon for each loan.
- ✓ Do not send correspondence or other TSP forms with the coupon.
- ✓ Mail the coupon and your check to:

**Thrift Savings Plan**  
**P.O. Box 979004**  
**St. Louis, MO 63197-9000**

Send overnight deliveries to:

**U.S. Bank**  
**Box 9004**  
**Government Lockbox SL-MO-C2GL**  
**1005 Convention Plaza**  
**St. Louis, MO 63101**

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\* Regularly scheduled loan payments are made through payroll deductions. Use this check list if you would like to make additional loan payments to restore your account more quickly or to make up for missed payments.

# Sources of Loan Information

## **TSP Website, [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov), offers:**

- General information about the loan program, including the current loan interest rate
- Forms and publications
- Loan calculator to estimate loan payments based on specific terms
- Examples of documentation required for a residential loan

## **In the My Account section (using your TSP account number or Web user ID and TSP Web password), you can:**

- Learn the amount in your TSP account that is available for you to borrow
- Obtain the current loan interest rate
- Estimate the amount or repayment term of your loan payments
- Start (and possibly complete) a loan request
- Check the status of your loan request
- Change the terms of your loan
- Obtain your outstanding loan balance
- See your overdue loan (cure) amount if you have missed a payment
- Get prepayment information

## **TSP ThriftLine, 1-TSP-YOU-FRST\* (1-877-968-3778)**

### **Using your TSP account number and your TSP PIN to access your account, you can:**

- Learn the amount in your TSP account that is available for you to borrow
- Obtain the current loan interest rate
- Check the status of your loan request
- Get prepayment information

\*Outside the U.S. and Canada, call 404-233-4400 (not toll free).

Forms and correspondence (other than loan payments) should be mailed to:

**Thrift Savings Plan**  
**P.O. Box 385021**  
**Birmingham, AL 35238**

Or faxed to:

**1-866-817-5023**



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