§ 17.159 Application of offset funds: Federal payment is insufficient to cover amount of debt.

If an offset of a Federal payment is insufficient to satisfy a debt, the Secretary will continue the certification to the Department of the Treasury to collect further on the debt. If, in the following year, the debt has become legally unenforceable because of the lapse of the statute of limitations, the debt will be reported to the IRS as a cancelled debt in accordance with § 17.150(d).

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§ 17.160 Time limitation for notifying the Department of the Treasury to request offset of Federal payments due.

(a) The Secretary may not initiate offset of Federal payments due to collect a debt for which authority to collect arises under 31 U.S.C. 3716 more than 10 years after the Secretary's right to collect the debt first accrued, unless facts material to the Secretary's right to collect the debt were not known and could not reasonably have been known by the officials of the Department who were responsible for discovering and collecting such debts.

(b) When the debt first accrued is determined according to existing law regarding the accrual of debts. (See, for example, 28 U.S.C. 2415.)


§ 17.161 Correspondence with the Department.

(a) All correspondence from the debtor or to the Office of Appeals concerning the right to review as described in § 17.152 shall be addressed to the Office of Appeals, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, SW., Room B-133, Washington, DC 20410.

(b) The request for review of Departmental records should be addressed to the Title I Representative whose address appears in the Notice of Intent of Offset. All requests for review of departmental records must be marked: Attention: Records Inspection Request.

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PART 18—INDEMNIFICATION OF HUD EMPLOYEES

SOURCE: 62 FR 6096, Feb. 19, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

§ 18.1 Policy.

(a) The Department of Housing and Urban Development may indemnify, in whole or in part, a Department employee (which for the purpose of this part includes a former Department employee) for any verdict, judgment or award that was rendered against any such employee, provided the Secretary or his or her designee determines that:

1. The conduct giving rise to the verdict, judgment or award was taken within the scope of his or her employment with the Department; and

2. Such indemnification is in the interest of the United States.