

estate a guardian or similar representative has been appointed, except that a coowner or beneficiary may not be named on bonds purchased with funds belonging to the incompetent. The registration must include appropriate reference to the guardianship or similar fiduciary estate. Bonds should not be registered in the name of an incompetent unless there is a representative for his or her estate, except as provided in § 353.64.

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### § 353.7 Authorized forms of registration.

Subject to any limitations or restrictions contained in these regulations on the right of any person to be named as owner, coowner, or beneficiary, bonds should be registered as indicated below. A savings bond registered in a form not substantially in agreement with one of the forms authorized by this subpart is not considered validly issued.

(a) *Natural persons.* A bond may be registered in the names of individuals in their own right, but only in one of the forms authorized by this paragraph.

(1) *Single ownership form.* A bond may be registered in the name of one individual. Example:

John A. Jones 123-45-6789.

(2) *Coownership form.* A bond may be registered in the names of two individuals in the alternative as coowners. The form of registration "A and B" is not authorized. Examples:

John A. Jones 123-45-6789 or Ella S. Jones 987-65-4321.

John A. Jones 123-45-6789 or (Miss, Ms. or Mrs.) Ella S. Jones.

Ella S. Jones 987-65-4321 or John A. Jones.

(3) *Beneficiary form.* A bond may be registered in the name of one individual payable on death to another. "Payable on death to" may be abbreviated to "P.O.D." Examples:

John A. Jones 123-45-6789 payable on death to Mrs. Ella S. Jones.

John A. Jones 123-45-6789 P.O.D. Ella S. Jones 987-65-4321.

(b) *Fiduciaries (including legal guardians and similar representatives, certain*

*custodians, natural guardians, executors, administrators, and trustees)*—(1) *General.* A bond may be registered in the name of any person or persons or any organization acting as fiduciary of a single fiduciary estate, but not where the fiduciary will hold the bond merely or principally as security for the performance of a duty, obligation, or service. Registration should conform to a form authorized by this paragraph. A coowner or beneficiary may be named only in accordance with the applicable provisions of § 353.6 (c) and (d). A common trust fund established and maintained by a financial institution authorized to act as a fiduciary will be considered a single fiduciary estate within the meaning of these regulations.

(2) *Legal guardians, conservators, similar representatives, certain custodians.* A bond may be registered in the name and title or capacity of the legally appointed or authorized representative of the estate of a minor, incompetent, aged or infirm person, absentee, et al., or in the name of that individual followed by an appropriate reference to the estate. Examples:

Tenth National Bank, guardian (or conservator, trustee, etc.) of the estate of George N. Brown 123-45-6789, a minor (or an incompetent, aged person, infirm person, or absentee).

Henry C. Smith, conservator of the estate of John R. White 123-45-6789, an adult, pursuant to Sec. 633.572 of the Iowa Code.

John F. Green 123-45-6789, a minor (or an incompetent) under custodianship by designation of the Veterans Administration.

Frank M. Redd 123-45-6789, an incompetent for whom Eric A. Redd has been designated trustee by the Department of the Army pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 602.

Arnold A. Ames, as custodian for Barry B. Bryan 123-45-6789, under the California Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.

Thomas J. Reed, as custodian for Lawrence W. Reed 123-45-6789, a minor, under laws of Georgia.

Richard A. Rowe 123-45-6789, for whom Reba L. Rowe is representative payee for social security benefits (or black lung benefits, as the case may be). (If the beneficiary is a minor, the words "a minor" should appear immediately after the social security number.)

Henry L. Green 123-45-6789 or George M. Brown, a minor under legal guardianship of the Tenth National Bank.

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Henry L. Green 123-45-6789 P.O.D. George M. Brown, a minor under legal guardianship of the Tenth National Bank.

Redd State Hospital and School, selected payee for John A. Jones 123-45-6789, a Civil Service annuitant, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8345(e).

(3) *Natural guardians.* A bond may be registered in the name of either parent (natural and adoptive) of a minor, as natural guardian. The registration of a bond in this form is considered as establishing a fiduciary relationship. A coowner or beneficiary may be named but only if the funds used to purchase the bonds do not belong to the minor. Examples:

John A. Jones, as natural guardian for Henry M. Jones 123-45-6789.

Melba Smith, as natural guardian for Thelma Smith 123-45-6789 P.O.D. Bartholomew Smith.

(4) *Executors and administrators.* A bond may be registered in the name of the representative appointed by a court to act for an estate of a decedent, or in the name of an executor authorized to administer a trust under the terms of a will although not named trustee. The name and capacity of all the representatives as shown in the letters of appointment must be included in the registration and be followed by an adequate identifying reference to the estate. Examples:

John H. Smith and Calvin N. Jones, executors of the will (or administrators of the estate) of Robert J. Smith, deceased, 12-3456789.

John H. Smith, executor of the will of Robert J. Smith, deceased, in trust for Mrs. Jane L. Smith, with remainder over, 12-3456789.

(5) *Trustees or life tenants under wills, deeds of trust, agreements, or similar instruments.* A bond may be registered in the name and title of the trustee of a trust estate, or in the name of a life tenant, followed by an adequate identifying reference to the authority governing the trust or life tenancy. Examples:

Thomas J. White and Tenth National Bank, trustees under the will of Robert J. Smith, deceased, 12-3456789.

Jane N. Black 123-45-6789, life tenant under the will of Robert J. Black, deceased.

Tenth National Bank, trustee under agreement with Paul E. White, dated 2/1/80, 12-3456789.

Carl A. Black and Henry B. Green, trustees under agreement with Paul E. White, dated 2/1/80, 12-3456789.

Paul E. White, trustee under declaration of trust dated 2/1/80, 12-3456789.

(i) If the trust instrument designates by title only an officer of a board or an organization as trustee, only the title of the officer should be used. Example:

Chairman, Board of Trustees, First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Chicago, Illinois, in trust under the will of Robert J. Smith, deceased, 12-3456789.

(ii) The names of all trustees, in the form used in the trust instrument, must be included in the registration, except as follows:

(A) If there are several trustees designated as a board or they are required to act as a unit, their names may be omitted and the words "Board of Trustees" substituted for the word "trustee". Example:

Board of Trustees of Immediate Relief Trust of Federal Aid Association, under trust indenture dated 2/1/80, 12-3456789.

(B) If the trustees do not constitute a board or are not required to act as a unit, and are too numerous to be designated in the registration by names and title, some or all the names may be omitted. Examples:

John A. Smith, Henry B. Jones, et al., trustees under the will of Edwin O. Mann, deceased, 12-3456789.

Trustees under the will of Edwin O. Mann, deceased, 12-3456789.

(6) *Employee thrift, savings, vacation and similar plans.* A bond may be registered in the name and title, or title alone, of the trustee of an eligible employee thrift, savings, vacation or similar plan, as defined in §353.13(a). If the instrument creating the trust provides that the trustees shall serve for a limited term, their names may be omitted. Examples:

Tenth National Bank, trustee of Pension Fund of Safety Manufacturing Company, U/A with the company, dated March 31, 1980, 12-3456789.

Trustees of Retirement Fund of Safety Manufacturing Company, under directors' resolution adopted March 31, 1980, 12-3456789.

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County Trust company, trustee of the Employee Savings Plan of Jones Company, Inc., U/A dated January 17, 1980, 12-3456789. Trustee of the Employee Savings Plan of Brown Brothers, Inc., U/A dated January 20, 1980, 12-3456789.

(7) *Funds of lodges, churches, societies, or similar organizations.* A bond may be registered in the title of the trustees, or a board of trustees, holding funds in trust for a lodge, church, or society, or similar organization, whether or not incorporated. Examples:

Trustees of the First Baptist Church, Akron, OH, acting as a Board under section 15 of its bylaws, 12-3456789.

Trustees of Jamestown Lodge No. 1000, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, under section 10 of its bylaws, 12-3456789.

Board of Trustees of Lotus Club, Washington, IN, under Article 10 of its constitution, 12-3456789.

(8) *Investment agents for religious, educational, charitable and non-profit organizations.* A bond may be registered in the name of a bank, trust company, or other financial institution, or an individual, as agent under an agreement with a religious, educational, charitable or non-profit organization, whether or not incorporated, if the agent holds funds for the sole purpose of investing them and paying the income to the organization. The name and designation of the agent must be followed by an adequate reference to the agreement. Examples:

Tenth National Bank, fiscal agent U/A with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, dated 12/28/80, 12-3456789.

Sixth Trust Company, Investment Agent U/A dated September 16, 1980, with Central City Post, Department of Illinois, American Legion, 12-3456789.

John Jones, Investment Agent U/A dated September 16, 1980, with Central City Post, Department of Illinois, American Legion, 12-3456789.

(9) *Funds of school groups or activities.* A bond may be registered in the title of the principal or other officer of a public, private, or parochial school holding funds in trust for a student body fund or for a class, group, or activity. If the amount purchased for any one fund does not exceed \$2,500 (face amount), no reference need be made to a trust instrument. Examples:

Principal, Western High School, in trust for the Class of 1980 Library Fund, 12-3456789.

Director of Athletics, Western High School, in trust for Student Activities Association, under resolution adopted 5/12/80, 12-3456789.

(10) *Public corporations, bodies, or officers as trustees.* A bond may be registered in the name of a public corporation or a public body, or in the title of a public officer, acting as trustee under express authority of law, followed by an appropriate reference to the statute creating the trust. Examples:

Rhode Island Investment Commission, trustee of the General Sinking Fund under Title 35, Ch. 8, Gen. Laws of Rhode Island.

Superintendent of the Austin State Hospital Annex, in trust for the Benefit Fund under Article 3183C, Vernon's Civ. Stat. of Texas Ann.

(c) *Private organizations (corporations, associations, partnerships)*—(1) *General.* A bond may be registered in the name of any private organization in its own right. The full legal name of the organization as set forth in its charter, articles of incorporation, constitution, partnership agreement, or other authority from which its powers are derived, must be included in the registration and may be followed by a parenthetical reference to a particular account other than a trust account.

(2) *Corporations.* A bond may be registered in the name of a business, fraternal, religious, non-profit, or other private corporation. The words "a corporation" must be included in the registration unless the fact of incorporation is shown in the name. Examples:

Smith Manufacturing Company, a corporation, 12-3456789.

Green and Redd, Inc., 12-3456789 (Depreciation Acct.)

(3) *Unincorporated associations.* A bond may be registered in the name of a club, lodge, society, or a similar self-governing association which is unincorporated. The words "an unincorporated association" must be included in the registration. This form of registration must not be used for a trust fund, board of trustees, a partnership, or a sole proprietorship. If the association is chartered by or affiliated with a parent organization, the name or designation of the subordinate or local organization must be given first, followed

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by the name of the parent organization. The name of the parent organization may be placed in parentheses and, if well known, may be abbreviated. Examples:

The Lotus Club, an unincorporated association, 12-3456789.

Local 447, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, an unincorporated association, 12-3456789.

Eureka Lodge 317 (A.F. and A.M.), an unincorporated association, 12-3456789.

(4) *Partnerships*. A bond may be registered in the name of a partnership. The words "a partnership" must be included in the registration. Examples:

Smith & Jones, a partnership, 12-3456789.

Acme Novelty Company, a partnership, 12-3456789.

(5) *Sole Proprietorships*. A bond may be registered in the name of an individual who is doing business as a sole proprietor. A reference may be made to the trade name under which the business is conducted. Example:

John Jones DBA Jones Roofing Company 123-45-6789.

(d) *Institutions (churches, hospitals, homes, schools, etc.)*. A bond may be registered in the name of a church, hospital, home, school, or similar institution conducted by a private organization or by private trustees, regardless of the manner in which it is organized or governed or title to its property is held. Descriptive words, such as "a corporation" or "an unincorporated association", must not be included in the registration. Examples:

Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, St. Louis, MO, 12-3456789.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Albany, NY, 12-3456789.

Rodeph Shalom Sunday School, Philadelphia, PA, 12-3456789.

(e) *States, public bodies and corporations, and public officers*. A bond may be registered in the name of a State, county, city, town, village, school district, or other political entity, public body, or corporation established by law (including a board, commission, administration, authority, or agency) which is the owner or official custodian of public funds, other than trust funds, or in the full legal title of the public offi-

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cer having custody of the funds. Examples:

State of Maine.

Town of Rye, NY (Street Improvement Fund).

Maryland State Highway Administration, Treasurer, City of Chicago.

(f) *The United States Treasury*. A person who desires to have a bond become the property of the United States upon his or her death may designate the United States Treasury as coowner or beneficiary. Examples:

George T. Jones 123-45-6789 or the United States Treasury.

George T. Jones 123-45-6789 P.O.D. the United States Treasury.

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### § 353.8 Chain letters prohibited.

The issuance of bonds in the furtherance of a chain letter or pyramid scheme is considered to be against the public interest and is prohibited.

## Subpart C—Limitations on Annual Purchases

### § 353.10 Amounts which may be purchased.

The amount of savings bonds of Series EE and HH which may be purchased and held, in the name of any one person in any one calendar year, is computed according to the provisions of § 353.11 and is limited as follows:

(a) *Series EE*—(1) *General annual limitation*. \$5,000 (principal amount).

(2) *Special limitation*. \$4,000 (face amount) multiplied by the highest number of employees participating in an eligible employee plan, as defined in § 353.13, at any time during the calendar year in which the bonds are issued.

(b) *Series HH*—(1) *General annual limitation*. \$20,000 (face amount).

(2) *Special limitation*. \$200,000 (face amount) for bonds received in a calendar year as gifts by an organization which at the time of purchase was an exempt organization under the terms of 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1.

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