Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

Technical or typographical corrections are not considered to be revisions of a system.

(b) When a system of records is established or revised, the Board will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice about the system. The notice shall include:

(1) The system name,

(2) The system location,

(3) The categories of individuals covered by the system,

(4) The categories of records in the system,

(5) The Board’s authority to maintain the system,

(6) The routine uses of the system,

(7) The Board’s policies and practices for maintenance of the system,

(8) The system manager,

(9) The procedures for notification, access to and correction of records in the system, and

(10) The sources of information for the system.

§ 1630.4 Request for notification and access.

(a) TSP records. (1) Records on TSP participants and the spouses, former spouses, and beneficiaries of TSP participants are maintained in the Governmentwide system of records, FRTIB–1, Thrift Savings Plan Records. A participant or a spouse, former spouse, or beneficiary of a participant must make his or her inquiry in accordance with the chart set forth in this paragraph. The mailing address of the Thrift Savings Plan is provided at http://www.tsp.gov.

(b) Telephone inquiries are subject to the verification procedures set forth in §1630.7. A written inquiry from a participant must include the participant’s name and Social Security number. A written inquiry from a spouse or former spouse of a beneficiary of a participant must include the inquiring party’s name and Social Security number or, if available, the case reference number as well as the name and Social Security number or account number of the participant. Other third party inquiries (e.g., from other Federal agencies authorized to obtain information about the participant’s account) must include, at a minimum, the participant’s name and Social Security number.

To obtain information about or gain access to TSP records about you

If you want: | If you are a participant who is a current Federal employee: | If you are a participant who has separated from Federal employment or a spouse, former spouse, or beneficiary:
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To make inquiry as to whether you are a subject of this system of records: | Call or write to your employing agency in accordance with agency procedures for personnel or payroll records. | Call or write to TSP record keeper.
To gain access to a record about you: | Call or write to your employing agency to request access to personnel and payroll records regarding the agency’s and the participant’s contributions, and adjustments to contributions. Call or write to the TSP record keeper to gain access to loan status and repayments, earnings, contributions allocation elections, interfund transfers, and withdrawal records. | Call or write to TSP record keeper.
To learn the history of disclosures of records about you to entities other than the participant’s employing agency or the Board or auditors see § 1630.4 (a)(4). | Write to TSP record keeper. | Write to TSP record keeper.

(2) Participants may also inquire whether this system contains records about them and access certain records through the account access section of the TSP Web site and the ThriftLine (the TSP’s automated telephone system). The TSP Web site is located at www.tsp.gov. To use the TSP ThriftLine, the participant must have a touch-tone telephone and call the following number: (877) 968–3778. The following information is available on the TSP Web site and the ThriftLine: account balance; available loan amount; the status of a monthly withdrawal payment; the current status of a loan or withdrawal application; and an
interfund transfer request. To access these features, the participant may be required to provide identity and account verification information such as his or her account number, PIN, or Web password.

(3) A Privacy Act request which is incorrectly submitted to the Board will not be considered received until received by the record keeper. The Board will submit such a Privacy Act request to the record keeper within three workdays. A Privacy Act request which is incorrectly submitted to the record keeper will not be considered received until received by the employing agency. The record keeper will submit such a Privacy Act request to the employing agency within three workdays.

(4) No disclosure history will be made when the Board contracts for an audit of TSP financial statements (which includes the review and sampling of TSP account balances).

(5) No disclosure history will be made when the Department of Labor or the General Accounting Office audits TSP financial statements (which includes the review and sampling of TSP account balances) in accordance with their responsibilities under chapter 84 of title 5 of the U.S. Code. Rather, a requester will be advised that these agencies have statutory obligations to audit TSP activities and that in the course of such audits they randomly sample individual TSP accounts to test for account accuracy.

(b) Non-TSP Board records. An individual who wishes to know if a specific system of records maintained by the Board contains a record pertaining to him or her, or who wishes access to such records, shall address a written request to the Privacy Act Officer, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 77 K Street, NE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20002. The request letter should contain the complete name and identifying number of the pertinent system as published in the annual Federal Register notice describing the Board’s Systems of Records; the full name and address of the subject individual; the subject’s Social Security number if a Board employee; a brief description of the nature, time, place, and circumstances of the individual’s prior association with the Board; and any other information the individual believes would help the Privacy Act Officer determine whether the information about the individual is included in the system of records. In instances where the information is insufficient to ensure disclosure to the subject individual to whom the record pertains, the Board reserves the right to ask the requester for additional identifying information. The words “PRIVACY ACT REQUEST” should be printed on both the letter and the envelope.


§ 1630.5 Granting access to a designated individual.

(a) An individual who wishes to have a person of his or her choosing review a record or obtain a copy of a record from the Board or the TSP record keeper shall submit a signed statement authorizing the disclosure of his or her record before the record will be disclosed. The authorization shall be maintained with the record.

(b) The Board or the TSP record keeper will honor any Privacy Act request (e.g., a request to have access or to amend a record) which is accompanied by a valid power of attorney from the subject of the record.


§ 1630.6 Action on request.

(a) For TSP records, the record keeper designee, and for non-TSP records, the Privacy Act Officer will answer or acknowledge the inquiry within 10 work days of the date it is received. When the answer cannot be made within 10 work days, the record keeper or Privacy Act Officer will provide the requester with the date when a response may be expected and, whenever possible, the specific reasons for the delay.

(b) At a minimum, the acknowledgment to a request for access shall include:

(1) When and where the records will be available;

(2) Name, title and telephone number of the official who will make the records available;