§ 363.134 What regulations cover a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

The regulations in part 363 apply to a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness. We expressly disclaim representations or warranties regarding a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that in any way conflict with these regulations and other applicable law.

§ 363.135 In what form is a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness issued?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is issued in electronic form only in the TreasuryDirect® system.

§ 363.136 Do zero-percent certificates of indebtedness pay interest?

Zero-percent certificates of indebtedness do not pay any interest. However, the Secretary may prescribe a rate of interest, or change the interest rate, for zero-percent certificates of indebtedness by announcement at any time. The new rate would apply to zero-percent certificates of indebtedness issued thereafter, as provided in the announcement. The Secretary’s determination of the rate will be final.

§ 363.137 What do I need to know about the registration of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is automatically registered in the name of the TreasuryDirect® account owner.

§ 363.138 Is Treasury liable for the purchase of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that is made in error?

We are not liable for any deposits of funds for the purchase of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness that are made in error by your financial institution or employer.

§ 363.139 May I transfer or deliver my zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness is nontransferable. You may not deliver a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness to another TreasuryDirect® account as a gift.

§ 363.140 May a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness be pledged or used as collateral?

A zero-percent certificate of indebtedness may not be pledged or used as collateral for the performance of an obligation.

§ 363.141 How do I purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness?

(a) Primary and linked accounts. You may purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness through one or more of the following four methods:

1. Payroll deduction, in which your employer sends funds through the ACH method to your TreasuryDirect® account;
2. Deposit by your financial institution, in which your financial institution sends funds by the ACH method to your TreasuryDirect® account on a recurring or one-time basis;
3. Through the Buy Direct function of your TreasuryDirect® account, in which you direct us to debit funds from your financial institution account to purchase a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness. This method is limited to an amount no greater than $1000 per transaction. When you use the Buy Direct function to debit funds to purchase all or a portion of a zero-percent certificate of indebtedness, you will not be permitted to schedule a redemption to your financial institution from the zero-percent certificate of indebtedness within five business days after the settlement date of the debit entry; and