

## Rural Housing Service, USDA

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(g) *Offsets*. RHS may request offsets as described in §3550.210 to collect amounts owed.

(h) *Escrow funds*. At liquidation all funds held in escrow or unapplied funds will be applied against the debt.

### § 3550.253 Settlement of a debt by compromise or adjustment.

Compromise or adjustment offers may be initiated by the debtor or by RHS. RHS will approve only those compromises and adjustments that are in the best interest of the Government.

(a) *Compromise*. A compromise is an agreement by RHS to release a debtor from liability upon receipt of a specified lump sum that is less than the total amount due.

(b) *Adjustments*. An adjustment is an agreement by RHS to release a debtor from liability generally upon receipt of an initial lump sum representing the maximum amount the debtor can afford to pay and periodic additional payments over a period of up to 5 years.

(c) *Timing of offers*. (1) For a settlement offer to be considered, secured debts must be fully matured under the terms of the debt instrument or must have been accelerated by RHS.

(2) Unsecured debts owed after the sale of the security property may be proposed for compromise or adjustment at any time. Debts that were never secured may be proposed for compromise or adjustment when they are due and payable.

(d) *Retention of security property*. The debtor may retain the security property if the compromise payment is at least equal to the net recovery value, and it is in the best interest of the Government to allow the debtor to retain the security property.

### §§ 3550.254–3550.299 [Reserved]

### § 3550.300 OMB control number.

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