

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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**To All Banking Institutions
and Others Concerned:**

There is reproduced herein for your information Treasury Department Circular No. 560 covering regulations governing Adjusted Service Bonds of 1945.

Your particular attention is invited to the fact that in order for a registered owner to obtain payment of a bond, the bond must be presented at any United States Post Office, or transmitted to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in either case with the request for payment on the back of the bond properly executed. **FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO REDEEM ADJUSTED SERVICE BONDS.**

Yours very truly,

B. A. McKINNEY,

President.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADJUSTED SERVICE BONDS OF 1945

1936
Department Circular No. 560
Public Debt Service

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, June 6, 1936.

TO OWNERS OF ADJUSTED SERVICE BONDS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED :

The following regulations are prescribed, effective on June 15, 1936, to govern bonds of the United States, designated "Adjusted Service Bonds of 1945", issued to veterans in payment of amounts due on Adjusted Service Certificates. The bonds are issued under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936.

PAYMENT TO A REGISTERED OWNER

1. In order for a registered owner to obtain payment of a bond, the bond must be presented at any United States post office, or transmitted to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in either case with the request for payment on the back of the bond properly executed. All signatures must be made in ink or indelible pencil.

2. Postmasters at a number of post offices (hereinafter referred to as paying offices) throughout the country have been authorized to receive bonds presented for payment and to issue checks in payment therefor. All other postmasters are authorized to receive bonds presented for payment, and forward them, at the risk and expense of the United States, to a paying office. The Treasurer of the United States is authorized to issue checks in payment of bonds transmitted to him.

3. *If a bond is to be presented at a paying office, or at any other post office for transmittal to a paying office, the request for payment must be signed by the registered owner in the presence of and must be certified by the postmaster or other authorized post office official at such office, who will receive the bond and issue a receipt therefor.*

4. If a bond is to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the United States for payment, the request for payment must be signed by the registered owner in the presence of and must be certified by one of the officers authorized in paragraph 11, and thereafter the bond must be transmitted to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. In a foreign country, request for payment should be executed as provided in paragraph 11 (e) and the bond forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States.

5. Special arrangements for execution of request for payment will be provided for registered owners who may be inmates of any institution, information concerning which may be obtained from the Treasury Department by the head of the institution.

6. Payment in all cases will be made by check drawn to the order of the registered owner, and mailed to him at the address stated in his request for payment.

PAYMENT IN CASE OF DEATH OR INCOMPETENCE OF REGISTERED OWNER

7. In cases of death or incompetence of the registered owner, if payment is desired, it will be made as hereinafter provided. The provisions of Department Circular 300, as amended, will, so far as applicable, apply to such cases, all of which will be handled only by the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C.

8. *With administration.*—When a legal representative of the estate of a deceased bond owner has been duly appointed, payment will be made only to him. The request for payment should be signed, "Estate of A, deceased, by B, executor (administrator)", must state the address of the representative, and must be signed in the presence of and must be certified by one of the officers authorized in paragraph 11. The bond must then be transmitted to the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C. Unless satisfactory evidence of qualification of the representative is already on file with the Treasury Department, the bond must be accompanied by a certificate (which may be a certified copy of the representative's letter of appointment) under the seal of the court appointing such representative, dated not more than six months before presentation of the bond for payment, showing the appointment and qualification of such representative and stating that the appointment is still in force.

9. *Legal guardianship.*—When the Treasury Department has notice that a legal representative of the estate of an incompetent bond owner has been duly appointed, payment will be made only to such representative. If payment is desired, the request for payment should be signed "A, incompetent, by B, guardian (conservator or committee)" and must state the representative's address. It must be signed in the presence of and must be certified by one of the officers authorized in paragraph 11. The bond must then be transmitted to the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C. Unless satisfactory evidence of qualification of the representative is already on file with the Treasury Department, the bond must be accompanied by a certificate (which may be a certified copy of the court order appointing such representative) under the seal of the court, dated not more than one year before presentation of the bond for payment, and showing the appointment and qualification of such representative.

10. *Without administration or legal guardianship.*—When no legal representative of the estate of a deceased or of an incompetent registered owner has been, or is to be appointed, and payment is desired, and it is established to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury: (1) in the case of a deceased owner either that the value of the gross personal estate does not exceed \$2,000, or that administration of the estate is not required in the State of the decedent's domicile; or (2) in the case of an incompetent owner that the value of the gross personal estate does not exceed \$2,000, and that payment is necessary for the support of the incompetent or his dependents, payment will be made to such representative of the estate as may be recognized by the Secretary of the Treasury. All such payments will be made in accordance with the provisions of Department Circular 300, as amended, insofar as applicable, such provisions to be construed in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, and the provisions of these regulations. Special forms for use in such cases have been prepared and will be furnished upon request. *In all such cases instructions should be requested of the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C., before a request for payment is executed or a bond submitted.*

OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO CERTIFY REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT

11. The following officers are authorized to witness requests for payment and certify thereto:

(a) Any United States postmaster, acting postmaster, inspector in charge of a post office, or other post-office employee designated by the postmaster under authority of the Postmaster General, under a legible imprint of a dating stamp of his post office;

(b) The officer in charge of any home, hospital, or other facility of the Veterans' Administration, but only as to patients and members actually domiciled at the station over which the certifying officer exercises jurisdiction;

(c) Any executive officer of a bank or trust company (or branch thereof) incorporated in the United States, its organized Territories or insular possessions, under the corporate seal of the bank or trust company;

(d) Judges and clerks of United States courts, under the seal of the court; United States Collectors of Customs and Internal Revenue; commanding officers of the Army, Navy, Marine

Corps, and Coast Guard of the United States for members of their respective establishments; officials of the Treasury Department, who may be designated from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury;

(e) In a foreign country: United States diplomatic and consular representatives and attachés, under their respective seals; managers and executive officers of foreign branches of banks or trust companies incorporated in the United States.

12. No person authorized to certify requests for payment may certify a request signed by himself, either in his own right or in any representative capacity.

13. Certifying officers will be held responsible for positive identification of the person requesting payment as the person whose name appears on the face of the bond, or the person entitled to request payment under these regulations, and, if necessary, should require witnesses to identify that person. Provision for signatures and addresses of witnesses, and for fingerprints in exceptional cases, is made on the back of the bond.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

14. No request for payment signed by an agent or person acting under a power of attorney, in behalf of the registered owner or the representative of his estate, will be recognized by the Treasury Department. In no case will any payment be made other than to the registered owner or the representative of his estate.

15. In cases where documents are required to support a request for payment and two or more bonds are presented at the same time, only one set of documents will be required.

TRANSMISSION OF BONDS

16. Any transmission of a bond to the Treasury Department will be at the risk and expense of the owner. The use of registered mail is suggested.

LOST, STOLEN, OR DESTROYED BONDS

17. In case of loss, theft, or destruction of a bond, the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C., should be notified immediately of the serial number of the bond and the name and address of the registered owner. Upon receipt of such notice full information as to requirements for issuance of a duplicate will be provided. Application for relief in such cases will be governed in general by the regulations found in Department Circular 300, as amended. The Treasury Department should likewise be notified of the recovery of any bond reported lost, stolen, or destroyed.

TAXATION

18. In accordance with applicable law, the bonds are exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation, except estate, inheritance, or gift taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

AMENDMENTS

19. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right at any time, or from time to time, to revoke, or amend these regulations, or to prescribe and issue supplemental or amendatory rules and regulations governing Adjusted Service Bonds.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.,
Secretary of the Treasury.