

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO
THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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March 2, 1931

SUBJECT: Amended Regulation G, Series of 1931.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the Board's Regulation G, governing the re-discount of notes secured by adjusted service certificates, as amended today to conform to the Act of February 27, 1931. The Regulation is being printed and a supply will be furnished to you as soon as possible. Please advise how many copies of the printed Regulation you desire.

By direction of the Federal Reserve Board.

Very truly yours,

E. M. McClelland,
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure.

TO GOVERNORS AND CHAIRMEN OF ALL F. R. BANKS.

REGULATION G, SERIES OF 1931

(Superseding Regulation G of 1928)

REDISCOUNT OF NOTES SECURED BY ADJUSTED SERVICE
CERTIFICATES

SECTION I. STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Under the terms of the World War adjusted compensation act as amended, loans may lawfully be made to veterans upon their adjusted service certificates only in accordance with the provisions of section 502 thereof.

Any national bank, or any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of any State, Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia is authorized, after the expiration of two years after the date of the certificate, to loan to any veteran upon his promissory note secured by his adjusted service certificate any amount not in excess of the loan value of the certificate, which is (A) 50 PER CENT OF THE FACE VALUE OF THE CERTIFICATE, OR (B) THE LOAN VALUE stated on the face of the certificate, WHICHEVER IS THE GREATER AMOUNT. The law provides that the rate of interest charged upon the loan by the lending bank shall not exceed by more than 2 per cent per annum the rate charged at the date of the loan for the discount of 90-day commercial paper by the Federal reserve bank of the Federal reserve district in which the lending bank is located AND, AS TO LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 27, 1931, SHALL IN NO EVENT EXCEED 4½ PER CENT PER ANNUM COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY.

Upon the indorsement of any bank, which shall be deemed a waiver of demand, notice and protest by such bank as to its own indorsement exclusively, and subject to regulations to be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, any such note secured by an adjusted service certificate and held by a bank is made eligible for rediscount with the Federal reserve bank of the Federal reserve district in which such bank is located, whether or not the bank offering the note for rediscount is a member of the Federal reserve system and whether or not it acquired the note in the first instance from the veteran or acquired it by transfer upon the indorsement of any other bank; provided that at the time of rediscount such note has a maturity not in excess of nine months, exclusive of days of grace, and complies in all other respects with the provisions of the law, the regulations of the United States Veterans' Bureau, and the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

Within the meaning of this regulation -

- (a) The term "the act" shall mean the World War adjusted compensation act as amended;

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(b) The term "director" shall mean the ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, WHO HAS BEEN VESTED BY LAW WITH THE POWER AND DUTIES FORMERLY VESTED IN THE Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau;

(c) The term "certificate" shall mean an adjusted service certificate issued under the provisions of section 501 of the World War adjusted compensation act as amended;

(d) The term "veteran" shall mean any person to whom an adjusted service certificate has been issued by the director under the provisions of the World War adjusted compensation act as amended;

(e) The term "bank" shall mean any national bank or any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of any State, Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia;

(f) The term "note" shall mean a promissory note secured by an adjusted service certificate and evidencing a loan made by a bank on the security of such certificate in full compliance with the provisions of the World War adjusted compensation act as amended and the regulations of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

SECTION III. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for rediscount at a Federal reserve bank, any such note must -

(a) Arise out of a loan made by a bank to a veteran in full compliance with the provisions of the act and of any regulation which the director may prescribe;

(b) Be secured by the certificate issued to the maker, which certificate must accompany the note;

(c) Be held by the offering bank in its own right at the time it is offered for rediscount;

(d) Be in the form approved by the director;

(e) Have a maturity at the time of rediscount not in excess of nine months, exclusive of days of grace; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN SUCH NOTE CONTAINS, IN THE FORM APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR, A PROVISION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MATURITY THEREOF FROM YEAR TO YEAR, AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDER EVIDENCED BY HIS ENDORSEMENT THEREON, THE MATURITY OF SAID NOTE (AFTER THE FIRST MATURITY STATED THEREON) SHALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR REDISCOUNT, BE DEEMED TO BE THAT STATED IN THE LATEST EXTENSION ENDORSED THEREON BY THE HOLDER.

(f) Evidence a loan the amount of which does not exceed (A) 50 PER CENT OF THE FACE VALUE OF THE CERTIFICATE OR (B) the loan value STATED ON THE FACE of the certificate for the year in which such loan was made, WHICHEVER AMOUNT IS GREATER;

(g) Be payable with interest accruing after the date of the note at a rate stated in the face of the note, which rate must not exceed by more than 2 per cent per annum the rate charged at the date of the loan for the discount of 90-day commercial paper by the Federal reserve bank of the Federal/district in which the
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lending bank is located; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT, IF THE LOAN WAS MADE ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 27, 1931, THE RATE MUST NOT IN ANY EVENT EXCEED 4½ PER CENT PER ANNUM, COMPOUNDED ANNUALLY.

(h) Bear the indorsement of the bank offering it for rediscount, which indorsement shall be deemed a waiver of demand, notice, and protest by such bank as to its own indorsement exclusively;

(i) Be accompanied by the evidence of eligibility required by this regulation and such other evidence of eligibility as may be required by the Federal reserve bank to which it is offered for rediscount; and

(j) Comply in all other respects with the requirements of the law and of this regulation.

SECTION IV. EVIDENCE OF ELIGIBILITY

(a) General. - The Federal reserve bank to which a note is offered for rediscount must be satisfied either by reference to the note itself or otherwise that the loan evidenced by the note or any sale, discount, or rediscount thereof complies in all respects with the provisions of section 502 of the act and that the note is eligible for rediscount by a Federal reserve bank under the terms of the law and the provisions of this regulation.

(b) Affidavit of lending bank. - Any note offered to a Federal reserve bank for rediscount must be accompanied by the affidavit required by section 502(h) of the act and the regulations of the director, in form approved by the director, made by an officer of the bank which made the loan, before a notary public or other officer designated for the purpose by regulation of the director, stating that -

(1) Such bank has not charged or collected, or attempted to charge or collect, directly or indirectly, any fee or other compensation in respect of any loan, made by such bank to any veteran under section 502 of the act, except the interest authorized by such section;

(2) The person who obtained the loan evidenced by such note is known to be the veteran named in the certificate securing such note;

(3) Such bank has notified the director that it has made a loan to the veteran named in the certificate, as required by the regulations of the director; and

(4) Such bank has notified the veteran by mail at his last known post-office address of any sale, discount, or rediscount of such note by such bank, as required by section 502(b) of the act.

(c) Affidavit of other banks. - If such note is offered for rediscount by a bank other than the bank which made the loan thereon, it must also be accompanied by an affidavit of an officer of the offering bank and an affidavit of an officer of each other bank which has sold, discounted, or rediscounted such note, which affi-

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davit shall be in form approved by the director and shall state that the bank of which the affiant is an officer has promptly notified the veteran by mail at his last known post-office address of the sale, discount, or rediscount of such note by such bank, as required by section 502(b) of the act.

SECTION V. APPLICATION FOR REDISCOUNT

Every application for the rediscount of such notes shall be made on a form approved by the Federal reserve bank to which such note is offered and shall contain a certificate of the offering bank to the effect that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, such note arose out of a loan made in full compliance with the provisions of the act and the regulations of the director and is eligible for rediscount under the provisions of section 502 of the act and of this regulation.

SECTION VI. PROPER BANK FOR REDISCOUNT

No such note shall be rediscounted by any Federal reserve bank for any bank not located in its own Federal reserve district, except that such notes may be rediscounted by any Federal reserve bank for any other Federal reserve bank.

SECTION VII. RATE OF REDISCOUNT

The rate of interest charged by any Federal reserve bank on any such note rediscounted by it shall be the same as that charged by it for the rediscount of 90-day notes drawn for a commercial purpose, except that when such notes are rediscounted for another Federal reserve bank the rate shall be that fixed by the Federal Reserve Board.

SECTION VIII. REDISCOUNTS FOR NONMEMBER BANKS

No Federal reserve bank shall rediscount such notes for any nonmember bank until such bank has furnished to the Federal reserve bank such information as it may request in order to satisfy itself as to the condition of such bank and the advisability of making the rediscount for it.