



Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Agency TSP Representatives

Subject: Regulations on Methods of Withdrawing Funds From the Thrift Savings Plan

Date: November 10, 1997

The Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board has issued final regulations in 5 C.F.R. Part 1650 regarding the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) withdrawal program. This bulletin transmits a copy of the regulations that became effective when they were published in the *Federal Register* on September 18, 1997. These regulations supersede the regulations that were issued in February 1995 and transmitted by TSP Bulletin 95-8, dated March 8, 1995.

Changes to the TSP withdrawal program. The new regulations implement two provisions of the Thrift Savings Plan Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208).

- In-service withdrawals are now available. See TSP Bulletin 97-37, dated October 21, 1997, for detailed information about the in-service withdrawal program.
- The new deadline for separated participants who have reached age 70½ to withdraw their TSP accounts will be implemented in March 1998. Under the 1996 law, such participants must withdraw their TSP accounts or begin receiving monthly payments or annuity payments by April 1 of the year following the year in which they reach age 70½. See TSP Bulletin 96-33, Legislative Changes to the Thrift Savings Plan, dated November 6, 1996, for more information about this change.

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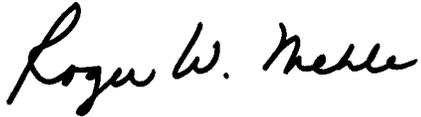
Inquiries: Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board at **202-942-1460**.

Chapter: This bulletin may be filed in Chapter 9, Withdrawal Program.

Supersedes: This bulletin supersedes TSP Bulletin 95-8, Final Regulations on Methods of Withdrawing Funds From the Thrift Savings Plan, dated March 8, 1995.

Agency responsibilities. Employing agencies must take the actions described below when a TSP participant separates from Federal service.

- Inform the TSP by submitting an Employee Data Record (01-Record) containing the appropriate separation code and date. See TSP Bulletin 94-20, dated August 29, 1994, for detailed information about TSP-separation codes.
- Provide the participant a TSP Withdrawal Package and counseling concerning the TSP withdrawal program. See TSP Bulletin 94-23, dated October 3, 1994, for more information about this responsibility.



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Attachment: 5 C.F.R. Part 1650, Method of Withdrawing Funds From the Thrift Savings Plan; Final Rule