

**SAVINGS BONDS – REDEMPTION AND REISSUE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTERED ESTATES**

NOTE: The forms identified in this publication and more [information on administered estates](#) are available at www.treasurydirect.gov.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

All bonds must be described by serial number on any form submitted. All bonds and/or forms, except *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (FS Form 5396)*, must be signed in the presence of an authorized certifying officer, available at most financial institutions. The certifying officer must sign, include his or her title, and affix the institution's official stamp or seal in the space provided.

TO REDEEM BONDS FOR A DECEDENT'S ESTATE:

- Provide a certified copy of the letters of appointment, with a legible seal of the court having jurisdiction. Letters of appointment are valid for one year from the date they are issued. If that time has passed, provide an updated copy of the letters of appointment, with a legible seal or stamp, showing they are in full force and effect and have not been revoked.
- If more than one person is named on the bonds, provide certified copies of the death certificates for both. Each death certificate must be certified or sworn to by the state or local registrar, with a legible seal or stamp, as a true and correct copy taken from the official records. It is not necessary to provide a death certificate for the last-deceased bond owner if the date of death appears in the letters of appointment.
- The legal representative of the estate must complete a *Special Form of Request for Payment of United States Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of a Detached Request Is Authorized (FS Form 1522)*. The legal representative must provide his or her official title and the estate identification number, if one is available.
- If a FS Form 1522 is not submitted, a *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (FS Form 5396)* may be completed by the legal representative to have the redemption payment electronically deposited.
- Series EE, Series E, and Series I bonds can be cashed at a local financial institution. Some of these transactions may have to be forwarded for further processing. Series HH and Series H bonds must be sent to one of the addresses shown at the bottom of the following page. Submit the bonds with the appropriate evidence and applicable form(s) for processing.

TO REISSUE BONDS IN THE NAME OF A DECEDENT'S ESTATE:

- Provide a certified copy of the letters of appointment, with a legible seal of the court having jurisdiction. Letters of appointment are valid for one year from the date they are issued. If that time has passed, provide an updated copy of the letters of appointment, with a legible seal or stamp, showing they are in full force and effect and have not been revoked.
- If more than one person is named on the bonds, provide certified copies of the death certificates for both. Each death certificate must be certified or sworn to by the state or local registrar, with a legible seal or stamp, as a true and correct copy taken from the official records. A death certificate is not required for the last-deceased bond owner if the date of death appears in the letters of appointment.
- The legal representative of the estate needs to complete a *Request To Reissue United States Savings Bonds (FS Form 4000)*. **NOTE:** When we reissue a Series EE or Series I savings bond, we no longer provide a paper bond. The reissued bond is in electronic form, in our online system TreasuryDirect. For information on [how to open an account](#) in TreasuryDirect, go to www.treasurydirect.gov.
- If Series HH bonds are being reissued, the legal representative must complete and sign a *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (FS Form 5396)* for direct deposit of the interest payments.
- Submit the bonds, forms, and evidence to the address shown at the bottom of the following page.

TO DISTRIBUTE BONDS TO PERSONS ENTITLED TO AN ESTATE:

- Provide a certified copy of the letters of appointment, with a legible seal of the court having jurisdiction. Letters of appointment are valid for one year from the date they are issued. If that time has passed, provide an updated copy of the letters of appointment, with a legible seal or stamp, showing they are in full force and effect and have not been revoked.
- If more than one person is named on the bonds, provide certified copies of the death certificates for both. Each death certificate must be certified or sworn to by the state or local registrar, with a legible seal or stamp, as a true and correct copy taken from the official records. It is not necessary to furnish a death certificate for the last-deceased bond owner if the date of death appears in the letters of appointment.
- The legal representative of the estate needs to complete a *Request by Fiduciary for Distribution of United States Treasury Securities* ([FS Form 1455](#)) showing distribution is being made to the person(s) entitled.
- **If the persons entitled want to reissue the bond(s):** Each person entitled to the bond(s) must complete a *Request To Reissue United States Savings Bonds* ([FS Form 4000](#)). **NOTE:** When we reissue a Series EE or Series I savings bond, we no longer provide a paper bond. The reissued bond is in electronic form, in our online system TreasuryDirect. For information on [how to open an account](#) in TreasuryDirect, go to www.treasurydirect.gov.
- If Series HH bonds are being reissued, the person entitled must also complete a *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form* ([FS Form 5396](#)) for direct deposit of the interest payments.
- **If the person entitled wants to redeem the bond(s):** The person entitled to the bond(s) must complete a *Special Form of Request for Payment of United States Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of a Detached Request Is Authorized* ([FS Form 1522](#)). The Taxpayer Identification Number and address of the person entitled must be provided.
- If a FS Form 1522 is not necessary, a FS Form 5396 may be completed to have the redemption payment electronically deposited.
- Submit the bonds, forms, and evidence to one of the addresses shown at the bottom of this page, unless otherwise instructed.

FINAL MATURITY INFORMATION

Any bonds that have reached final maturity may not be reissued. The only option is to redeem the bonds.

Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity		Series	Issue Date	Final Maturity
E	5/41 to 11/65	40 Years		H	6/52 to 1/57	29 years, 8 months
E	12/65 to 6/80	30 Years		H	2/57 to 12/79	30 Years
EE	All Issues	30 Years		HH	All Issues	20 Years
Savings Notes	All Issues	30 Years		I	All Issues	30 Years

Unless instructed otherwise, send required documents to the appropriate address below.

For EE or E bonds:

Treasury Retail Securities Site
 PO Box 214
 Minneapolis, MN 55480-0214

For HH or H bonds:

Treasury Retail Securities Site
 PO Box 2186
 Minneapolis, MN 55480-2186

Phone: 844-284-2676 (toll free)