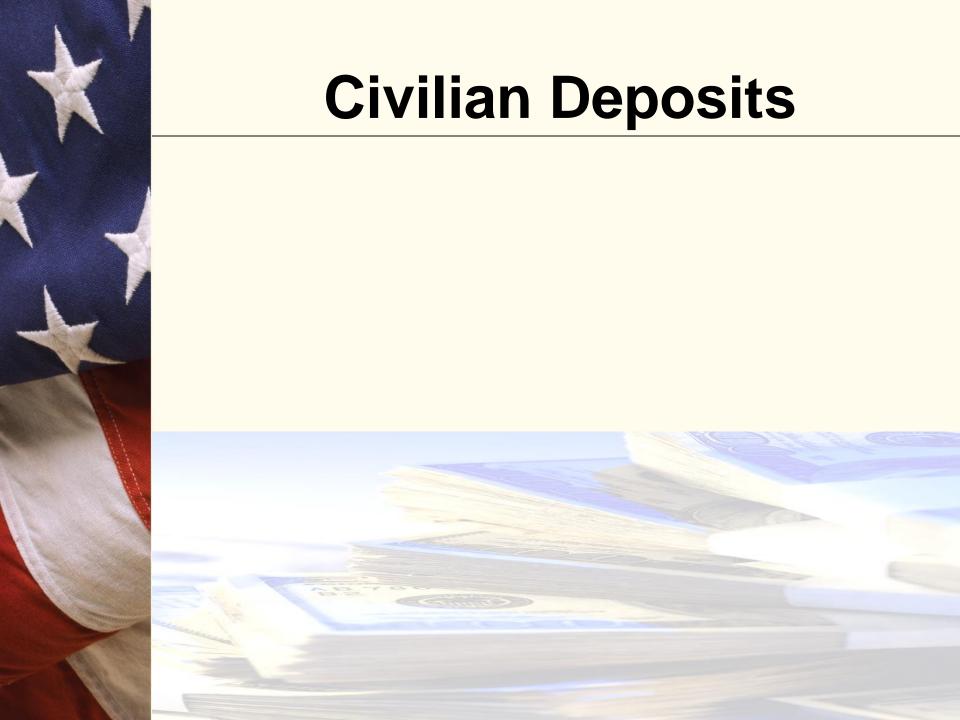




#### **Civilian Deposits**

August 2013





## **Objectives**

- Identify the steps for in processing an application to make deposit
- Explain the effects of not paying a deposit
- Understand and be able to explain how civilian deposits



## **Making Deposits**

- Employees can make deposits for creditable service during which no retirement deductions were made
- Payment is voluntary
- Affects the amount of annuity received in most cases



## **Deposit For Nondeduction Service**

- Any period of creditable civilian service during which retirement deductions are not taken
- Generally, non-career time such as temporary or indefinite service



## **Deposit For Nondeduction Service**

#### CSRS Service Before 10-01-82

- Creditable for eligibility and computation regardless of whether or not a deposit is paid
- Annual annuity will be reduced by 10% of deposit amount owed if no deposit is paid



## **Example**

## Example 1



## **Deposit For Nondeduction Service**

#### CSRS Service After 10-01-82

- Creditable for eligibility
- Creditable for computation, only if a deposit is paid





## **Example**

## Example 2



## Service Under Another Federal Retirement System

#### May be creditable under CSRS if:

- The employee is not receiving a benefit under the other retirement system
- Takes a refund of the deductions under the other system
- Makes a deposit to the CSR fund



## **Deposit For Nondeduction Service**

#### FERS Service Prior to 01-01-89

- Creditable only if a deposit is paid
- No credit for eligibility unless a deposit is paid





#### **Example**

## Example 3



#### **Deposit For Nondeduction Service**

#### FERS Service On or After 01-01-89

- Not Creditable for any purpose
- Employees cannot make a deposit



## **Deposit For Nondeduction Service**

#### **Some Exceptions**

- Foreign Service
- Peace Corps/VISTA
- Senate Childcare Workers

(Can make a deposit for nondeduction service performed on or after 01-01-89)



## Service Under Another Federal Retirement System

#### May be creditable under FERS if:

- Service was performed prior to 01-01-89
- The employee is not receiving a benefit under the other retirement system
- Takes a refund of the deductions under the other system
- Makes a deposit of 1.3% plus interest



## Service Under Another Federal Retirement System

- Service performed on or after 01-01-89 generally not creditable
- Employee cannot make a deposit

Exception: FSRS



## **Amount of Deposit**

#### **CSRS**

The amount that would have been withheld from an employees basic pay, had they been covered by retirement deductions, plus interest



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## **Amount of Deposit**

#### **FERS**

1.3% of basic pay earned during the period of nondeduction service, plus interest



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## **Important Dates to Remember**

10-01-82

01-01-89





## Who may make a Deposit

Employees currently covered under

- CSRS
- CSRS Offset
- FERS

Separated employees entitled to an immediate annuity



## Who may make a Deposit

- Former employees entitled to a deferred annuity
- Spouse or former spouse of a deceased employee, who is entitled to a survivor benefit



## When A Deposit Can Be Made

Anytime prior to final adjudication





#### **Employee Responsibilities**

- Schedule appointment with your Agency Benefits Officer
- Make a decision as to whether or not to make a deposit/redeposit





#### **Employee Responsibilities**

Complete the Application SF 2803, (CSRS) SF 3108, (FERS)

Decide on a payment option





#### **Agency Responsibilities**

- Obtain records of service
- Provide estimates of deposit amounts





#### **Agency Responsibilities**

Advise employee of the effect of making a deposit

Provide employee with correct Application

- SF 2803 (CSRS)
- SF 3108 (FERS)



#### **Agency Responsibilities**

- Verify that information on front of application is correct
- Complete reverse side of application
- Note any claimed but unverified service
- Certify the application
- Complete and attach the Checklist to the application



#### **Agency Responsibilities**

Forward Application to:

Office of Personnel Management Retirement Operations Center PO Box 45 Boyers PA 16017-0045



## **Common Delays**

- Earnings for intermittent service omitted
- Missing salary rates
- Tour of duty for Part time service not provided
- Date deductions began for current appointment not shown



#### **Address for Payments**

OPM PO Box 952015 St Louis MO 63195-2015



- CSD number
- Date of birth





#### Reminder

Do not submit payments until the initial account statement is received from OPM





#### **Direct Payment Program**



OPM Direct Payment Program PO Box 958241 St Louis MO 63195-8241



#### **Receipt of Account Statement**

Once the initial account statement is received:

- Installment payments of \$50 or more can be made
- Payment in Full avoids further interest charges



#### Reminders

#### Once the payment is received:

- Payment is credited to the individual's retirement account
- Payment cannot be returned unless the individual meets the eligibility requirements for a refund





## **Interest on Deposits**

#### 3% interest

 Nondeduction service performed prior to 10-01-82

# 3% through 12-31-84 Variable rate thereafter

 Nondeduction service performed on or after 10-01-82



#### **Grace period for interest**

#### Post 09-30-82 Deposit

Interest is charged through 12-31 of the year prior to the year in which the statement is issued





## Change of Address or Correspondence

OPM
Retirement Operations Center

PO Box 45 Boyers PA 16017

#### Be sure to include:

- CSD number
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth





#### **Payment Process**

- Payments sent to lockbox at Mercantile Bank in St. Louis
- Bank deposits payments
- Payment info sent to OPM's Financial Management Division
- Payment info will update account and generate a new statement



#### **Payment Order**

Amount due for FERS
Post 09/30/82 redeposit
Pre 10/1/82 redeposit
Post 09/30/82 deposit
Pre 10/01/82 deposit





#### To change payment order

- Make a note on the Application
- Make the request in writing if an account statement has been sent
- Do not make a payment until an amended statement is received



#### How long accounts stay open

Billing system was automated May 1977
May 2006

#### Accounts computed prior to 05-77:

Closed if no payments were received

#### **Current accounts stay open until:**

- Paid in full
- Applicant separates and requests a refund
- Retires



#### Request for Information

Verification of previous covered service

Fax request to

OPM/ROC 724.794.4668

Please allow 10-12 working days for reply





#### **Verification of Service**

### Using Service Credit Process to Verify Federal Service

If an employee's service can only be established by secondary evidence:

Submit application to OPM for determination of creditability



#### **Verification of Service**

If OPM or the agency has advised the employee that the service is not Creditable and the employee asks about formal appeal rights:

Advise the employee to file an Application for a formal determination with reconsideration/appeal rights



# Computing Interest on Deposits



#### **Interest on CSRS Deposits**

## Nondeduction service before 10/1/82

- Computed from midpoint of period of service
- Accrues daily and is compounded annually
- 4% through 12-31-47
- 3% from 1948-date of deposit



#### **Example**

## Example 4



#### **Interest on CSRS Deposits**

## Nondeduction service on or after 10-01-82

- Computed from midpoint of period of service
- Interest accrues annually
- Compounded annually on 12-31 of each year





#### **Interest on CSRS Deposits**

### Nondeduction service on or after 10-01-82

- 3% through 12-31-84
- Variable rate beginning 01-01-85
- No interest charged for the year in which payment in full is received by 12-31 of that year



#### **Interest on FERS Deposits**

## Nondeduction service on or after 10-01-82

- 3% through 12-31-84
- Variable rate beginning 01-01-85
- No interest charged for the year in which payment in full is received by 12-31 of that year



#### Example

## Example 5