

**§ 831.1501 Definitions.**

(a) *Allotment* means a specified deduction from the annuity payments due an annuitant voluntarily authorized by the annuitant to be paid to an allottee.

(b) *Allottee* means the institution or organization to which the allotment is paid.

(c) *Allotter* means the annuitant from whose annuity payments an allotment is deducted.

(d) *Annuity Payments* means the net monthly annuity payment due an annuitant after all authorized deductions (such as those for health benefits, Federal income tax, overpayment of annuity, payment of a government claim, etc. have been made.

**§ 831.1511 Authorized allottees.**

(a) An annuitant may make an allotment to the national office or headquarters of any of the following organizations:

(1) A labor organization recognized under Executive Order 11491, as amended;

(2) An employee organization recognized under 5 U.S.C. 8901(8);

(3) Other lawful organizations which:

(i) Are national in scope,

(ii) Are nonprofit and noncommercial, existing primarily for the purpose of representing employee or annuitant interests in their dealings with employing agencies or OPM,

(iii) Consist primarily of Federal employees and/or annuitants, and

(iv) Existed as of December 23, 1975.

(b) OPM, in its sole discretion, may approve the individual organizations which may receive allotments only after the organization has collected, in accordance with procedures prescribed by OPM, a minimum of two thousand (2,000) allotment authorizations from civil service annuitants.

(c) OPM shall permit an annuitant to make an allotment to an organization only when:

(1) The organization has been approved as an allottee by OPM, and

(2) The organization has agreed in writing to solicit and process allotments in accordance with requirements prescribed by OPM.

**§ 831.1521 Limitations.**

(a) The amount of any allotment may not be less than one dollar (\$1) and, in the absence of compelling circumstances, shall be in whole dollars.

(b) The total amount of any allotment(s) may not exceed the net monthly annuity due the allotter.

(c) An annuitant may make only one allotment payable to the same allottee at the same time and may make no more than a total of two allotments.

(d) Payment of an allotment shall be discontinued when the allotter's annuity payments are terminated or suspended by OPM.

(e) Allotments shall be disbursed on one of the regularly designated paydays of the allotter in accordance with OPM's agreement with the allottee.

(f) Allottees shall agree that OPM shall be held harmless for any authorized allotment request made by an allottee in accordance with the allottee's agreement with OPM.

(g) Allottees shall agree that disputes regarding any authorized allotment shall be a matter between the allotter and the allottee.

(h) The total number of allottees shall be limited to twenty (20), with first preference given to those organizations participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Thereafter, preference shall be based on the date of application and the number of annuitants who have completed allotment authorizations.

(i) OPM, in its discretion, shall recover from the allottee, the incremental costs of making allotments.

(j) OPM, in its sole discretion, may terminate an allottee's participation in the allotment program described by this subpart at any time in accordance with its agreement with the allottee.

**Subparts P–Q [Reserved]****Subpart R—Agency Requests to OPM for Recovery of a Debt from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund**

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## § 831.1801

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### § 831.1801 Purpose.

This subpart prescribes the procedures to be followed by a Federal agency when it requests the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to recover a debt owed to the United States by administrative offset against money due and payable to the debtor from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (the Fund). This subpart also prescribes the procedures that OPM must follow to make these administrative offsets.

### § 831.1802 Scope.

This subpart applies to agencies, employees, and Members, as defined by § 831.1803.

### § 831.1803 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart, terms are defined as follows—

*Act* means the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 as amended by the Debt Collection Act of 1982 and implemented by 4 CFR 101.1 *et seq.*, the Federal Claims Collection Standards (FCCS).

*Administrative offset* means withholding money payable from the Fund to satisfy a debt to the United States under 31 U.S.C. 3716.

*Agency* means (a) an Executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, including the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Postal Rate Commission; (b) a military department, as defined in section 102 of title 5, United States Code; (c) an agency or court in the judicial branch, including a court as defined in section 610 of title 28, United States Code, the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation; (d) an agency of the legislative branch, including the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives; and (e) other independent establishments that are entities of the Federal Government.

*Annuitant* has the same meaning as in section 8331(9) of title 5, United States Code.

*Annuity* means the monthly benefit payable to an annuitant or survivor annuitant.

*Compromise* has the same meaning as in 4 CFR part 103.

*Consent* means the debtor has agreed in writing to administrative offset

after receiving notice of all rights under 31 U.S.C. 3716 and this subpart.

*Creditor agency* means the agency to which the debt is owed.

*Debt* means an amount owed to the United States on account of loans insured or guaranteed by the United States, and other amounts due the United States from fees, duties, leases, rents, royalties, services, sales of real or personal property, overpayments, fines, penalties, damages, interests, taxes, forfeitures, etc.

*Debt claim* means an agency request for recovery of a debt in a form approved by OPM.

*Debtor* means a person who owes a debt, including an employee, former employee, Member, former Member, or the survivor of one of these individuals.

*Employee* has the same meaning as in section 8331(1) of title 5, United States Code, and includes reemployed annuitants and employees of the U.S. Postal Service.

*Fraud claim* means any debt designated by the Attorney General (or designee) as involving an indication of fraud, the presentation of a false claim, or misrepresentation on the part of the debtor or any other party having an interest in the claim.

*Fund* means the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund established under 5 U.S.C. 8348.

*Lump-sum credit* has the same meaning as in section 8331(8) of title 5, United States Code.

*Member* has the same meaning as in section 8331(2) of title 5, United States Code.

*Net annuity* means annuity after excluding amounts required by law to be deducted. For example, Federal income tax is excluded up to the maximum amount that the individual is entitled to for all dependents. Other examples of exclusions are group health insurance premiums (including amounts deducted for Medicare) and group life insurance premiums.

*Paying agency* means the agency that employs the debtor and authorizes the disbursement of his or her current pay account.

*Refund* means the payment of a lump-sum credit to an individual who meets all requirements for payment and files application for it.