

§ 363.17 How can I open a New Treasury Direct account?

You must establish a New Treasury Direct account online before you purchase a Treasury security to be held in your account. Instructions for online account establishment may be found at the official Public Debt website at <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>, or such other Internet address as Public Debt may from time to time announce by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. When you have completed the application, you will create a password to access your account. We will authenticate your identity and send your account number to you by email when your account application is approved.

§ 363.18 How will you authenticate my identity?

We may use an online authentication service to authenticate your identity using information you provide about yourself on the application. At our option, we may require offline authentication.

§ 363.19 What is the procedure for offline authentication?

In the event we require offline authentication, we will provide a printable authentication form. Your signature on the form must be certified or guaranteed as provided at § 363.43, and the form must be mailed to us at the address provided in § 363.5.

§ 363.20 How do I access my account?

You may access your account online using your account number and password.

§ 363.21 Who is liable if someone else accesses my New Treasury Direct account using my password?

You are solely responsible for the confidentiality and use of your password. We will treat any transactions conducted using your password as having been authorized by you. We are not liable for any loss, liability, cost or expense that you may incur as a result of transactions made using your password.

§ 363.22 Is Public Debt liable if the electronic transmission of my data is intercepted?

We are not liable for any interception of electronic data or communication.

§ 363.23 What should I do if I become aware that my password has become compromised?

You should change your password immediately if you become aware that your password has become compromised. If you become aware of any misuse of your password, you should notify us by email at treasury.direct@bpd.treas.gov or call us at 304-480-8783.

§ 363.24 What transactions can I perform online through my New Treasury Direct account?

The following transactions are by way of illustration only, and are not intended to limit transactions that may be added to the system:

(a) You can purchase, redeem, transfer, and change the registration of eligible securities held in your account;

(b) You can grant and revoke the right to view an eligible security to any other New Treasury Direct account owner;

(c) You can grant and revoke the right to redeem an eligible security on which you are the primary owner to the secondary owner, if the secondary owner is a New Treasury Direct account owner;

(d) You can view or redeem eligible securities through your New Treasury Direct account on which you are the secondary owner, if the primary owner has granted those rights to you;

(e) You can deliver gift securities to the New Treasury Direct account of another person;

(f) You can make changes to your account information, including ACH information, password changes, and account security information;

(g) You can view a history of purchases, transactions, changes to account information, and pending transactions;

(h) You can schedule future transactions, and change or delete pending transactions;

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(i) You can open and access any linked accounts using your primary account as a portal; and

(j) You can convert eligible definitive savings bonds to book-entry bonds.

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§ 363.25 How do I conduct transactions in my account or in Treasury securities held in my account?

We will provide online instructions for conducting transactions through your account. If you are unable to conduct a transaction online, you should contact us at the address provided in § 363.5. Offline transactions will require a certified or guaranteed signature. See § 363.43 for instructions for obtaining a certified or guaranteed signature.

§ 363.26 What is a transfer?

(a) A transfer is a transaction to move a minimum amount of \$25 (consisting of principal and proportionate interest) of a Treasury security from one New Treasury Direct account to another New Treasury Direct account, in which the ownership of the security changes.

(b) Transfers of a specific type of security may be limited by the subparts that refer to that security.

§ 363.27 What do I need to know about accounts for minors who have not had a legal guardian appointed by a court?

(a) *Opening an account in the name of a minor.* (1) A parent or a person who provides the chief financial support of a minor may open an account for a minor. The person opening the account for a minor is referred to as the custodian of the minor's account.

(2) The custodian is a fiduciary for the minor as to the securities held in the minor's account.

(3) The custodian must have an existing primary New Treasury Direct account in order to open the minor's account.

(i) The minor's account is an account that is linked to the custodian's primary account.

(ii) The custodian must use his or her primary New Treasury Direct account as a portal to open and access the minor's account.

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(4) Securities contained in the minor's account will be registered in the name and SSN of the minor, in either sole owner, owner with beneficiary, or primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration.

(b) *Procedure for opening an account for a minor.* (1) Online instructions will be provided for establishing an account for a minor.

(2) The custodian must certify that all transactions conducted through the account will be on the minor's behalf.

(c) *Procedure for conducting transactions in the minor's account.* The custodian must conduct all transactions in the minor's account on behalf of the minor. Access to the minor's account is through the custodian's primary account.

(d) *Transactions permitted in the minor's account.* (1) The custodian may purchase securities for and on behalf of the minor through the minor's account.

(2) The custodian may redeem securities on behalf of the minor through the minor's account. We will report the interest earned on the security to the name and SSN of the minor.

(3) The custodian may not purchase gift securities from the minor's account.

(4) The custodian may not transfer securities from the minor's account if the transfer will result in a change of ownership in the security.

(5) Securities may be transferred to the minor's account.

(6) Gift securities may be delivered to the minor's account.

(7) The custodian may grant the right to view securities in the minor's account to another New Treasury Direct account holder, and may grant the right to redeem securities in the minor's account to a secondary owner, if any, named on the securities held in the minor's account.

(8) The custodian may purchase a certificate of indebtedness on behalf of the minor. The certificate of indebtedness is the property of the minor.

(e) *When the minor reaches the age of 18 years.* (1) The only transactions that the custodian may make in the minor's account after the minor attains the age