HIGHLIGHTS
OF THIS ISSUE

These synopses are intended only as aids to the reader in identifying the subject matter covered. They may not be relied upon as authoritative interpretations.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This announcement is temporarily suspending the reporting requirement for FBARs due June 30, 2009, for those persons who are not citizens, residents, or domestic entities. All persons may rely on the definition of “United States person” found in the instructions to the prior version of the FBAR (July 2000 version) to determine whether they have a filing obligation. All other requirements of the current version of the FBAR form and instructions (revised October 2008) still apply.

INCOME TAX

This notice provides that, if the Treasury Department (or an entity acting on its behalf) acquires preferred stock, common stock, warrants to purchase common stock or other types of equity of a financial institution or other entity pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), then such acquisition is not a change in control event with respect to which a payment can be made under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan pursuant to section 409A(2)(2)(A)(v) of the Code.

Election of investment tax credit in lieu of production tax credit; coordination with Department of Treasury grants for specified energy property in lieu of tax credits. This notice provides a description of the procedures that taxpayers will be required to follow to make an irrevocable election to take the investment tax credit for energy property under section 48 of the Code in lieu of the production tax credit under section 45.

Nonbusiness energy property credit. This notice provides procedures that manufacturers may follow to certify property as qualified nonbusiness energy property under § 25C of the Code, as well as guidance regarding the conditions under which taxpayers seeking to claim the § 25C credit may rely on a manufacturer’s certification. This notice also includes transition rules to provide taxpayers with guidance concerning the interaction of the effective date and timing provisions of the Energy Policy Act, the Energy Improvement and Extension Act, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act. Notice 2006–26 superseded.

EMPLOYEE PLANS

This notice provides that, if the Treasury Department (or an entity acting on its behalf) acquires preferred stock, common stock, warrants to purchase common stock or other types of equity of a financial institution or other entity pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA), then such acquisition is not a change in control event with respect to which a payment can be made under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan pursuant to section 409A(2)(2)(A)(v) of the Code.

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Weighted average interest rate update; corporate bond indices; 30-year Treasury securities; segment rates.
This notice contains updates for the corporate bond weighted average interest rate for plan years beginning in June 2009; the 24-month average segment rates; the funding transitional segment rates applicable for June 2009; and the minimum present value transitional rates for May 2009.

ESTATE TAX

This document contains corrections to proposed regulations (REG–119532–08, 2009–20 I.R.B. 1017) that provide guidance on the portion of trust property includable in the grantor’s gross estate if the grantor has retained the use of the property, the right to an annuity, unitrust, graduated retained interest, on other payment from such property for life, for any period not ascertainable without reference to the grantor’s death, or for a period that does not in fact end before the grantor’s death.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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This document contains corrections to final and temporary regulations (T.D. 9448, 2009–20 I.R.B. 942) relating to the use of actuarial tables in valuing annuities, interests for life or terms of years and remainder or reversionary interests.
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Introduction

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It is the policy of the Service to publish in the Bulletin all substantive rulings necessary to promote a uniform application of the tax laws, including all rulings that supersede, revoke, modify, or amend any of those previously published in the Bulletin. All published rulings apply retroactively unless otherwise indicated. Procedures relating solely to matters of internal management are not published; however, statements of internal practices and procedures that affect the rights and duties of taxpayers are published.

Revenue rulings represent the conclusions of the Service on the application of the law to the pivotal facts stated in the revenue ruling. In those based on positions taken in rulings to taxpayers or technical advice to Service field offices, identifying details and information of a confidential nature are deleted to prevent unwarranted invasions of privacy and to comply with statutory requirements.

Rulings and procedures reported in the Bulletin do not have the force and effect of Treasury Department Regulations, but they may be used as precedents. Unpublished rulings will not be relied on, used, or cited as precedents by Service personnel in the disposition of other cases. In applying published rulings and procedures, the effect of subsequent legislation, regulations, court decisions, rulings, and procedures must be considered, and Service personnel and others concerned are cautioned against reaching the same conclusions in other cases unless the facts and circumstances are substantially the same.

The Bulletin is divided into four parts as follows:

This part includes rulings and decisions based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Part II.—Treaties and Tax Legislation.
This part is divided into two subparts as follows: Subpart A, Tax Conventions and Other Related Items, and Subpart B, Legislation and Related Committee Reports.

Part III.—Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous.
To the extent practicable, pertinent cross references to these subjects are contained in the other Parts and Subparts. Also included in this part are Bank Secrecy Act Administrative Rulings. Bank Secrecy Act Administrative Rulings are issued by the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Assistant Secretary (Enforcement).

Part IV.—Items of General Interest.
This part includes notices of proposed rulemakings, disbarment and suspension lists, and announcements.

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Part III. Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous


Notice 2009–49

I. PURPOSE

This notice provides guidance with respect to whether a transaction under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended (12 U.S.C. 5021 et seq.) (EESA), that involves the acquisition by, or on behalf of, the Treasury Department of preferred stock, common stock, warrants to purchase common stock, or other types of equity of a financial institution or other entity, is an event with respect to which a payment can be made under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan pursuant to § 409A(a)(2)(A)(v) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) and § 1.409A–3(a)(5) of the Income Tax Regulations (a permissible § 409A payment event). This notice clarifies that, for purposes of § 1.409A–3(a)(5), such a transaction is not a change in ownership or effective control, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the corporation and, accordingly, is not a permissible § 409A payment event. The Treasury Department and the IRS intend to amend the regulations under § 409A to incorporate the guidance set out in this notice. The guidance in this notice is effective for, and the amended regulations will be applicable to, transactions occurring on or after June 4, 2009.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Section 409A and Permissible Change in Control Event Distributions

Section 409A prescribes certain requirements applicable to nonqualified deferred compensation plans. If a plan does not meet those requirements, participants in the plan are required to include immediately compensation otherwise deferred under the plan in income and pay taxes on such income. As provided by § 409A(a)(1)(A)(i), a nonqualified deferred compensation plan must comply with the requirements of § 409A(a) both in form and in operation.

Section 409A(a)(2)(A) provides that compensation deferred under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan may not be distributed earlier than one of six specified events or times that include, in the case of a plan maintained by a corporation, to the extent provided by the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary), a change in the ownership or effective control of the corporation, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the corporation. Section 409A(e)(2) provides that the Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 409A, including regulations relating to changes in ownership and control of a corporation for purposes of section 409A(a)(2)(A)(v).

The Treasury Department and the IRS issued final regulations under § 409A in April 2007 (T.D. 9321, 2007–1 C.B. 1123 [72 Fed. Reg. 19234] (April 17, 2007)). The final regulations apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. Section 1.409A–3(a) provides that the requirements of § 409A(a)(2)(A) are met only if the plan provides that an amount of deferred compensation under the plan may be paid only upon one of the six payment triggers set forth in § 1.409A–3(a). These permissible payment triggers include, under § 1.409A–3(a)(5), a change in the ownership or effective control of the corporation, or in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the corporation (in accordance with § 1.409A–3(i)(5)). Section 1.409A–3(i)(5) provides a definition of a change in the ownership or effective control of a corporation, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the corporation (collectively referred to in this notice as a change in control event).


The Treasury Department established the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) under EESA, which was enacted on October 3, 2008. EESA provided immediate authority and facilities that the Secretary could use to restore liquidity and stability to the financial system. Section 101(a) of EESA authorizes the Secretary to establish the TARP to “purchase, and to make and fund commitments to purchase, troubled assets from any financial institution, on such terms and conditions as are determined by the Secretary, and in accordance with this Act and the policies and procedures developed and published by the Secretary.”

As part of its effort to restore liquidity and stability to the financial system, the Treasury Department has developed several programs and may develop additional programs. Under these programs, the Treasury Department has participated, and may participate in the future, in numerous transactions with financial institutions and other entities that involve the acquisition by, or on behalf of, the Treasury Department of preferred stock, common stock, warrants to purchase common stock, or other types of equity of the financial institution or other entity (collectively referred to as Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transactions).

The Treasury Department and the IRS anticipate that most of the financial institutions and other entities involved in Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transactions are, and will be, sponsors of nonqualified deferred compensation plans subject to § 409A of the Code. Questions have arisen whether the Federal government’s acquisition of an equity interest in a financial institution or other entity in connection with a Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transaction constitutes a change in control event and accordingly a permissible § 409A payment event.

The final regulations under § 409A were promulgated before the enactment of EESA. Therefore, the final regulations do not explicitly provide guidance with respect to whether a Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transaction constitutes a change in control event and a permissible § 409A payment event.

The Treasury Department and IRS have determined that a Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transaction is not a change in control event under § 409A and the final regulations. Treating a Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transaction as a change in control event and, therefore, a
I. Background

Section 48(a)(5) sets forth the requirements for the election to have § 48(a)(5) apply. The election must be made by the taxpayer on the return for the taxable year in which the property is placed in service. The election is revocable, and the taxpayer may withdraw it at any time before filing the return for the taxable year in which the property is placed in service. The election must be made in writing, and a copy of the election must be attached to the return for the taxable year in which the property is placed in service.

IV. ANTICIPATED REGULATIONS

The Treasury Department and the IRS intend to amend the regulations under § 409A(a) to incorporate the guidance set out in this notice. Such amended regulations will be applicable to Treasury EESA Equity Acquisition Transactions entered into on or after June 4, 2009.

V. DRAFTING INFORMATION

The principal author of this notice is Bill Schmidt of the Office of Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities). Although other Treasury and IRS officials participated in its development. For further information on the provisions of this notice, contact Bill Schmidt at (202) 927–9639 (not a toll-free number).

Notice 2009–52

This notice describes the procedures that taxpayers will be required to follow to make the irrevocable election to take the investment tax credit determined under § 48 of the Internal Revenue Code in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45 with respect to certain renewable energy facilities. This election was created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009, Division B of Pub. L. 111–5, 123 Stat 115 (the Act), which was enacted on February 17, 2009. This notice includes information about election procedures and the documentation required to complete the election. The notice also describes the coordination of the tax credits under §§ 45 and 48 with Treasury Department grants for specified energy property under § 1603 of the Act (Section 1603 Grants).

SECTION 1. Background

.01 In General. Section 48(a)(5) allows taxpayers to irrevocably elect to take the investment tax credit determined under § 48 in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45 with respect to certain renewable energy facilities. Section 46 provides for the investment tax credit and includes in that credit the energy credit determined under § 48. Except as otherwise provided in § 48(c)(1)(B), (2)(B), and (3)(B), the energy credit for any taxable year is the energy percentage of the basis of each energy property placed in service during the taxable year. Section 48(a)(1).

Section 48(a)(5)(A) provides that qualified property that is part of a qualified investment credit facility shall be treated as energy property for purposes of § 48, and that the energy percentage with respect to such property shall be 30 percent. Section 48(a)(5)(C) provides that taxpayers may elect to treat certain qualified facilities (within the meaning of § 45) as qualified investment credit facilities. Section 48(a)(5)(B) provides that no credit shall be allowed under § 45 for any taxable year with respect to any qualified investment credit facility.

.02 Qualified Investment Credit Facilities. Section 48(a)(5)(C) provides that the term “qualified investment credit facility” means a qualified facility (within the meaning of § 45)—

(1) that is described in § 48(a)(5)(C)(i) or (ii);
(2) for which the taxpayer makes an irrevocable election to have § 48(a)(5) apply; and
(3) with respect to which no credit has been allowed under § 45.

SECTION 2. Election Procedures

.01 In General. An election to treat a qualified facility as a qualified investment credit facility and take the investment tax credit determined under § 48 in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45 will be effective if it is made in the form and manner set forth in this notice. To make the election with respect to a qualified facility, a taxpayer must claim the energy credit with respect to qualified property that is an integral part of the facility on a completed Form 3468 and file such form with the taxpayer’s income tax return for the year in which the property is placed in service. The taxpayer must make a separate election for each qualified facility that is to be treated as a qualified investment credit facility. The taxpayer must also attach a statement to the Form 3468 that includes the following information:

(1) The name, address, taxpayer identification number, and telephone number of the taxpayer.
(2) For each qualified investment credit facility:
   (i) A detailed technical description of the facility, including generating capacity.
(ii) A detailed technical description of the energy property placed in service during the taxable year as an integral part of the facility, including a statement that the property is an integral part of such facility.

(iii) The date that the energy property was placed in service.

(iv) An accounting of the taxpayer’s basis in the energy property.

(v) A depreciation schedule reflecting the taxpayer’s remaining basis in the energy property after the energy credit is claimed.

(3) A statement that the taxpayer has not and will not claim a Section 1603 Grant for property for which the taxpayer is claiming the energy credit.

(4) A declaration, applicable to the statement and any accompanying documents, signed by the taxpayer, or signed by a person currently authorized to bind the taxpayer in such matters, in the following form:

“Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this statement, including accompanying documents, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts presented in support of this statement are true, correct, and complete.”

02 Effective Date. The election to take the investment tax credit determined under § 48 in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45 is available for facilities placed in service after December 31, 2008.

03 Deadline for Making Election. The election to take the investment tax credit determined under § 48 in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45 must be made on a timely filed return (including extensions) for the taxable year in which such facility is to be treated a qualified investment credit facility is placed in service.

04 Revocation. Section 48(a)(5)(C) makes the election to treat a facility as a qualified investment credit facility irrevocable.

SECTION 3. Documentation Required

In order to satisfy the recordkeeping requirements of § 6001 and the regulations thereunder, a taxpayer that elects to claim the investment tax credit determined under § 48 in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45 must retain adequate books and records. This requirement specifically includes the statement described in section 2 of this notice, the Form 3468, and all supporting documentation relevant to the election and the taxpayer’s credit claim under § 48, so that, for any taxable year, the IRS may verify that the property with respect to which the taxpayer claimed the credit satisfies the applicable requirements of § 48 and this notice.

SECTION 4. Coordination with Department Of Treasury Grants

Section 48(d) governs the interaction between the investment tax credit determined under § 48 and Section 1603 Grants. Generally, § 1603 of the Act requires the Treasury Department to make grants to persons who place in service specified energy property (including certain energy property eligible for the investment tax credit determined under § 48 or the production tax credit under § 45). Section 48(d)(1) provides, in the case of property with respect to which the Treasury makes a Section 1603 Grant, that no credit may be determined under § 48 or § 45 with respect to such property for the taxable year in which such grant is made or any subsequent taxable year.

SECTION 5. Paperwork Reduction Act Notice 2009–53

The collection of information contained in this notice has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507) under control number 1545–2145.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

The collection of information is in section 2 of this notice. This information is required to be collected and retained in order to ensure that energy property meets the requirements for the investment tax credit determined under § 48. This information will be used to determine whether the property for which the energy credit is claimed is energy property that qualifies for the credit.

The collection of information is required to obtain a benefit.

The respondents are taxpayers providing a statement and filing a Form 3468 in order to make the election to claim the investment tax credit determined under § 48 in lieu of the production tax credit under § 45. The estimated total annual reporting burden is 100 hours. The estimated annual burden per respondent varies from 50 to 70 minutes, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated average burden of 60 minutes to complete the statement required to claim the credit. The estimated number of respondents is 100. The estimated frequency of responses is once.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue Law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

SECTION 6. Drafting Information

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Nonbusiness Energy Property Notice 2009–53

This notice updates interim guidance, pending the issuance of regulations, relating to the credit for nonbusiness energy property under § 25C of the Internal Revenue Code. Specifically, this notice provides procedures that manufacturers may follow to certify property as either eligible building envelope components or qualified energy property, as well as guidance regarding the conditions under which taxpayers seeking to claim the § 25C credit may rely on a manufacturer’s certification. Additionally, this notice provides guidance about changes made to the § 25C credit by the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 (EIEA), Division B of Pub. L. No. 110–343, 122 Stat. 3765 (2008), and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 (ARRTA), Division B of Pub. L. No. 111–5, 123 Stat. 115 (2009). This notice also provides transition rules for certain nonbusiness energy property acquired before June 1, 2009, and for certain nonbusiness energy property
placed in service after December 31, 2008. The Internal Revenue Service (Service) and the Treasury Department expect that the regulations will incorporate the rules set forth in this notice.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

.01 Energy Policy Act of 2005. Section 1333 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Pub. L. No. 109–58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005), added § 25C to the Internal Revenue Code. Section 25C, as added by EPACT, provided a credit for amounts paid or incurred for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during a taxable year and for residential energy property expenditures paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable year. Section 25C, as added by EPACT and as modified by EIEA and ARRTA, defines qualified energy efficiency improvements as building envelope components that satisfy specified efficiency standards (eligible building envelope components) and the requirements listed in section 2.05(1) of this notice and defines residential energy property expenditures as expenditures for energy property that satisfies specified energy standards (qualified energy property) and the requirements listed in section 2.05(1) of this notice. The credit was available for property placed in service after December 31, 2005, and before January 1, 2008. Notice 2006–26, 2006–1 C.B. 622, as clarified by Notice 2006–53, 2006–1 C.B. 1180, provides guidance on the credit under § 25C for property placed in service after December 31, 2005, and before January 1, 2008.

.02 EIEA. Section 302 of EIEA reinstated and modified the § 25C credit for property placed in service during 2009. Neither EPACT nor EIEA provided any credit under § 25C for property placed in service during 2008.

Section 25C, as amended by EIEA, provided a credit against tax for the taxable year in an amount equal to the sum of—

(1) Ten percent of the expenditures paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the taxable year, and

(2) The amount of expenditures for residential energy property.

The maximum amount of credit allowed was $50 for any advanced main air circulating fan; $150 for any qualified natural gas, propane, or oil furnace or hot water boiler; and $300 for any item of energy-efficient building property. The maximum amount of the credit allowable to a taxpayer under § 25C for all taxable years was $500 ($200 in the case of amounts paid or incurred for exterior windows (including storm windows and skylights)).

.03 EIEA Energy Efficiency Standards. Section 25C, as amended by EIEA, and Notice 2006–26, as clarified by Notice 2006–53, allowed a credit with respect to the following property:

(1) Eligible Building Envelope Components.

(a) An insulation material or system (including any vapor retarder or seal to limit infiltration) that—

(i) Is specifically and primarily designed (within the meaning of section 4.03 of this notice) to reduce heat loss or gain of a dwelling unit when installed in or on the dwelling unit; and

(ii) May be taken into account in determining whether the building thermal envelope requirements established by the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are satisfied.

(b) An exterior window, skylight, or door (other than a storm window or storm door) that meets or exceeds the prescriptive criteria established by the IECC for the climate zone in which the window, skylight, or door is installed.

(c) A storm window that, in combination with the exterior window over which it is installed, meets or exceeds the prescriptive criteria established by the IECC for the climate zone in which such storm window is installed.

(d) A storm door that, in combination with a wood door that is assigned a default U factor by the IECC, does not exceed the default U factor requirement assigned to such combination by the IECC.

(e) Any metal roof that—

(i) has appropriate pigmented coatings that are specifically and primarily designed to reduce the heat gain of a dwelling unit when installed on the dwelling unit, and

(ii) meets or exceeds either of the applicable Energy Star program requirements.

The applicable Energy Star program requirements for this purpose are those in effect at the time the expenditures for the roof are actually paid or incurred and those in effect at the time the expenditures are treated as made under § 25D(e)(8). (See § 25C(e)(1), which requires the application of rules similar to those of § 25D(e)(8) (relating to the time at which expenditures are deemed made for purposes of the credit under § 25D)).

(f) Any asphalt roof that—

(i) has appropriate cooling granules that are specifically and primarily designed to reduce the heat gain of a dwelling unit when installed on the dwelling unit, and

(ii) meets or exceeds either of the applicable Energy Star program requirements (within the meaning of section 2.03(1)(e)(ii) of this notice).

(2) Qualified Energy Property.

(a) An electric heat pump water heater that yields an energy factor of at least 2.0 in the standard Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure.

(b) An electric heat pump that has a heating seasonal performance factor (HSPF) of at least 9, a seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) of at least 15, and an energy efficiency ratio (EER) of at least 13.

(c) A central air conditioner that achieves the highest efficiency tier that has been established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency, and is in effect on January 1, 2006.

(d) A natural gas, propane, or oil water heater that has an energy factor of at least 0.80 or a thermal efficiency of at least 90 percent.

(e) A stove that uses the burning of biomass fuel to heat a dwelling unit or to heat water for use in such a dwelling unit, and that has a thermal efficiency rating of at least 75 percent as measured using a lower heating value.

(f) A natural gas, propane, or oil furnace or hot water boiler that achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 95.

(g) A fan that is used in a natural gas, propane, or oil furnace and has an annual electricity use of no more than two percent of the total annual site energy use of the furnace (as determined in the standard DOE test procedure).

.04 ARRTA. Section 1121 of ARRTA modified the credit under § 25C for amounts paid or incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and extended the credit to apply to property
that is placed in service in 2009 and 2010. Section 25C, as amended by ARRTA—

(1) Provides, with respect to property placed in service in 2009 and 2010, a credit against the tax imposed for the taxable year in an amount equal to 30 percent of the sum of—

(a) The amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year for qualified energy efficiency improvements, and

(b) The amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year for residential energy property expenditures;

(2) Limits the cumulative total of credits allowed for taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010 to $1,500 per taxpayer (credits allowed in, and unused credit limitations from, prior years are disregarded in applying this limitation); and

(3) Applies new energy efficiency standards for certain types of property (see sections 4.01 and 5.01 of this notice).

.05 General Provisions. Under all three of the acts, EPACT, EIEA, and ARRTA, the following provisions apply:

(1) Requirements to Claim the Credit. A taxpayer may claim a credit under § 25C with respect to amounts paid or incurred for an item of property only if each of the following requirements is satisfied:

(a) The item is installed in or on a dwelling unit located in the United States and, at the time of installation, the dwelling unit is owned and used by the taxpayer as the taxpayer’s principal residence (within the meaning of § 121). Thus, the credit is only available for existing homes. See § 45L for the credit applicable to new homes.

  (b) The original use of the item commences with the taxpayer.

  (c) In the case of a building envelope component described in section 2.03(1) or 4.01 of this notice, the component reasonably can be expected to remain in use for at least five years. For this purpose, a component will be treated as reasonably expected to remain in use for at least five years if the manufacturer offers, at no extra charge, at least a two-year warranty providing for repair or replacement of the component in the event of a defect in materials or workmanship. If the manufacturer does not offer such a warranty, all relevant facts and circumstances are taken into account in determining whether the component reasonably can be expected to remain in use for at least five years.

(2) Time of Expenditure. The credit is allowed for amounts paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year. Section 25C(e)(1) incorporates § 25D(e)(8), relating to the time expenditures are treated as made. Accordingly, except as provided in section 2.03(1)(e) and (f) of this notice, expenditures will be treated as made for purposes of § 25C when the original installation of the property is complete or, in the case of reconstruction, when the original use of the reconstructed property begins.

SECTION 3. REFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE


SECTION 4. ELIGIBLE BUILDING ENVELOPE COMPONENTS

.01 Under ARRTA, an eligible building envelope component for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008, is a component that is placed in service on or before February 17, 2009, and is described in section 2.03(1) of this notice or a component that is placed in service after February 17, 2009, and is described below:

(a) Insulation Material or System. An insulation material or system (including any vapor retarder or seal to limit infiltration) that—

  (a) Is specifically and primarily designed (within the meaning of section 4.03 of this notice) to reduce heat loss or gain of a dwelling unit when installed in or on the dwelling unit; and

  (b) Meets the prescriptive criteria for such material or system established by the 2009 IECC, as such Code (including supplements) was in effect on February 17, 2009.

(b) Exterior Window, Skylight, or Door. An exterior window, skylight, or door (other than a storm window or storm door) that—

  (a) Has a U factor and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of 0.30 or below; and

  (b) Meets the prescriptive criteria for such component established by the IECC.

(c) Storm Window. A storm window that, in combination with the exterior window over which it is installed—

  (a) Has a U factor and SHGC of 0.30 or below; and

  (b) Meets the prescriptive criteria for such component established by the IECC.

(d) Storm Door. A storm door that, in combination with the exterior door over which it is installed—

  (a) Has a U factor and SHGC of 0.30 or below; and

  (b) Meets the prescriptive criteria for such component established by the IECC.

(e) Metal Roof. Any metal roof described in section 2.03(1)(e) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for a metal roof).

(f) Asphalt Roof. Any asphalt roof described in section 2.03(1)(f) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for an asphalt roof).

.02 Installation Costs. With respect to eligible building envelope components, the credit is allowed only for amounts paid or incurred to purchase the components. The credit is not allowed for amounts paid or incurred for the onsite preparation, assembly, or original installation of the components.

.03 Specifically and Primarily Designed. A component is not specifically and primarily designed to reduce heat loss or gain of a dwelling unit if it provides structural support or a finished surface, as in the case of drywall or siding. In addition, a component is not specifically and primarily designed to reduce heat loss or gain of a dwelling unit if its principal purpose is to serve any function unrelated to the reduction of heat loss or gain. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the principal purpose of a component is to serve functions unrelated to the reduction of heat loss or gain if—

(1) Production costs attributable to features other than those that reduce heat loss or gain exceed production costs attributable to features that reduce heat loss or gain; or

(2) The facts and circumstances otherwise establish that the component’s prin-
SECTION 5. QUALIFIED ENERGY PROPERTY

.01 Under ARRTA, qualified energy property for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2008, is property that is placed in service on or before February 17, 2009, and is described in section 2.03(2) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for an electric heat pump water heater).

(2) Electric Heat Pump. An electric heat pump that achieves the highest efficiency tier established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency, as in effect on January 1, 2009.

(3) Central Air Conditioner. A central air conditioner that achieves the highest efficiency tier established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency, as in effect on January 1, 2009.

(4) Natural Gas, Propane, or Oil Water Heater. A natural gas, propane, or oil water heater that has an energy factor of at least 0.82 or a thermal efficiency of at least 90 percent.

(5) Biomass-Burning Stove. A biomass-burning stove described in section 2.03(2)(e) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for a stove that burns biomass is reflected in section 2.03(2)(e)).

(6) Natural Gas Furnace. A natural gas furnace described in section 2.03(2)(f) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for a natural gas furnace).

(7) Natural Gas Hot Water Boiler. A natural gas hot water boiler that achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

(8) Propane Furnace. A propane furnace described in section 2.03(2)(f) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for a propane furnace).

(9) Propane Hot Water Boiler. A propane hot water boiler that achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

(10) Oil Furnace. An oil furnace that achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

(11) Oil Hot Water Boiler. An oil hot water boiler that achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

(12) Advanced Main Air Circulating Fan. A fan described in section 2.03(2)(g) of this notice (ARRTA did not change the efficiency standard for a fan).

.02 Installation Costs. For qualified energy property, the credit is allowed only for amounts paid or incurred to purchase qualified energy property and for expenditures for labor costs properly allocable to the on-site preparation, assembly, or original installation of the property.

.03 Natural Gas, Propane, or Oil Furnace with an Advanced Main Air Circulating Fan. If a natural gas, propane, or oil furnace is qualified energy property, the entire amount paid or incurred to purchase and install the furnace, including any costs attributable to the furnace’s main air circulating fan, are taken into account in determining the amount of the credit under § 25C.


SECTION 6. MANUFACTURER’S CERTIFICATION

.01 Requirements Applicable to Manufacturer. The manufacturer of a building envelope component or energy property may certify to a taxpayer that the component is an eligible building envelope component or that the energy property is qualified energy property by providing the taxpayer with a certification statement that satisfies the requirements of sections 6.04, 6.05 and 6.06 of this notice. The certification statement may be provided by including a written copy of the statement with the packaging of the component or property, in printable form on the manufacturer’s website, or in any other manner that will permit the taxpayer to retain the certification statement for tax recordkeeping purposes.

.02 Taxpayer Reliance. Except as provided in sections 6.03 and 6.08 of this notice, a taxpayer may rely on a manufacturer’s certification that a building envelope component is an eligible building envelope component or that energy property is qualified energy property. A taxpayer is not required to attach the certification statement to the return on which the credit is claimed. However, § 1.6001–1(a) of the Income Tax Regulations requires that a taxpayer maintain such books and records as are sufficient to establish the entitlement to, and amount of, any credit claimed by the taxpayer. Accordingly, a taxpayer claiming a credit for an eligible building envelope component or qualified energy property should retain the certification statement as part of the taxpayer’s records for purposes of § 1.6001–1(a).

.03 Reliance Permitted Only for Installation Consistent with Certification. A taxpayer may rely on a manufacturer’s certification in the case of a building envelope component only if the building envelope component is installed in a manner that is consistent with the manufacturer’s certification.

.04 Content of Manufacturer’s Certification; Required Information. A manufac-
turer’s certification must contain the following information:

(1) The name and address of the manufacturer.

(2) Identification of the class of eligible building envelope component as listed in section 4.01 of this notice or the class of qualified energy property as listed in section 5.01 of this notice in which the component or property is included.

(3) The make, model number, and any other appropriate identifiers of the component or property.

(4) A statement that the component is an eligible building envelope component as defined in section 4.01 of this notice or the property is qualified energy property as defined in section 5.01 of this notice. In the case of a certification provided after June 1, 2009, this statement may be provided only for components that are eligible building envelope components and property that is qualified energy property under the rules applicable to components and property placed in service after February 17, 2009.

.05 Content of Manufacturer’s Certification; Specific Information. A manufacturer’s certification statement must contain any of the following statements that are applicable:

(1) In the case of an exterior window, skylight, or door (other than a storm window or storm door), a statement that the exterior window, skylight, or door has a U factor and SHGC of 0.30 or below.

(2) In the case of a storm window, the classes of exterior window (e.g., single pane; double pane, clear glass; double pane, Low-E coating) over which the storm window may be installed and that, in combination with the storm window, will have a U factor and SHGC of 0.30 or below.

(3) In the case of a storm door, the classes of exterior door (e.g., 1–3/4” insulated steel, 50 percent or less glazing, double pane, clear glass) over which the storm door may be installed and that, in combination with the storm door, will have a U factor and SHGC of 0.30 or below.

.06 Content of Manufacturer’s Certification; Required Declaration.

A manufacturer’s certification statement must contain a declaration, signed by a person currently authorized to bind the manufacturer in these matters, in the following form:

“Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification statement, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts are true, correct, and complete.”

.07 Manufacturer’s Records. A manufacturer that certifies to a taxpayer that a component is an eligible building envelope component or that property is qualified energy property must retain in its records documentation establishing that the component or property satisfies the applicable conditions of section 4.01 or 5.01 of this notice. In the case of an exterior window, the manufacturer must retain a record of its National Fenestration Rating Council rating. If a manufacturer certifies the percentage of the cost of the furnace allocable to an advanced main air circulating fan, the manufacturer must maintain in its records the basis for such allocation. The manufacturer must, upon request, make such documentation available for inspection by the Service.

.08 Effect of Erroneous Certification or Failure to Satisfy Documentation Requirements. The Service may, upon examination (and after any appropriate consultation with the DOE or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)), determine that a component that has been certified under this notice is not an eligible building envelope component or that property that has been certified under this notice is not qualified energy property. In that event, or if the manufacturer of the component or property fails to satisfy the requirements relating to documentation in section 6.07 of this notice, the manufacturer’s right to provide a certification on which future purchasers of the component or property can rely will be withdrawn, and taxpayers purchasing the component or property after the date on which the Service publishes an announcement of the withdrawal may not rely on the manufacturer’s certification. Taxpayers may continue to rely on the certification for a component or property purchased on or before the date on which the announcement of the withdrawal is published (including in cases in which the component or property is not installed and the credit is not claimed until after the announcement of the withdrawal is published). Manufacturers are reminded that an erroneous certification statement may result in the imposition of penalties—

(1) Under § 7206 for fraud and making false statements; and

(2) Under § 6701 for aiding and abetting an understatement of tax liability (in the amount of $1,000 per return on which a credit is claimed in reliance on the certification).

.09 Availability of Certification Information. Manufacturers are encouraged to provide a listing of eligible building envelope components and qualified energy property and applicable certification information on their websites to facilitate taxpayer identification of qualified components and energy property.

.10 Special Rule for Energy Star. The Energy Star label designates that the product has met energy efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and the DOE. Not all Energy Star labeled building envelope components qualify for the tax credit under § 25C. The component must meet the definition of an eligible building envelope component in § 25C. Taxpayers can no longer rely on an Energy Star label in claiming the § 25C credit for exterior windows and skylights placed in service after the enactment of the ARRTA. Similarly, an Energy Star label does not establish that a product is qualified energy property. The product must meet the definition of qualified energy property in § 25C.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATES AND TRANSITION RULES.

.01 For amounts that are paid or incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, with respect to property placed in service in calendar years 2009 and 2010, including amounts paid or incurred for property placed in service before February 18, 2009, the credit is computed in accordance with sections 2.04(1) and (2) of this notice.

.02 The efficiency standards listed for EIEA in section 2.03 of this notice apply to property placed in service before February 18, 2009, and the efficiency standards listed for ARRTA in sections 4.01 and 5.01 of this notice apply to property placed in service after February 17, 2009.

.03 In the case of amounts paid or incurred before June 1, 2009, for property placed in service after February 17, 2009, taxpayers may rely on:

(1) An Energy Star label for exterior windows and skylights, rather than on a
manufacturer’s certification statement, in claiming the § 25C credit, if the window or skylight is installed in the region identified on the label;

(2) A manufacturer’s certification issued before February 18, 2009, that is made in accordance with Notice 2006–26, as clarified by Notice 2006–53; or

(3) A manufacturer’s certification made in accordance with the procedures of Notice 2006–26, as clarified by Notice 2006–53, for certifications issued after February 17, 2009, provided that the manufacturer’s certification statement clearly indicates that the item complies with the efficiency standards contained in ARRTA.

.04 For amounts that are paid or incurred in taxable years beginning before December 31, 2008, with respect to property placed in service in calendar year 2009, the credit is computed in accordance with section 2.02 of this notice.

SECTION 8. PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

The collection of information contained in this notice has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507) under control number 1545–1989.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

The collections of information in this notice are in section 6. This information is required to be collected and retained in order to ensure that property meets the requirements for the nonbusiness energy credit under § 25C. This information will be used to determine whether the property for which manufacturers provide certifications is property that qualifies for the credit. The collection of information is required to obtain a benefit from manufacturers’ certification statements that property qualifies for the credit. The likely respondents are corporations, partnerships, and individuals.

The estimated total annual reporting burden is 350 hours.

The estimated annual burden per respondent varies from 2 hours to 3 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated average burden of 2.5 hours to complete the requests for certification required under this notice. The estimated number of respondents is 140.

The estimated annual frequency of responses is on occasion.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

SECTION 9. EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

This notice supersedes Notice 2006–26, as clarified by Notice 2006–53, which was modified by Notice 2006–71, 2006–2 C.B. 316.

SECTION 10. DRAFTING INFORMATION

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Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates

Notice 2009–56

This notice provides guidance as to the corporate bond weighted average interest rate and the permissible range of interest rates specified under § 412(b)(5)(B)(ii)(II) of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect for plan years beginning before 2008. It also provides guidance on the corporate bond monthly yield curve (and the corresponding spot segment rates), the 24-month average segment rates, and the funding transitional segment rates under § 430(h)(2). In addition, this notice provides guidance as to the interest rate on 30-year Treasury securities under § 417(e)(3)(A)(ii)(II) as in effect for plan years beginning before 2008, the 30-year Treasury weighted average interest rate under § 431(c)(6)(E)(ii)(I), and the minimum present value segment rates under § 417(e)(3)(D) as in effect for plan years beginning after 2007.

CORPORATE BOND WEIGHTED AVERAGE INTEREST RATE

Sections 412(b)(5)(B)(ii) and 412(l)(7)(C)(i), as amended by the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 and by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), provide that the interest rates used to calculate current liability and to determine the required contribution under § 412(l) for plan years beginning in 2004 through 2007 must be within a permissible range based on the weighted average of the rates of interest on amounts invested conservatively in long term investment grade corporate bonds during the 4-year period ending on the last day before the beginning of the plan year.

Notice 2004–34, 2004–1 C.B. 848, provides guidelines for determining the corporate bond weighted average interest rate and the resulting permissible range of interest rates used to calculate current liability. That notice establishes that the corporate bond weighted average is based on the monthly composite corporate bond rate derived from designated corporate bond indices. The methodology for determining the monthly composite corporate bond rate as set forth in Notice 2004–34 continues to apply in determining that rate. See Notice 2006–75, 2006–2 C.B. 366.

The composite corporate bond rate for May 2009 is 6.95 percent. Pursuant to Notice 2004–34, the Service has determined this rate as the average of the monthly yields for the included corporate bond indices for that month.

The following corporate bond weighted average interest rate was determined for plan years beginning in the month shown below.
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YIELD CURVE AND SEGMENT RATES

Generally for plan years beginning after 2007 (except for delayed effective dates for certain plans under sections 104, 105, and 106 of PPA), § 430 of the Code specifies the minimum funding requirements that apply to single employer plans pursuant to § 412. Section 430(h)(2) specifies the interest rates that must be used to determine a plan’s target normal cost and funding target. Under this provision, present value is generally determined using three 24-month average interest rates ("segment rates"), each of which applies to cash flows during specified periods. However, an election may be made under § 430(h)(2)(D)(ii) to use the monthly yield curve in place of the segment rates. For plan years beginning in 2008 and 2009, a transitional rule under § 430(h)(2)(G) provides that the segment rates are blended with the corporate bond weighted average as specified above. An election may be made under § 430(h)(2)(G)(iv) to use the segment rates without applying the transitional rule.

Notice 2007–81, 2007–44 I.R.B. 899, provides guidelines for determining the monthly corporate bond yield curve, the 24-month average corporate bond segment rates, and the funding transitional segment rates used to compute the target normal cost and the funding target. Pursuant to Notice 2007–81, the monthly corporate bond yield curve derived from May 2009 data is in Table I at the end of this notice. The spot first, second, and third segment rates for the month of May 2009 are, respectively, 4.27, 7.00, and 6.77. The three 24-month average corporate bond segment rates applicable for June 2009 under the election of § 430(h)(2)(G)(iv) are as follows:

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30-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES INTEREST RATES

Section 417(e)(3)(A)(ii)(II) (prior to amendment by PPA) defines the applicable interest rate, which must be used for purposes of determining the minimum present value of a participant’s benefit under § 417(e)(1) and (2), as the annual rate of interest on 30-year Treasury securities for the month before the date of distribution or such other time as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe. Section 1.417(e)–1(d)(3) of the Income Tax Regulations provides that the applicable interest rate for a month is the annual rate of interest on 30-year Treasury securities as specified by the Commissioner for that month in revenue rulings, notices or other guidance published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

The rate of interest on 30-year Treasury securities for May 2009 is 4.23 percent. The Service has determined this rate as the monthly average of the daily determination of yield on the 30-year Treasury bond maturing in February 2039 determined each day through May 6, 2009, and the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond maturing in May 2039 determined each day for the balance of the month.

Generally for plan years beginning after 2007, § 431 specifies the minimum funding requirements that apply to multiemployer plans pursuant to § 412. Section 431(c)(6)(B) specifies a minimum amount for the full-funding limitation described in section 431(c)(6)(A), based on the plan’s current liability. Section 431(c)(6)(E)(ii)(I) provides that the interest rate used to calculate current liability for this purpose must be no more than 5 percent above and no more than 10 percent below the weighted average of the rates of interest on 30-year Treasury securities during the four-year period ending on the last day before the beginning of the plan year. Notice 88–73, 1988–2 C.B. 383, provides guidelines for determining the weighted average interest rate. The following rates were determined for plan years beginning in the month shown below.

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For Plan Years Beginning in

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MINIMUM PRESENT VALUE SEGMENT RATES

Generally for plan years beginning after December 31, 2007, the applicable interest rates under § 417(e)(3)(D) are segment rates computed without regard to a 24-month average. For plan years beginning in 2008 through 2011, the applicable interest rate is the monthly spot segment rate blended with the applicable rate under § 417(e)(3)(A)(ii)(II) as in effect for plan years beginning in 2007. Notice 2007–81 provides guidelines for determining the minimum present value segment rates. Pursuant to that notice, the minimum present value transitional segment rates determined for May 2009, taking into account the May 2009 30-year Treasury rate of 4.23 stated above, are as follows:

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DRAFTING INFORMATION

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This spot monthly yield curve represents data from May 2009 only, and under the proposed regulations for § 430(h)(2), this table is for use by § 430(h)(2)(D)(ii) electing plans with valuation dates in June 2009. Until final regulations are effective, a reasonable interpretation of § 430(h)(2)(D)(ii) would permit plan sponsors to use this table in conjunction with the applicable month rules of § 430(h)(2)(E). In such a case, this table could also be used for a valuation as of a date in May, July, August, or September of 2009.
Part IV. Items of General Interest

Section 2036—Graduated Retained Interests; Correction

Announcement 2009–50

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to a notice of proposed rulemaking (REG–119532–08, 2009–20 I.R.B. 1017) that was published in the Federal Register on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 74 FR 19913. The corrections relate to proposed regulations that provide guidance on the portion of trust property includible in the grantor’s gross estate if the grantor has retained the use of the property, the right to an annuity, unitrust, graduated retained interest, or other payment from such property for life, for any period not ascertainable without reference to the grantor’s death, or for a period that does not in fact end before the grantor’s death.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa M. Melchiore, (202) 622–3090 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice of proposed rulemaking that is the subject of this document is under section 2036 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Need for Correction

As published, the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG–119532–08) that was published on April 30, 2009 (74 FR 19913) contains errors in one of the charts that are misleading and needs clarification.

Correction to Publication

Accordingly, the notice of proposed rulemaking which was the subject of FR Doc. E9–10003 is corrected as follows:

On page 19917, §20.2036–1(c)(2)(iii) Example 7 (iii), the chart at the top of the page is corrected to read as follows:

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Temporary Suspension of FBAR Filing Requirements for Persons who are not Citizens, Residents, or Domestic Entities

Announcement 2009–51

The Internal Revenue Service is temporarily suspending the reporting requirement with respect to foreign bank accounts (Form TD F 90–22.1 (Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts)) due on June 30, 2009, for those persons who are not citizens, residents, or domestic entities. The revised Form TD F 90–22.1 (October 2008) was issued with a change in the instructions to the definition of “United States person.” The IRS has received a number of questions and comments from the public concerning the new filing requirement that may require additional guidance.

To reduce the burden on the public with respect to FBARs due on June 30, 2009, all persons may rely on the definition of “United States person” found in the instructions for the prior version of the FBAR (the July 2000 version) to determine whether they have an obligation to file an FBAR. The definition of “United States person” from the prior version is as follows:

United States Person The term “United States person” means (1) a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a domestic partnership, (3) a domestic corporation, or (4) a domestic estate or trust.

Temporary Suspension of FBAR Filing Requirements for Persons who are not Citizens, Residents, or Domestic Entities
who must file an FBAR. All other requirements of the current version of the FBAR form and instructions (revision October 2008) are still in effect. The current version of the form must be used when filing an FBAR.

The substitution of the definition of “United States person” from the instructions for the prior version of the FBAR applies only with respect to FBARs due on June 30, 2009. Additional guidance will be issued with respect to FBARs due in subsequent years.

The Service invites interested persons to submit comments regarding the revised FBAR form and instructions (revision October 2008). Please submit comments by August 31, 2009 to: Internal Revenue Service, CC:PA:LPD:PR (Announcement 2009–51), room 5203, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions also may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (Announcement 2009–51), Courier’s Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit electronic comments directly to the IRS e-mail address: notice.comments@irscounsel.treas.gov (attention: Announcement 2009–51).

The principal author of this announcement is Adrienne Mikolashek of the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration). For further information regarding this announcement, contact Adrienne Mikolashek at 202–622–4940 (not a toll-free call).

Use of Actuarial Tables in Valuing Annuities, Interests for Life or Terms of Years, and Remainder or Reversionary Interests; Correction

Announcement 2009–52

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to final regulations (T.D. 9448, 2009–20 I.R.B. 942) that were published in the Federal Register on Thursday, May 7, 2009 (74 FR 21438). This regulation relates to the use of actuarial tables in valuing annuities, interests for life or terms of years, and remainder or reversionary interests.

DATES: This correction is effective on June 8, 2009 and is applicable on May 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mayer R. Samuels, (202) 622–3090 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The final regulation (T.D. 9448) that is the subject of this correction is under sections 170 and 2032 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Need for Correction

As published, T.D. 9448 contains errors that may prove to be misleading and is in need of clarification.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, 26 CFR parts 1 and 20 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 USC 7805 *

Par. 2. For each section listed in the table below, remove the language in the “Remove” column and add in its place the language in the “Add” column as set forth below:

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PART 20—ESTATE TAX; ESTATES OF DECEDENTS DYING AFTER AUGUST 16, 1954

Par. 3. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 USC 7805 *

Par. 4. Section 20.2032–1 is amended by revising paragraph (f)(1) to read as follows:

§20.2032–1 Alternate valuation.

* * * * *

(f) * * *

(1) [Reserved]. Further guidance, see §20.2032–1T(f)(1).

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Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison,
Publications and Regulations Branch,
Legal Processing Division,
Associate Chief Counsel
(Procedure and Administration).

(Filed by the Office of the Federal Register on June 5, 2009, 8:45 a.m., and published in the issue of the Federal Register for June 8, 2009, 74 F.R. 27079)
Announcement of Disciplinary Sanctions From the Office of Professional Responsibility

Announcement 2009-53

The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) announces recent disciplinary sanctions involving attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled agents, enrolled actuaries, enrolled retirement plan agents, and appraisers. These individuals are subject to the regulations governing practice before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which are set out in Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 10, and which are published in pamphlet form as Treasury Department Circular No. 230. The regulations prescribe the duties and restrictions relating to such practice and prescribe the disciplinary sanctions for violating the regulations.

The disciplinary sanctions to be imposed for violation of the regulations are:

- **Disbarred from practice before the IRS**—An individual who is disbarred is not eligible to represent taxpayers before the IRS.
- **Suspended from practice before the IRS**—An individual who is suspended is not eligible to represent taxpayers before the IRS during the term of the suspension.
- **Censured in practice before the IRS**—Censure is a public reprimand. Unlike disbarment or suspension, censure does not affect an individual’s eligibility to represent taxpayers before the IRS, but OPR may subject the individual’s future representations to conditions designed to promote high standards of conduct.
- **Monetary penalty**—A monetary penalty may be imposed on an individual who engages in conduct subject to sanction or on an employer, firm, or entity if the individual was acting on its behalf and if it knew, or reasonably should have known, of the individual’s conduct.
- **Disqualification of appraiser**—An appraiser who is disqualified is barred from presenting evidence or testimony in any administrative proceeding before the Department of the Treasury or the IRS.

Under the regulations, attorneys, certified public accountants, enrolled agents, enrolled actuaries, and enrolled retirement plan agents may not assist, or accept assistance from, individuals who are suspended or disbarred with respect to matters constituting practice (i.e., representation) before the IRS, and they may not aid or abet suspended or disbarred individuals to practice before the IRS.

Disciplinary sanctions are described in these terms:

- **Disbarred by decision after hearing**
- **Suspended by decision after hearing**, **Censured by decision after hearing**, **Monetary penalty imposed after hearing**, and **Disqualified after hearing**—An administrative law judge (ALJ) conducted an evidentiary hearing upon OPR’s complaint alleging violation of the regulations and issued a decision imposing one of these sanctions. After 30 days from the issuance of the decision, in the absence of an appeal, the ALJ’s decision became the final agency decision.
- **Disbarred by default decision**
- **Suspended by default decision**, **Censured by default decision**, **Monetary penalty imposed by default decision**, and **Disqualified by default decision**—An ALJ, after finding that no answer to OPR’s complaint had been filed, granted OPR’s motion for a default judgment and issued a decision imposing one of these sanctions.
- **Disbarment by decision on appeal**
- **Suspended by decision on appeal**, **Censured by decision on appeal**, **Monetary penalty imposed by decision on appeal**, and **Disqualified by decision on appeal**—The decision of the ALJ was appealed to the agency appeal authority, acting as the delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the appeal authority issued a decision imposing one of these sanctions.
- **Disbarred by consent**
- **Suspended by consent**, **Censured by consent**, **Monetary penalty imposed by consent**, and **Disqualified by consent**—In lieu of a disciplinary proceeding being instituted or continued, an individual offered a consent to one of these sanctions and OPR accepted the offer. Typically, an offer of consent will provide for: suspension for an indefinite term; conditions that the individual must observe during the suspension; and the individual’s opportunity, after a stated number of months, to file with OPR a petition for reinstatement affirming compliance with the terms of the consent and affirming current eligibility to practice (i.e., an active professional license or active enrollment status). An enrolled agent or an enrolled retirement plan agent may also offer to resign in order to avoid a disciplinary proceeding.
- **Suspended by decision in expedited proceeding**
- **Suspended by default decision in expedited proceeding**, **Suspended by consent in expedited proceeding**—OPR instituted an expedited proceeding for suspension (based on certain limited grounds, including loss of a professional license and criminal convictions).

OPR has authority to disclose the grounds for disciplinary sanctions in these situations: (1) an ALJ or the Secretary’s delegate on appeal has issued a decision on or after September 26, 2007, which was the effective date of amendments to the regulations that permit making such decisions publicly available; (2) the individual has settled a disciplinary case by signing OPR’s “consent to sanction” form, which requires consenting individuals to admit to one or more violations of the regulations and to consent to the disclosure of the individual’s own return information related to the admitted violations (for example, failure to file Federal income tax returns); or (3) OPR has issued a decision in an expedited proceeding for suspension.

Announcements of disciplinary sanctions appear in the Internal Revenue Bulletin at the earliest practicable date. The sanctions announced below are alphabetized first by the names of states and second by the last names of individuals. Unless otherwise indicated, section numbers (e.g., §10.51) refer to the regulations.
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Definition of Terms

Revenue rulings and revenue procedures (hereinafter referred to as “rulings”) that have an effect on previous rulings use the following defined terms to describe the effect:

*Amplified* describes a situation where no change is being made in a prior published position, but the prior position is being extended to apply to a variation of the fact situation set forth therein. Thus, if an earlier ruling held that a principle applied to A, and the new ruling holds that the same principle also applies to B, the earlier ruling is amplified. (Compare with *modified*, below).

*Clarified* is used in those instances where the language in a prior ruling is being made clear because the language has caused, or may cause, some confusion. It is not used where a position in a prior ruling is being changed.

*Distinguished* describes a situation where a ruling mentions a previously published ruling and points out an essential difference between them.

*Modified* is used where the substance of a previously published position is being changed. Thus, if a prior ruling held that a principle applied to A but not to B, and the new ruling holds that it applies to both A and B, the prior ruling is modified because it corrects a published position. (Compare with *amplified* and *clarified*, above).

*Obsoleted* describes a previously published ruling that is not considered determinative with respect to future transactions. This term is most commonly used in a ruling that lists previously published rulings that are obsoleted because of changes in laws or regulations. A ruling may also be obsoleted because the substance has been included in regulations subsequently adopted.

*Revoked* describes situations where the position in the previously published ruling is not correct and the correct position is being stated in a new ruling.

*Superseded* describes a situation where the new ruling does nothing more than restate the substance and situation of a previously published ruling (or rulings). Thus, the term is used to republish under the 1986 Code and regulations the same position published under the 1939 Code and regulations. The term is also used when it is desired to republish in a single ruling a series of situations, names, etc., that were previously published over a period of time in separate rulings. If the new ruling does more than restate the substance of a prior ruling, a combination of terms is used. For example, *modified* and *superseded* describes a situation where the substance of a previously published ruling is being changed in part and is continued without change in part and it is desired to restate the valid portion of the previously published ruling in a new ruling that is self contained. In this case, the previously published ruling is first modified and then, as modified, is superseded.

*Supplemented* is used in situations in which a list, such as a list of the names of countries, is published in a ruling and that list is expanded by adding further names in subsequent rulings. After the original ruling has been supplemented several times, a new ruling may be published that includes the list in the original ruling and the additions, and supersedes all prior rulings in the series.

*Suspended* is used in rare situations to show that the previous published rulings will not be applied pending some future action such as the issuance of new or amended regulations, the outcome of cases in litigation, or the outcome of a Service study.

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