required for a transfer of a section 1256 option that is a covered security:
   (i) The original basis of the option; and
   (ii) The fair market value of the option as of the end of the prior calendar year.
   (f) Additional information required for a debt instrument. In addition to the information required in § 1.6045A–1(b)(3) for a transfer of a debt instrument that is a covered security, the transferor must provide the last date on or before the transfer date that the transferor made an adjustment for a particular item (for example, the last date on or before the transfer date that bond premium was amortized). This paragraph (f) applies to a transfer that occurs on or after June 30, 2015.
   (g) Expiration date. The applicability of this section expires on or before March 12, 2018.

Par. 6. Section 1.6049–5 is amended by adding a sentence after the third sentence in paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 1.6049–5 Interest and original issue discount subject to reporting after December 31, 1982.
   (f) * * * * * However, see § 1.6049–9 for the reporting of premium for a debt instrument acquired on or after January 1, 2014. * * * * *

Par. 7. Section 1.6049–9 is added to read as follows:

§ 1.6049–9 Premium subject to reporting for a debt instrument acquired on or after January 1, 2014.

(a) General rule. Notwithstanding § 1.6049–5(f), for a debt instrument acquired on or after January 1, 2014, if a broker (as defined in § 1.6045–1(a)(1)) is required to file a statement for the debt instrument under § 1.6049–6, the broker generally must report any bond premium (as defined in § 1.171–1(d)) or acquisition premium (as defined in § 1.1272–2(b)(3)) for the calendar year. This section, however, only applies to a debt instrument that is a covered security as defined in § 1.6045–1(a)(15).

(b) Reporting of bond premium amortization. Unless a broker has been notified in writing in accordance with § 1.6045–1(n)(5) that a customer does not want to amortize bond premium under section 171, the broker must report the amount of any amortizable bond premium allocable to a stated interest payment made to the customer during the calendar year. See §§ 1.171–2 and 1.171–3 to determine the amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to a stated interest payment. Instead of reporting a gross amount for both stated interest and amortizable bond premium, a broker may report a net amount of stated interest that reflects the offset of the stated interest payment by the amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to the payment. In this case, the broker must not report the amortizable bond premium as a separate item. This paragraph (b) also applies to amortizable bond premium on a tax-exempt obligation, which is required to be amortized under section 171.

(c) Reporting of acquisition premium amortization. A broker must report the amount of any acquisition premium amortization that reduces the amount of original issue discount includible in income by the customer during a calendar year. For a debt instrument acquired on or after January 1, 2015, a broker must use the rules in § 1.1272–2(b)(4) to determine the amount of acquisition premium amortization. However, for a debt instrument acquired on or after January 1, 2014, and before January 1, 2015, if a customer timely notifies the broker in accordance with § 1.6045–1(n)(5), a broker may use the rules in § 1.1272–3 to determine the amount of acquisition premium amortization. Instead of reporting a gross amount for both original issue discount and acquisition premium amortization, a broker may report a net amount of original issue discount that reflects the offset of the original issue discount includible in income by the customer for the calendar year by the amount of acquisition premium allocable to the original issue discount. In this case, the broker must not report the acquisition premium amortization as a separate item. See § 1.6049–10T for the reporting of acquisition premium on a tax-exempt obligation.

§ 1.6049–9T [Removed]

Par. 8. Section 1.6049–9T is removed.

Par. 9. Section 1.6049–10T is added to read as follows:

§ 1.6049–10T Reporting of original issue discount on a tax-exempt obligation (temporary).

(a) In general. For purposes of section 6049, a payor (as defined in § 1.6049–4(a)(2)) of original issue discount (OID) on a tax-exempt obligation (as defined in section 1288(b)(2)) is required to report the daily portions of OID on the obligation as if the daily portions of OID that accrued during a calendar year were paid to the holder (or holders) of the obligation in the calendar year. The amount of the daily portions of OID that accrues during a calendar year is determined as if section 1272 and § 1.1272–1 applied to a tax-exempt obligation. Notwithstanding any other rule in section 6049 and the regulations thereunder, a payor must determine whether a tax-exempt obligation was issued with OID and the amount of OID that accrues for each relevant period. As prescribed by section 1288(b)(1), OID on a tax-exempt obligation is determined without regard to the de minimis rules in section 1273(a)(3) and § 1.1273–1(d).

(b) Acquisition premium. A payor is required to report acquisition premium amortization on a tax-exempt obligation in accordance with the rules in § 1.6049–9(c) if as section 1272 applied to a tax-exempt obligation. See paragraph (a) of this section to determine the amount of OID allocable to an accrual period.

(c) Effective/applicability date. This section applies to a tax-exempt obligation acquired on or after January 1, 2017.

(d) Expiration date. The applicability of this section expires on or before March 12, 2018.

John Dalrymple,
Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.
Approved: February 19, 2015.

Mark J. Mazur,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy).

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044


AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s regulations on Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans and Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans to prescribe interest assumptions under the benefit payments regulation for valuation dates in April 2015 and interest assumptions under the asset allocation regulation for valuation dates in the second quarter of 2015. The interest assumptions are used for valuing and paying benefits under terminating single-employer plans covered by the pension insurance system administered by PBGC.

DATES: Effective April 1, 2015.
For further information contact: Catherine B. Klion (Klion.Catherine@pbgc.gov), Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4024.)


The interest assumptions in Appendix B to Part 4044 are used to value benefits for allocation purposes under ERISA section 4044. PBGC uses the interest assumptions in Appendix B to Part 4022 to determine whether a benefit is payable as a lump sum and to determine the amount to pay. Appendix C to Part 4022 contains interest assumptions for private-sector pension practitioners to refer to if they wish to use lump-sum interest rates determined using PBGC’s historical methodology. Currently, the rates in Appendices B and C of the benefit payment regulation are the same.

The interest assumptions are intended to reflect current conditions in the financial and annuity markets. Assumptions under the asset allocation regulation are updated quarterly; assumptions under the benefit payments regulation are updated monthly. This final rule updates the benefit payments interest assumptions for April 2015 and updates the asset allocation interest assumptions for the second quarter (April through June) of 2015.

The second quarter 2015 interest assumptions under the allocation regulation will be 2.71 percent for the first 20 years following the valuation date and 2.78 percent thereafter. In comparison with the interest assumptions in effect for the first quarter of 2015, these interest assumptions are unchanged.

PBGC has determined that notice and public comment on this amendment are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This finding is based on the need to determine and issue new interest assumptions promptly so that the assumptions can reflect current market conditions as accurately as possible.

Because of the need to provide immediate guidance for the valuation and payment of benefits under plans with valuation dates during April 2015, PBGC finds that good cause exists for making the assumptions set forth in this amendment effective less than 30 days after publication.

PBGC has determined that this action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this amendment, the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

List of Subjects
29 CFR Part 4022
Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

29 CFR Part 4044
Employee benefit plans, Pension insurance, Pensions.

In consideration of the foregoing, 29 CFR parts 4022 and 4044 are amended as follows:

Part 4022—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans

1. The authority citation for part 4022 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 29 U.S.C. 1302, 1322, 1322b, 1341(c)(3)(D), and 1344.

2. In appendix B to part 4022, Rate Set 258, as set forth below, is added to the table.

Appendix B to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for PBGC Payments

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3. In appendix C to part 4022, Rate Set 258, as set forth below, is added to the table.

Appendix C to Part 4022—Lump Sum Interest Rates for Private-Sector Payments

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The values of \( i \) are:

- \( i = 0.0271 \) for \( t = 1–20 \)
- \( i = 0.0278 \) for \( t = 20–N/A \)
- \( i = N/A \) for \( t = N/A \)