

may invest any unredeemed Demand Deposit securities in special 90-day certificates of indebtedness.

(1) Funds left invested in Demand Deposit securities remain subject to the normal terms and conditions for such securities as set forth in this part.

(2) Funds invested in 90-day certificates of indebtedness earn simple interest equal to the daily factor in effect at the time Demand Deposit security issuance is suspended, multiplied by the number of days outstanding. Ninety-day certificates of indebtedness are subject to the same request for redemption notification requirements as those for Demand Deposit securities and will be redeemed at par value plus accrued interest. If a 90-day certificate of indebtedness reaches maturity during a debt limit contingency, we will automatically roll it into a new 90-day certificate of indebtedness, along with accrued interest, that earns simple interest equal to the daily factor in effect at the time that the new 90-day certificate of indebtedness is issued, multiplied by the number of days outstanding. When regular Treasury borrowing operations resume, the 90-day certificates of indebtedness, along with accrued interest, will be reinvested in Demand Deposit securities.

■ 10. Amend § 344.8 by revising paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) to read as follows:

**§ 344.8 What other provisions apply to subscriptions for Demand Deposit securities?**

(a) *When is my subscription due?* The subscriber must set the issue date in the subscription. You cannot change the issue date to require issuance earlier or later than the issue date originally specified; provided, however, you may change the issue date up to 7 days after the original issue date if you establish to the satisfaction of Treasury that such change is required as a result of circumstances that were unforeseen at the time of the subscription and are beyond the issuer's control (for example, a natural disaster). The issue date must be a business day. The issue date cannot be more than 60 days after the date we receive the subscription. If the subscription is for \$10 million or less, we must receive the subscription at least 5 days before the issue date. If the subscription is for more than \$10 million, we must receive the subscription at least 7 days before the issue date.

(b) *How do I start the subscription process?* A subscriber starts the subscription process by entering into SLGSafe the following information:

(1) The issue date;

- (2) The total principal amount;  
 (3) The issuer's name and Taxpayer Identification Number;  
 (4) A description of the tax-advantaged bond issue; and  
 (5) The certifications required by § 344.2(e)(1), if the subscription is submitted by an agent of the issuer.

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(e) *How do I complete the subscription process?* The completed subscription must:

- (1) Be dated and submitted electronically by an official authorized to make the purchase;  
 (2) Describe the bond issue. If the tax-advantaged bond issue referenced in paragraph (b)(4) of this section is, or will be, registered or disclosed in the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's (MSRB) Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA<sup>®</sup>) system, describe the issue exactly as designated in the "issue description" field of EMMA<sup>®</sup>, or successor system;  
 (3) Include the issuer's address;  
 (4) Include the information on the financial institution that will transmit the funds for the purchase of the securities;  
 (5) Not be more than ten percent above or below the aggregate principal amount originally specified in the subscription;

- (6) Include the information required under paragraph (b) of this section, if not already provided; and  
 (7) Include the certifications required by § 344.2(e)(1) (agent certification), (e)(2)(i) (yield certification), and (e)(4) (eligibility certification).

■ 11. Amend § 344.9 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

**§ 344.9 How do I redeem a Demand Deposit security?**

(a) *When must I notify Treasury to redeem a security?* Demand Deposit securities can be redeemed at the owner's option, if we receive a request for redemption not less than:

- (1) One business day before the requested redemption date for total redemptions by an owner of \$10 million or less;  
 (2) Three business days before the requested redemption date for total redemptions by an owner of more than \$10 million but less than \$500 million; and  
 (3) Five business days before the requested redemption date for total redemptions by an owner of \$500 million or more.

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**Subpart D [Removed]**

■ 12. Remove subpart D.

By the Department of the Treasury.

**David Lebryk,**

*Fiscal Assistant Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**38 CFR Part 0**

**RIN 2900–AS04**

**Agency Ethics Officials**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation governing Agency ethics officials to reflect that the Secretary designates these officials, to identify the employees who may serve in these roles, and to make other relevant nomenclature changes regarding employees and groups within the Office of General Counsel.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* This rule is effective March 4, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracianna L. Winston, Chief Counsel, Ethics Specialty Team, Office of the General Counsel (021), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–6269. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Part 0 governs the Values, Standards of Ethical Conduct, and Related Responsibilities of VA employees. Subpart B, "General Provisions" includes 38 CFR 0.735–1 "Agency ethics officials" which is amended to provide updated information regarding the designation of agency ethics officials and the employees who may serve in these roles. The sections are also amended to reflect nomenclature changes to the names of certain Office of General Counsel offices and the employees in those offices.

Specifically, 38 CFR 0.735–1(a) is amended to reflect that the Secretary designates attorneys from the Office of General Counsel to serve as the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) and Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official (ADAEO). Additionally, 38 CFR 0.735–1(b)(1) is amended to reflect nomenclature changes to the names of Office of General Counsel positions, including District Chief Counsels, and teams, including the Ethics Specialty Team.

This subsection is also amended to broaden the group of individuals who may act as Deputy Ethics Officials pursuant to delegations from the DAEO. Finally, 38 CFR 0.735–1(b)(2) is amended to include a citation to 5 CFR 2638.104(e) as the existing citation to 5 CFR 2638.204 is outdated.

#### Administrative Procedure Act

This final rule is a procedural rule that does not impose new rights, duties, or obligations on affected individuals but, rather, explains that the Secretary appoints Agency ethics officials and identifies the employees that may serve as Agency ethics officials. Therefore, it is exempt from the prior notice-and-comment and delayed-effective-date requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553. See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A) and (d)(3). This rule merely updates information regarding the delegation of Agency ethics officials, the employees who may serve in those roles, and the names of certain offices and employees in the Office of General Counsel.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, are not applicable to this rule because a notice of proposed rulemaking is not required for this rule. Even so, the Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This rule will affect only: (1) Office of General Counsel (OGC) and VA employees who serve as Agency ethics officials, and (2) VA employees seeking ethics advice from these Agency ethics officials. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604 do not apply.

#### Executive Orders 12866, 13563 and 14094

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) directs agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity).

Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. Executive Order 14094 (Executive Order on Modernizing Regulatory Review) supplements and reaffirms the principles, structures, and definitions governing contemporary regulatory review established in Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993 (Regulatory Planning and Review), and Executive Order 13563 of January 18, 2011 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review). The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 14094. The Regulatory Impact Analysis associated with this rulemaking can be found as a supporting document at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### Assistance Listing

There are no Assistance Listing numbers and titles for the programs affected by this document.

#### Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to Subtitle E of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (known as the Congressional Review Act) (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not satisfying the criteria under 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

#### Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. This final rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

#### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 0

Core Values, Characteristics and Customer Experience Principles of the Department, General Provisions, Standards of Ethical Conduct, and Related Responsibilities of Employees.

#### Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on February 26, 2024, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### Consuela Benjamin,

*Regulations Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs amends 38 CFR part 0 as follows:

#### PART 0—VALUES, STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, AND RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 0 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301; 38 U.S.C. 501; see sections 201, 301, and 502(a) of E.O. 12674, 54 FR 15159, 3 CFR, 1989 Comp., p. 215 as modified by E.O. 12731, 55 FR 42547, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 306.

■ 2. Amend § 0.735–1 by revising paragraphs (a), (b)(1), and (b)(2) to read as follows:

#### § 0.735–1 Agency ethics officials.

(a) *Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO).* The Secretary will designate attorneys from the Office of General Counsel to serve as the Designated Agency Ethics Official (DAEO) and Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official (ADAEO).

(b) \* \* \*

(1) The District Chief Counsels and attorneys on the Ethics Specialty Team are Deputy Ethics Officials. They have been delegated the authority to act for the DAEO pursuant to 5 CFR 2638.104(e).

(2) Other officials may also act as Deputy Ethics officials pursuant to delegations of one or more of the DAEO's duties from the DAEO.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### 38 CFR Part 17

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#### Reproductive Health Services

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is finalizing, without changes, an interim final rule that amended VA's medical regulations to remove the exclusion on abortion counseling in the medical benefits package; establish exceptions to the exclusion on abortions for veterans who