

Personnel Employee Bulletin

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New Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Account Numbers

TSP has mailed participants a unique account number to be used in place of their Social Security Numbers (SSNs). The account numbers were delivered in a blue TSP mailer.

As explained in a September 2007 article by the Department of Defense's Civilian Personnel Management Service (CPMS), TSP will enhance security by replacing SSNs with account numbers as the main way to identify participants. Participants will use their account number, plus their TSP Web password or Thriftline Personal Identification Number (PIN), to log into the Account Access section of the TSP Web site or the Thriftline. Most TSP forms will also require the account number.

TSP will still use SSNs at times. For example, when individuals talk with TSP Service Representatives, the agents might ask for an SSN to further verify identity. Additionally, TSP will continue using SSNs to accept contributions and loan payments from the agency or service and to report TSP disbursements to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, TSP will not use SSNs to the extent possible.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board sent out a letter in August 2007 to inform TSP participants about this change. All participants should have received this letter. TSP uses the official employee mailing address on file with the agency; thus, employees who did not receive the letter should check to see if their address is current with their agency, not with TSP. In the Department of Defense (DoD), employees can update their mailing address by contacting their installation's payroll liaison.

For additional information, please contact your servicing DLA Human Resources Center, <http://www.hr.dla.mil/cntctus.htm>. The Personnel Employee Bulletin will be published on the first and third Wednesday of each month.