

403(b) Plan Information for Employees

Who is TSACG?

TSA Consulting Group, Inc. (TSACG) provides a variety of services to public education employers that relate to the compliance and administration of 403(b) and 457 retirement plans. The Internal Revenue Service issued regulations regarding 403(b) plans which significantly increase the administrative and reporting responsibilities of plan sponsors (your employer). These requirements include making the plan sponsor responsible for the review and approval process of any transaction made to any account that is a part of the sponsored 403(b) plan.

In response to these requirements, your employer has contracted with TSACG. On behalf of your employer, TSACG will be responsible for the approval process of transactions such as Distributions, Enrollment, Exchanges, Transfers, 403(b) Loans, and Rollovers. Upon reviewing submitted paperwork to ensure that the transaction complies with IRS regulations, TSACG will forward approved paperwork to your authorized investment product provider who will complete the transaction by disbursing funds directly to you or directly to an account specified by you.

The goal of TSACG is to efficiently facilitate the process for you, the participant, as well as your employer, the plan sponsor, and your investment product provider. We have listed on the following pages the steps for enrolling in the plan, as well as steps required for approval of transactions that you may wish to have processed. Carefully reviewing this information and submitting the correct, completed documentation will help ensure that your request will be processed as quickly as possible. If you have questions while preparing documentation, a TSACG representative can be reached at 1-888-796-3786 ext. 4. Information is also available by visiting our Web site, https://www.tsacg.com. Please note that TSACG is not an investment product provider, and we cannot give investment advice. For questions regarding your investments, please contact your investment product provider or financial advisor.

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Participation in your 403(b) retirement plan:

Getting Started

To enroll in your employer's Supplemental 403(b) Retirement Plan, you must do four things:

- 1. Select the company(s) you wish to invest with, and
- 2. Establish an account with that company
- 3. Complete a "Salary Reduction Agreement" (SRA) form, which authorizes your employer to withhold the amount you elect to contribute to your 403(b) via payroll deduction. Your employer will forward the contribution to the investment company on your behalf.
- 4. Return the completed SRA form to your employer prior to the cut-off date for which you wish deductions to begin.

The "Salary Reduction Agreement" form can be downloaded from TSACG's Web site, https://www.tsacg.com. A list of authorized investment product providers and their contact information can also be found on your employer's web page on the same Web site.

Important-You MUST establish an account with your selected provider prior to the date you begin the Salary Reduction. If the account has not been properly established, your contributions will be returned to you and will be taxable. Verifying that the account has been established before submitting the SRA will expedite the process and help to avoid having funds returned to you.

Change(s) or Stopping

A new Salary Reduction Form must also be completed any time that you wish to:

- Change your product provider
- Change the allocation between providers
- Change the amount of contribution
- Change between contributing a dollar amount or percentage of salary
- Stop your deduction or restart your deduction after a stop
- Designate contributions as Roth (post-tax contribution)

Remember that all SRA forms must be submitted to TSACG by the cutoff date for the payroll for which you wish the change to be effective.

403(b) Transaction Processing:

All transactions require a Transaction Routing Request form, which can be obtained from https://www.tsacg.com. The Transfer Routing Request Form provides important information regarding your request and is vital to ensuring proper processing. More information and detailed Transaction Processing procedures can be obtained from http://www.tsacg.com/individual/plan-transactions.

Distributions:

Distribution transactions may include any of the following: loan, transfer/exchange, rollover, hardship withdrawal, or cash distributions. Each investment product provider requires their own form to be submitted. You may request distributions by completing the necessary forms obtained from your investment product provider,

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other necessary documentation as indicated below and submitting all completed documents to TSACG for processing.

Transaction Requested	Forms needed for Processing
Contract Exchanges, incoming and outgoing	Submit complete investment provider paperwork for transaction and the following form: *Completed Transaction Routing Request form (including Box B)
403(b) Hardship Withdrawals	Submit complete investment provider paperwork for transaction and the following forms and/or documentation: *Completed Transaction Routing Request form *Completed Hardship Withdrawal Disclosure form *Evidence of expenses equal or more than amount requesting Please verify that you have completed Box A on the form if you are submitting a transaction for a Financial Hardship Withdrawal. Please note that evidence of expenses MUST be provided for approval of request.
457(b) Unforeseen Emergency Withdrawals	Submit complete investment provider paperwork for transaction and the following forms and/or documentation: *Completed Transaction Routing Request form *Completed 457 Unforeseen Emergency Disclosure form *Evidence of expenses equal or more than amount requesting Please verify that you have completed Box A on the form if you are submitting a transaction for a 457(b) Unforeseen Emergency Withdrawal Please note that evidence of expenses MUST be provided for approval of request.
403(b) and 457(b) Loan Withdrawals	Submit complete investment provider paperwork for transaction and the following form: *Completed Transaction Routing Request form (including Box C)
Rollovers and/or 403(b) and 457(b) Cash Withdrawal (due to qualifying event only)	Submit complete investment provider paperwork for transaction and the following form: *Completed Transaction Routing Request form (including Box A)

Important: If your rollover or withdrawal request is due to the qualifying event of separation from service your termination date must be verified by your employer.

Transfers:

As of January 1, 2009, participants may only exchange their accounts among the authorized providers in the employer's 403(b) Plan.

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After verifying that the selected new provider is a current authorized investment product provider, you must complete any forms required by the provider (usually supplied by the new provider), as well as a Transaction Routing Request form. All completed forms should be submitted to TSACG for processing.

Submitting Transaction Requests:

All transaction requests should be submitted to TSACG for processing via fax, mail, or email:

TSA Consulting Group, Inc.

Attn: Participant Transactions Department

28 Ferry Rd SE

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Fax: 1-866-741-0645

Email: recordkeeping@tsacg.com

TSACG wants to assist you in the most efficient manner possible. Carefully reviewing all documentation, verifying that you have signed all necessary forms, and verifying that you have included any necessary evidence will help us to reach this goal and avoid delays that are caused by incomplete documentation. Our customer service representatives are available to assist you at 1-888-796-3786 ext. 2 or recordkeeping@tsacg.com. Please note that the Participant Transactions Department's hours of operation are Monday – Thursday, 7:00 – 7:00 pm (CST) and Friday, 7:00 – 5:00 pm (CST).

Participation in the 403(b) plan is voluntary and should be based on your financial objectives and resources. Individual investment strategies should reflect your personal savings goals and tolerance for financial risk. You may want to consult a tax advisor or financial planner before enrolling. Your Employer and TSACG are not liable for any loss that may result from your investment decisions.

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