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#### **DIVIDEND ACCOUNTING**

### INTRODUCTION

The following procedure details examples of the dividend accounting processed on Flex contracts (ABC/PBC/PMS & PML). Each of the following refer to samples as they are requested on change orders (instructions) from Retirement Services. Because these requests require additional materials from Retirement Services, such as a current status and app from Records Center, they will not be sent to our area using E-mail.

**IMPORTANT**: Dividends for flex contracts <u>always</u> earn on 12/31 of each given year. Based on the dividend option of the contract—i.e.: applied, additions, cash, etc.—the dividends will earn, but show in different ways in the record.

## REFUND APPLIED DIVIDENDS IN YAD SUSPENSE

If the previous year's dividend is <u>not</u> used to pay premiums prior to the Due Date on the contract, the amount in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer on a status is automatically moved to the "SUSPENSE" trailer under the who code of "YAD" (Yearly Applied Dividend). This occurs to allow the *current* year's dividend, with applicable interest, to be displayed in the "APPLIED DIVIDEND" trailer. (See sample 1).

Occasionally, we are instructed to refund the amount in YAD suspense with interest calculated to a current date.

- A. In addition to the YAD suspense amount, the change order should reflect the amount of interest to be included in the refund. (See sample 2)
  - **NOTE**: This example is not an actual case so the amount of interest reflected on the change order sample does not coincide with the status sample.
- B. Prepare a Payment Form (# 2012) to be included in the batch (See sample 3). The form should indicate the contract number, annuitant, agency, and any accounting to be done. A copy of the change order and status should be included in the batch.
- C. Accounting is processed through an Unpaid batch using only P9 accounting. The accounting will remove the applied dividends from the "SUSPENSE" trailer, debit the interest account for the amount of interest, and credit the total to our clearing account (See sample 4a and 4b).

## SAMPLE 4a

### SAMPLE 4b

**NOTE**: The amount of dividends removed from the "SUSPENSE" trailer should appear as a <u>cash</u> entry, "C", in the "DISPERSEMENTS" trailer on a new status received the next working day.

A. Prepare a Check Order form for the refund check and forward to Bookkeepers (See sample 5). The check should be drawn on the same clearing account that was credited in the Unpaid batch. Once the check is issued, it is forwarded to the mailroom to be sent out with the letter done by Retirement Services.

# MOVE DIVIDENDS FROM CONTRACT SUSPENSE TO APPLIED DIVIDEND TRAILER

Occasionally, we receive instructions from Retirement Services to *move* applied dividends from the "SUSPENSE" trailer to the "APPLIED DIVIDEND" trailer effective a particular date. The "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer <u>must</u> be blank to process this request.

**NOTE**: This is done in order to have the unused dividends reflected on a particular bill soon to be generated.

A. A change order is received from Retirement Services with a current status (See sample 6 & 7). In addition, a *Due Date* for the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer should be indicated to coincide with the due date of the bill they want the dividends to appear on.

**NOTE**: This is not an actual case so amounts on the change order and status do not agree.

B. On the ASF system, put the dividends into the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer (See sample 8). (Refer to ASF Flex Change procedures in this manual for further information)

**NOTE**: The amount in SUSPENSE of \$ 332.12 with a due date of 94/03/01 is the 12/31/93 dividend of \$ 327.84 plus interest to 94/03/01.

The amount of dividends should be what was earned on last year's 12/31 date; in this case, \$ 327.84. This figure is also reflected in the "TOTAL DIV LAST 12/31" field of the status. In some instances, the amount in this field *could* agree with the amount in the "SUSPENSE" field reflecting a due date of 12/31/YY.

A Y-change pending should be put in the record while this type of case is being processed (RHCJ transaction). Also, request a new status be generated and returned to you (by entering a "1" on the ASF system entry screen).

C. Prepare a Payment Form (# 2012). (See sample 9) On the form, include the contract number, annuitant's name, agency, and any accounting that will take place.

NATIONAL LIFE DATA ENTRY SYSTEM PF1 = ADD; PF2 = CHANGE; PF3 = DELETE; ENTER = NEXT; CLEAR = EXIT FXTTICCFJ6 8602792 CK DIGIT <u>1</u> LAST ACT DATE <u>940301</u>
WHO <u>BEL</u> EFFEC DATE <u>940301</u> RN REQ <u>1</u> CONTROL NO 8602792 CK DIGIT 1 MODE <u>35</u> TOT REG PREMS TOT COP PREMS TOT SGL PREMS RES TR IND TOT ANN PREM BEN TOT COP PREM BEN TOT ADJ COMM LIMIT COMM PERCENT CUR YR ANN PREM PRIOR YR ANN PREM CUR YTD COP PREM CUR YTD BEN PREM CUR YR NET ANN PRIOR YR NET ANN REG PREM RESERVE SNGL/RT RESERVE ADDS RESERVE EXCESS INTEREST REQIRED INTEREST ANNUALIZED INT BEGIN ANNL INT HIGHEST PREM SUM OF PREMS COMMISS ANNIV DIVID DEPOSITS CURR DIVIDEND INTEREST LAST INTEREST NEXT 1099 INTEREST APPLIED SUSPENSE DUE DATE 940301 AMOUNT 0050000

D. Process accounting through an Unpaid batch (See sample 10). The batch should contain the Payment Form, a copy of the change order from Retirement Services, and a copy of the status.

**NOTE**: If this was an ABC contract credit the 1315120 account rather than the 1515120, as this is used with PBC/PMS/PML contracts only.

- E. The new status is received and should now show <u>no</u> dividends in the "SUSPENSE" trailer. The amount of dividends and the appropriate Due Date will now appear in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer (See sample 11).
- F. Now that the dividends are appearing in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer, the system will automatically calculate the amount of interest on the dividends as of the particular effective date.
  - Obtain a *cash value* print using the RCVJ or A inquiry screen. (See sample 12. **NOTE**: sample for information only) The amount in the "APPLIED DIVIDEND" field on this print will be the <u>total</u> of the dividends and interest as of this particular effective date.
- G. On the ASF system, change the "DUE DATE" and the amount in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer to that shown on the cash value print. (See sample 13) A current status and the cash value print should be used. Also, be sure to request another status when this change is

processed by entering a "1" in the RN field. (Refer to the ASF Flex Change procedure for further information).

DOWN DOODERS OFFICE				
RCVJ 8602792,960101 SERIES L				
-ANNUITANT- CONTR #: 8602792-1 TYPE ENTRY DUE SUSPENSE AMOUNT PEASE JS STATUS: 2 C 1222 960101 B20 166.66 -OWNER- TRUST #: 00994-0 AGY: 031 0000 000000 JUDITH S PEASE ANNIV MO: 05 LST CHG: 960102 LST ACC 8 HILLARD CURRENT VALUES AS OF 01/01/96 WITH RETIREMENT AS OF 06/01/2003 A KENSINGTON NH TOTAL PREM PD 19022.65 LST PYM ZIP: 03833 SS #: 040-36-0868 CURRENT CONTRACT YIELD: .05935 ISSUED: 986/05/01 AGE: 43 DEATH BENEFIT: ANNIV YR CONTR YR IRS DIV OPT RESERVE 95 95 8 3 LESS SURR CHG TOTAL PREM CONTR YEAR-TO-DATE CASH SURR VALUE (ADDS 1582.06) REG ANNTY COP PD BY BEN DEPOSITS 1333.28 INT ON DEPOSITS				
436.64				
PRO-RATA DIVIDEND				
TOTAL PD-UP ANNUITY 175.25 APPLIED DIVIDEND SUSPENSE				
	166.66			
MO ANNTY @ RETIREMENT 265.41 TOTAL NET CASH SURRENDER	23838.37			

## SAMPLE 13

NATIONAL LIFE DATA ENTRY SYSTEM PF1 = ADD; PF2 = CHANGE; PF3 = DELETE; ENTER = NEXT; CLEAR = EXIT FXTTICCFJ6				
CONTROL NO 86027 MODE 35	92 CK DIG	IT <u>1</u> L. EFFEC DATE <u>94030</u>	AST ACT DATE L RN REQ	940301 1
TOT REG PREMS TOT SGL PREMS TOT ANN PREM BEN TOT ADJ		TOT COP PREMS RES TR IND TOT COP PREM BEN		
COMM LIMIT CUR YR ANN PREM CUR YTD COP PREM CUR YR NET ANN		COMM PERCENT PRIOR YR ANN PREM CUR YTD BEN PREM		
REG PREM RESERVE ADDS RESERVE REQIRED INTEREST		PRIOR YR NET ANN SNGL/RT RESERVE EXCESS INTEREST ANNUALIZED INT		
BEGIN ANNL INT SUM OF PREMS	DIVID DEPOSITS	HIGHEST PREM COMMISS ANNIV		
CURR DIVIDEND INTEREST NEXT	APPLIED SUSPEN	INTEREST LAST 1099 INTEREST USE		
DUE DATE	940301	AMOUNT	0050000	

H. Once the new status is received, be sure to check that the "DUE DATE" and amount in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer agrees with your request. (See sample 14) If correct, remove the Y-change pending and notify Retirement Services that the case has been completed.

## REFUND APPLIED DIVIDENDS IN APPLIED SUSPENSE

The request to refund dividends in applied suspense originate in Retirement Services. A cash value status or cash value print should accompany their request. Since the system can automatically calculate interest on dividends appearing in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" field, the effective date of the status or print should be the date that we issue our refund. In other words, we should have a *future dated* effective date to allow time for processing. This status only reflects the location of the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" field.

- A. The change order is received from Retirement Services with the appropriate cash value status or print. (See sample 15)
  - In this example, the cash value print reflects the amount in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" field to be refunded effective April 1, 1994. (See sample 16) The amount on this print should agree with the amount quoted on the change order.
- B. Prepare a Payment Form (2012) to be included in the batch. (See sample 17) On the form, indicate the contract number, annuitant's name and agency. Also, include the accounting to be done.
- C. Accounting is processed through an Unpaid batch using P9 accounting. The accounting is to remove the applied dividends from the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer and credit to our clearing account. (See sample 18) A copy of the change order and status should be included in the batch.
  - **NOTE**: The amount of dividends removed from the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer should appear as a <u>cash</u> entry, "C", in the "DISPERSEMENTS" trailer on a new status.
- D. Prepare a Check Order form for the refund check and forward to Bookkeepers. (See sample 19) The check should be drawn on the same clearing account that was credited in the Unpaid batch. Once the check is issued by Bookkeepers, it is forwarded to the mailroom to be matched up with the letter done by Retirement Services.

## **APPLIED DIVIDENDS TO ADDITIONS**

The requests to convert dividends in applied suspense to additions originate in Retirement Services. This process simply *purchases* dividend additions using the amount of dividends in applied suspense. A cash value status or cash value print should accompany their request and reflect an effective date of January 1st of the *current* year.

NOTE: This status only reflects the location of the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" field.

- A. The change order is received from Retirement Services with the appropriate cash value status or print. (See sample 20 and 21)
  - In this example, a cash value print (RCVJ screen) reflects the amount in the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" field to purchase the additions effective January 1, 1994. The amount on this print should agree with the amount quoted on the change order.
- B. Prepare a Payment Form (2012) to be included in the batch. (See sample 22) Be sure to include the contract number, annuitant, and agency, as well as the accounting to be done. A copy of the change order and status should also be included in the batch.
- C. The accounting is to remove the dividends from the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer and purchase dividend additions. (See sample 23)
  - **NOTE**: The amount of dividends removed from the "APPLIED SUSPENSE" trailer will not appear in the "DISPERSEMENTS" trailer; it was not used to help pay premiums nor was it refunded.
- D. On the ASF system, with a current status or print, change the dividend option to additions. (See sample 24) (Refer to the ASF Flex Change procedure for further information).
  - **NOTE**: If a change in dividend option is <u>not</u> reflected on the change order, inquire on a RNVJ or RNVA screen <u>first</u> to see if the option has *already* been changed. It is not necessary to process the accounting prior to the change in dividend option.

## SAMPLE 24

NATIONAL LIFE DATA ENTRY SYSTEM				
PF1 = ADD; PF2 = CHANGE; PF3 = DELETE; ENTER = NEXT; CLEAR = EXIT				
FXTTICCFJ1				
CONTROL NO 8602792 CK DIGI	T 1 LAST ACT DATE 940101			
MODE 35 WHO BBU	EFFEC DATE RN REQ 1			
_				
AGENCY	PLAN			
BILL TYPE	STATUS TYPE			
PENSION TYPE	APPROVAL-CODE			
STATE	CITY			
SEX	BIRTHDATE			
SEND TO				
SERV AGT NO	SERV AGT NAME			
AGENCY FLAG	SIGNATURE			
SPEC HANDL BILLS	SPEC HANDL OTHER			
ISSUE DATE	ISSUE AGE			
12 31 YEAR	SETTL OPTION			
FLEXABILITY LIMIT	HIGHEST PREMIUM			
RETIRE DATE	RETIRE AGE			
MON ANNUITY	DIV OPT 3			
LIVES	STATE OF EXEC			
CONTRACT YEAR	PREM SUSP TOT PD UP ANN			
START SURR CHRG	STOP SURR CHRG			

#### YAD SUSPENSE TO ADDITIONS

Requests to convert dividends in YAD suspense to additions originate in Retirement Services. This process simply *purchases* dividend additions using the amount of dividends in YAD suspense.

A. A change order is received from Retirement Services with an effective date and amount that should agree with what is reflected in the YAD

"SUSPENSE" field of a status. (See sample 25 and 26) In most cases, the amount in "YAD SUSPENSE" consists of the dividend earned on 12/31 and includes interest to a current date.

The amount in "YAD SUSPENSE" in this example case represents the 12/31/92 dividend plus interest to 03/01/93.

B. Prepare a Payment Form (# 2012) to be included in the batch. (See sample 27) Be sure to include the contract number, annuitant's name and agency, as well as the accounting to be done. A copy of the change order and status should also be included in the batch.

C. Accounting is processed through an Unpaid batch. The accounting will remove the dividends from the "YAD SUSPENSE" trailer, credit to the cash dividend account, and purchase additions. (See sample 28 and 29) The effective date of the first two accounting transactions should equal the effective date of the "YAD SUSPENSE" amount. The effective date of the last two accounting transactions should be 01/01 of the *current* year.

**NOTE**: When processing accounting on a PBC/PMS/PML contracts, the cash dividend account is #1515120 and the dividend additions account is #1515110. On an ABC contract, the cash dividend account is #1315120 and the dividend additions account is #1315110.

D. On the ASF system, with a current status or print, change the dividend option to additions. (Refer to sample 24)

**NOTE**: If a change in dividend option is <u>not</u> reflected on the change order, inquire on a RNVJ or RNVA screen to see if the option has *already* been changed. It is <u>not</u> necessary to process the accounting prior to the change in dividend option.

## **DIVIDEND CHECK RETURNED/PURCHASE ADDITIONS**

Occasionally, a cash dividend check is returned to us with a request to *purchase* dividend additions. These checks are <u>voided</u> back to the account they were drawn on and notification will accompany a regular remittance batch from Treasurers. The request to purchase additions and a copy of the check should be in this batch also. When received, the amount should be credited to agency suspense and correspondence forwarded to Retirement Services.

- A. A change order request is sent from Retirement Services along with a current status. (See sample 30 & 31) When the dividend check was originally disbursed, the amount appeared in the "DISPERSEMENTS" field on a status. When the dividend check is voided and the following steps processed, the amount will appear as a *negative* amount.
- B. Prepare a Payment Form (2012) indicating the accounting transactions necessary to purchase the additions, as well as the funds being taken from agency suspense. (See sample 32)

C. The accounting to purchase the dividend additions only is processed through an Unpaid batch. (See sample 33)

**NOTE**: If this was an ABC contract the account number of the second accounting transaction would be #1315110; this is the dividend additions account.

### SAMPLE 33

D. On the ASF system, with a current status or print, change the dividend option to additions. (Refer to sample 24) Request that a new status be generated by entering a "1" in the "RN" field.

**NOTE**: If a change in dividend option is <u>not</u> reflected on the change order, inquire on a RNVJ or RNVA screen to see if the option has *already* been changed. It is <u>not</u> necessary to process the accounting prior to the change in dividend option.

## MISCELLANEOUS DIVIDEND ACCOUNTING

The following are accounting examples paid through Unpaid batches which involve applied dividends.

A. YRT/PRT PREMIUMS PAID WITH APPLIED DIVIDENDS

This scenario involves using applied dividends of \$37.13 and \$27.72 in policy suspense to pay a premium of \$64.85. (See sample 34)

### B. DIVIDENDS IN SUSPENSE TO PAY THE SAME POLICY

This scenario involves paying a premium for the same amount of dividends in applied suspense. (See sample 35) **NOTE**: If there is a *net* amount due, create another Unpaid transaction for that amount only; processed as a P0 transaction.

## C. DIVIDENDS IN APPLIED SUSPENSE TO PAY ANOTHER CONTRACT

This scenario involves using applied dividends from contract #8301730 to pay premium on contract #8402692. (See sample 36) **NOTE**: Be sure to cross reference the contract numbers in the DESCRIPTION field on the Unpaid screens.