

# Power of Attorney United States Savings Bonds and Notes



To authorize an attorney-in-fact to act on behalf of a bond owner, please do either of the following:

- Submit a certified copy of the power of attorney authorizing the attorney-in-fact to do so. The document must:
  - Have a legible stamp or seal of the certifying officer
  - Either be signed within the past two years or contain a durability clause
- Complete *Durable Power of Attorney for Securities and Savings Bonds Transactions* ([FS Form 5188](#)).

## Transactions

To **cash** savings bonds, the attorney-in-fact, acting in his or her fiduciary capacity, must complete and sign *Special Form of Request for Payment of United States Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of a Detached Request Is Authorized* ([FS Form 1522](#)).

To **change the address** or **update the ACH** payment information for Series H or Series HH bond(s), the attorney-in-fact must complete *Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form* ([FS Form 5396](#)).

To **file a claim** for lost, stolen, or destroyed savings bonds, the attorney-in-fact must complete *Claim for Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed United States Savings Bonds* ([FS Form 1048](#)).

We don't **reissue** savings bonds upon the request of an attorney-in-fact.

It is important that the form(s) be completed and signed in accordance with the instructions. Please note, forms must be signed in the presence of an authorized certifying officer (available at a bank, trust company, or credit union).

You can [download](#) forms at [www.TreasuryDirect.gov](http://www.TreasuryDirect.gov).

## NOTES:

- We don't return legal evidence, such as a power of attorney.
- If you have questions about what fiduciary transaction an attorney-in-fact can complete (administered estates, trusts, etc.), please contact us.

Unless instructed otherwise, send required documents to:

Treasury Retail Securities Services  
PO Box 9150  
Minneapolis, MN 55480-9150

Phone: 844-284-2676 (toll free)