



**UNITED STATES RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
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FORM RRB-1042S Tax Statement General Information

The Form RRB-1042S tax statement enclosed is issued by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) and represents payments made to you in the tax year indicated on the statement. You will need to determine if any of the railroad retirement payments made to you are taxable. Explanations of items on Form RRB-1042S are on the back of this explanation sheet.

Form RRB-1042S reports the Social Security Equivalent Benefit (SSEB) portion of tier 1 and special guaranty benefits paid and repaid to nonresident aliens and the related U.S. Federal income tax withheld. SSEB payments are similar to social security benefits for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. A repayment is a returned payment, a cash refund, or an amount withheld from your annuity to recover an overpayment. Taxable payments and repayments resulting from railroad retirement annuity adjustments are shown on your tax statements. This is true whether adjustments result in net amounts due or net overpayments which you are asked to repay, and whether any overpayments are recovered or waived. For information about SSEB benefits, get **IRS Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits**.

NOTE: You should have received Form SSA-1042S and Notice 703 from the Social Security Administration (SSA) if you also received social security benefits for the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. Contact SSA if you need Form SSA-1042S and Notice 703.

Your records indicate that you are a nonresident alien of the United States. A nonresident alien is an individual who is neither a citizen nor resident of the United States, Guam, the U. S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico or the Northern Mariana Islands. Taxes should have been withheld from your railroad retirement benefit payments in the tax year indicated on your tax statement(s), unless you were exempt under a tax treaty to which the United States is a party. You are **not** required to file a U.S. Federal income tax return if: **(1)** your entire tax liability was fulfilled by withholding of tax on benefits; **(2)** your only income from sources within the United States was not connected to a trade or business; and **(3)** the correct amount of tax for the correct period was withheld. However, you may wish to file an income tax return to receive a refund if too much tax was withheld from these payments. **If your country of legal residence changed or your tax withholding rate changed during a given tax year, you may receive more than one set of Forms RRB-1042S and/or RRB-1099-R.** If you were also a resident of the United States during a given tax year, you may receive Forms RRB-1099 and/or RRB-1099-R, and be required to file **Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return**. **If you are required to file an income tax return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if the income is taxable and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) determines that it has not been reported.** For more information on filing requirements for aliens, refer to **IRS Publication 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens**. Railroad retirement payments are **not** taxable for state income tax purposes.

There are two boxes located at the top left hand side of the Form RRB-1042S tax statement indicated as **CORRECTED** or **DUPLICATE**. One of these boxes is checked when either a corrected or duplicate Form RRB-1042S is prepared. Both boxes are checked if the Form RRB-1042S is a duplicate of a previously corrected Form RRB-1042S. **Neither box will be checked if this is an original Form RRB-1042S.** You may receive more than one original Form RRB-1042S for the tax year indicated. Each original Form RRB-1042S is valid and should be included when you file your income tax return for the tax year indicated. However, do **not** use the original Form RRB-1042S when you file your income tax return if you received a duplicate or corrected Form RRB-1042S for that same tax year.

You may also receive a Form RRB-1099-R tax statement in addition to a Form RRB-1042S. Form RRB-1099-R reports the taxable paid and U.S. Federal income tax withheld from, the Non-Social Security Equivalent Benefit (NSSEB) portion of tier 1, tier 2, vested dual benefit (VDB), and supplemental annuity payments. These payments are treated as private pensions for U.S. Federal tax purposes. Follow the **Instructions for Form 1040 and/or Form 1040A Booklet(s)** to determine your taxable amount. For more information, get **IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income**, and/or **IRS Publication 939, General Rule for Pensions and Annuities**, to determine your taxable amount.

The totals reported on your Form RRB-1042S may **not** equal the total amount of SSEB payments you actually received during the tax year indicated. For beneficiaries receiving Medicare, the difference may be the total amount of Medicare premiums paid during the tax year indicated. Amounts shown on tax statements issued by the RRB are **before** any deduction for Medicare. Effective for tax years 1997 and later, the RRB only shows the total Part B Medicare premiums that were deducted from railroad retirement annuity payments for the tax year indicated on Form RRB-1042S. The Medicare premium total is normally shown on Form RRB-1042S. However, if Form RRB-1042S is **not** required for your taxes, then the Medicare premium total is shown on Form RRB-1099-R. Medicare premium refunds are not included in your Medicare premium total. If you paid Medicare premiums by direct billing or your Medicare premiums were deducted from your social security benefits or paid by a third party, your Medicare premium total will **not** be shown on your Form RRB-1042S.

If you have any questions about how to figure your taxable payments and/or what amounts to show on your income tax returns, contact your own tax preparer or the IRS. However, refer questions about railroad retirement benefit payments to the RRB. When contacting the RRB about your Form RRB-1042S, always give the claim number and payee code shown in Box 1 of your Form RRB-1042S. **The recipient's identification number in Box 2 of the Form RRB-1042S is either the social security number OR individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) OR employer identification number (EIN) for the person or Estate listed as the recipient.** YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR NEAREST RRB FIELD OFFICE OR U.S. CONSULATE/EMBASSY FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR INQUIRIES. In addition, you may visit us on the Internet at <http://www.rrb.gov>.

You may want to photocopy and retain this Form RRB-1042S for income verification and record keeping purposes.

Please be sure the RRB always has your current mailing address.

COMPUTER MATCHING AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT NOTICE

The Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988 requires the RRB to periodically advise you that information you have provided may be used, without your consent, in automated matching programs. These matching programs are a computer comparison of RRB records with records kept by other Federal, state, or local governmental agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to verify a person's eligibility for federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of benefits or delinquent debts under these programs.

EXPLANATION OF ITEMS ON FORM RRB-1042S

BOX 3 - GROSS SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This is the total SSEB portion of tier 1 benefits paid to you during the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. It includes any SSEB benefits paid to you during the indicated tax year that were for prior years.

BOX 4 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 REPAID TO RRB IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This is the total SSEB benefits you repaid to the RRB during the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. It includes any SSEB benefits you repaid during the indicated tax year that were for prior years.

BOX 5 - NET SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This total is the amount in Box 3 *minus* the amount in Box 4. A figure in parenthesis is a negative amount. This means that you repaid the RRB more than you received or were entitled to receive during the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. If you received more than one Form RRB-1042S or Form SSA-1042S for the same tax year, a negative figure in Box 5 of Forms RRB-1042S or SSA-1042S can be used to offset a positive figure in Box 5 of the other Forms RRB-1042S or SSA-1042S for the same tax year. For information concerning SSEB benefits, refer to **IRS Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits**.

BOX 6 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION OFFSET IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This amount is for informational purposes. The amount of any workers' compensation which offset your SSEB payments is included in the amount in Box 3.

BOX 7 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID FOR ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This total is the amount of SSEB that was paid for **one** year prior to the tax year indicated, **but was not paid** until the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. This amount is included in the amount shown in Box 3.

BOX 8 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID FOR TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This total is the amount of SSEB that was paid for **two** years prior to the tax year indicated, **but was not paid** until the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. This amount is included in the amount shown in Box 3.

BOX 9 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID FOR THREE YEARS PRIOR TO THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE - This total is the amount of SSEB that was paid for **three or more** years prior to the tax year indicated, **but was not paid** until the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. This amount is included in the amount shown in Box 3. Any tier 1 benefit paid for a period prior to 1986 is treated as SSEB.

BOX 10 - COUNTRY - This item indicates the country of which you were a legal resident for U.S. Federal income tax purposes for the payments shown on the Form RRB-1042S.

BOX 11 - RATE OF TAX - This is the rate at which U.S. Federal income tax was withheld from the SSEB payments shown on the Form RRB-1042S.

BOX 12 - FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHELD - This is the amount of U.S. Federal income tax withheld from the SSEB payments while you were a legal resident of the country shown in Box 10 in the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S.

BOX 13 - MEDICARE PREMIUM TOTAL - This is the total amount of Part B Medicare premiums deducted from your railroad retirement annuity payments during the tax year indicated on the Form RRB-1042S. This amount is for informational purposes and only applies to tax years 1997 and later. **If your Form RRB-1042S is for a tax year prior to tax year 1997, this box is blank even though you may have had Medicare premiums deducted from your railroad retirement annuity payments.** Medicare premium refunds are not included in the Medicare total. The Medicare total is normally shown on Form RRB-1042S. **However, if Form RRB-1042S is not required for the tax year indicated, then the Medicare total is shown on Form RRB-1099-R. If your Medicare premiums were deducted from your social security benefits; paid by a third party; and/or you paid the premiums by direct billing, your Medicare total will not be shown in this box.**