



Privacy Act of 1974  
System of Records Notice  
**U.S. RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>RRB-26: Payment, Rate and Entitlement History File</b> .....
<i>Federal Register</i>	<a href="#">79 FR 58892</a>
<i>Effective Date</i>	December 1, 2014
<i>System Location</i>	U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.
<i>Security Classification</i>	None
<i>Categories of Individuals Covered by the System</i>	Individuals who have received or are receiving benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act or the Social Security Act, including retired and disabled railroad employees, their qualified spouses, dependents, and survivors, and recipients of other, non-recurring benefits.
<i>Categories of Records in the System</i>	Data supporting the benefits and historical data recording the benefits paid to the above categories of individuals under the Railroad Retirement and Social Security Acts. Includes name, address, social security number, claim number, date of birth, dates of military service, creditable service months, amounts of benefits received under the Social Security Act, components of and final rates payable under the Railroad Retirement Act, health insurance premium deduction, direct deposit data, employer pension information and tax withholding information (actual amounts withheld for tax purposes).
<i>Authority for Maintenance of the System</i>	Section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 ( <a href="#">45 U.S.C. § 231f(b)(6)</a> )
<i>Purpose(s)</i>	The purpose of this system is to record in one file all data concerning payment, rate, and entitlement history for recipients of Railroad Retirement benefits.
<i>Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and Purposes of Such Uses</i>	<p>a. Records may be released to the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of their checking amounts shown on individual tax returns as pensions and annuities received under the Railroad Retirement Act.</p> <p>b. Benefit data regarding persons who, it is determined, are both RRB and VA beneficiaries may be furnished to the Veterans Administration for the purpose of assisting the VA in the administration of its income dependent benefit programs.</p> <p>c. Disability annuitant identifying information may be furnished to state employment agencies for the purpose of determining whether such annuitants were employed during times they receive disability benefits.</p> <p>d. Identifying information about Medicare-entitled beneficiaries who</p>



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<i>Disclosure to Consumer Reporting Agencies</i>	None.
<i>Policies and Practices for Storing, Retrieving, Accessing, Retaining, and Disposing of Records in the System</i>	
<i>Storage</i>	Magnetic tape and magnetic disk.
<i>Retrievability</i>	By claim number or beneficiary's Social Security number.
<i>Safeguards</i>	Computer and computer storage rooms are restricted to authorized personnel; on-line query safeguards include a lock/unlock password system, a terminal oriented transaction matrix, role based access controls and audit trail. For computerized records electronically transmitted between headquarters and field office locations, system securities are established in accordance with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidelines, including network monitoring, defenses in-depth, incident response and forensics. In addition to the on-line query safeguards, they include encryption of all data transmitted and exclusive use of leased telephone lines.
<i>Retention and Disposal</i>	Magnetic tape: Magnetic tape records are retained for six months. Activity record tapes are maintained for 15 months. For disaster recovery purposes certain tapes are stored for three years. When no longer needed, they are over-written following NIST guidelines.  Magnetic disk: Non-Generational (unique) datasets are updated and permanently retained. Generational datasets are maintained in a rolling archive as they are created with the oldest dataset being replaced by the newest one. Normal lifespan for a generational dataset is 6-8 months, at which point it is over-written. When magnetic disk or other electronic media is no longer required or servicable, it is sanitized in accordance with NIST guidelines.
<i>System Manager(s) and Address</i>	Office of Programs--Director of Policy and Systems, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092



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<i>Notification Procedure</i>	Requests for information regarding an individual's record should be in writing addressed to the System Manager identified above, including the full name and social security number and claim number of the individual. Before information about any record will be released, the System Manager may require the individual to provide proof of identity or require the requester to furnish an authorization from the individual to permit release of information.
<i>Record Access Procedure</i>	See Notification section above.
<i>Contesting Record Procedure</i>	See Notification section above.
<i>Record Source Categories</i>	Transmissions from the following computerized systems: Railroad Retirement Act benefit payment; Social Security benefit payment; disability rating decisions; and primary insurance amount calculations.
<i>Exemptions Claimed for the System</i>	None.