

# Sample Language for a Qualifying Retirement Benefits Court Order

**(Note:** A retirement benefits court order must meet the requirements found at 5 U.S.C. §§ 8435(c) and 8467, and 5 C.F.R. part 1653, subpart A. The Thrift Savings Plan will honor any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement that meets these requirements. Use of the format below is not required.)

[court name]

In re the Marriage of:    )  
  )  
Petitioner                    )  
and                                )  
Respondent                    )

## RETIREMENT BENEFITS COURT ORDER

**THIS MATTER** having come before the court on motion, and the court, after reviewing the motion and being otherwise fully advised of the matter:

**(Note:** Any **ONE** of the following examples would qualify to require payment from the TSP, although ambiguous or conflicting language used elsewhere could cause the order to be rejected.)

**ORDERED:** [payee's name, Social Security number (SSN), and address] is awarded \$\_\_\_\_ from the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account\* of [participant's name, SSN, and address].

**-OR-**

**ORDERED:** [payee's name, SSN, and address] is awarded \_\_\_\_% of the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account[s]\* of [participant's name, SSN, and address] as of [date].

**-OR-**

**ORDERED:** [payee's name, SSN, and address] is awarded [fraction]

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\* If the participant has both a civilian TSP account and a uniformed services TSP account, the court order must expressly identify the account to which it relates.

of the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account[s]\* of [participant's name, SSN, and address] as of [date].

**(Note:** *The following optional language can be used in conjunction with any of the aforementioned examples.*)

**FURTHER ORDERED:** Earnings will be paid on the amount of the entitlement under this ORDER until payment is made.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY THE COURT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's signature

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