

Temporary Regulations (T.D. 10056) and Proposed Regulations (CC-00226486-26) on Trump Accounts

Executive Summary

On September 30, 2026, the U.S. Treasury Department and IRS issued Treasury Decision (T.D.) 10056, temporary regulations, together with companion proposed regulations CC-00226486-26, providing the first comprehensive administrative guidance under IRC §530A governing "Trump Accounts." These accounts were created by the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) enacted on July 4, 2025. The regulations establish procedures for account creation, automatic enrollment, investment restrictions, contribution rules, trustee responsibilities, and qualified general contributions.

Purpose of the Regulations

The regulations were issued because statutory authority for contributions became effective beginning July 4, 2026, and Treasury anticipated large-scale account establishment, including automatic enrollment by the federal government. Treasury concluded that immediate guidance was necessary to provide uniform administration and prevent operational uncertainty among trustees, custodians, donors, and beneficiaries.

What Is a Trump Account?

A Trump Account is a special form of traditional IRA established for an eligible child under age 18. During the child's "growth period" (generally ending December 31 of the year the child turns age 17), special rules apply that differ from traditional IRA rules. After the growth period ends, the account generally transitions into a traditional IRA governed by IRC §408.

Key features include:

- Established for eligible minors.
- No deduction is allowed for contributions.
- Annual contribution limit generally begins at \$5,000 (indexed beginning in 2028).
- Distributions are generally prohibited during the growth period.
- Investments are restricted to permitted investment vehicles. [\[kpmg.com\]](https://www.kpmg.com)

Major Provisions of T.D. 10056

1. Account Creation and Automatic Enrollment

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The regulations establish procedures for:

- Opening an initial Trump Account.
- Treasury's authority to automatically establish accounts for eligible children.
- Elections made by parents, guardians, or other authorized individuals.
- Identification of the "responsible party" who acts on behalf of the child.

2. Approved Investments

The regulations provide standards for permissible investments during the growth period and establish rules intended to promote long-term diversified investing. Investments generally must satisfy statutory requirements designed to limit speculation and encourage broad market participation.

3. Qualified General Contributions

The regulations create rules for a unique contribution category called a "qualified general contribution," allowing contributions from:

- Family members
- Charitable organizations
- Private businesses
- Governmental entities
- Other eligible donors

4. Qualified Stock Contributions

Special rules permit certain stock contributions into Trump Accounts. The regulations define:

- Eligible classes of stock.
- Valuation rules.
- Transfer procedures.
- Trustee reporting requirements.

5. Reporting and Trustee Obligations

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Trustees are required to maintain records and provide information reporting comparable to, but distinct from, traditional IRAs. The regulations establish administrative procedures related to:

- Account establishment.
 - Contributions.
 - Beneficiary tracking.
 - Rollovers.
 - Government-funded contributions. [\[kpmg.com\]](https://www.kpmg.com), [\[federalregister.gov\]](https://www.federalregister.gov)
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Proposed Regulations (CC-00226486-26)

The companion proposed regulations largely mirror the temporary regulations and are intended to replace them after completion of the notice-and-comment process required under the Administrative Procedure Act. Treasury and the IRS are soliciting comments on:

- Operational administration of accounts.
 - Auto-enrollment procedures.
 - Investment restrictions.
 - Contribution mechanisms.
 - Reporting requirements.
 - Qualified stock contribution rules.
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Tax Planning Implications

For tax practitioners, advisors, and financial institutions, the regulations provide the framework necessary to begin implementing Trump Accounts at scale.

Potential planning opportunities include:

- Funding accounts early in a child's life to maximize tax-deferred growth.
- Utilizing annual contribution limits for long-term wealth accumulation.

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- Employer and business-sponsored contributions where permitted under related guidance.
- Leveraging government-funded pilot contributions for eligible children.

Potential compliance considerations include:

- Verification of eligibility.
- Monitoring annual contribution limits.
- Tracking growth-period restrictions.
- Proper reporting of stock and general contributions.
- Administration of Treasury auto-enrollment provisions.

Tax Professional Takeaway

T.D. 10056 marks the transition of Trump Accounts from a statutory concept in the OBBBA to an operational savings vehicle. The regulations establish the mechanics for opening, funding, investing, and administering these accounts and pave the way for Treasury's planned nationwide enrollment initiatives. While the proposed regulations generally parallel the temporary rules, practitioners should monitor future comments and final regulations for refinements affecting contribution procedures, investment requirements, and trustee administration.

For estate planners, financial planners, and CPAs, Trump Accounts represent a new tax-favored family wealth accumulation tool that may become an important component of long-term planning for minors beginning in 2026.