

# 2025 Instructions for Schedule H (Form 5500)

## Financial Information

### General Instructions

#### Who Must File

Schedule H (Form 5500) must be attached to a Form 5500 filed for a pension benefit plan or a welfare benefit plan that covered 100 or more participants as of the beginning of the plan year and a Form 5500 filed for an MTIA, CCT, PSA, 103-12 IE, DCG or GIA. See the instructions to the Form 5500 in *Section 4: Direct Filing Entity (DFE) Filing Requirements*.

**Exceptions:** (1) Fully insured, unfunded, or a combination of unfunded/insured welfare plans and fully insured pension plans that meet the requirements of 29 CFR 2520.104-44 are exempt from completing the Schedule H. (2) If a Schedule I was filed for the plan for the 2024 plan year or a Form 5500-SF and the plan covered fewer than 121 participants as of the beginning of the 2025 plan year, the Schedule I may be completed instead of a Schedule H. See *What To File*. If eligible, such a plan may file the Form 5500-SF instead of the Form 5500 and its schedules, including the Schedule I. See Instructions for Form 5500-SF. (3) Plans that file a Form 5500-SF for the 2025 plan year are not required to file a Schedule H for that year.

Check the Schedule H box on the Form 5500 (Part II, line 10b(1)) if a Schedule H is attached to the Form 5500. Do not attach both a Schedule H and a Schedule I to the same Form 5500.

**Note.** DCGs report Schedule H information collectively for all plans in a DCG, except as otherwise provided in the annual reporting regulations or the instructions below.

### Specific Instructions

**Lines A, B, C, and D.** This information must be the same as reported in Part II of the Form 5500 to which this Schedule H is attached.

Do not use a social security number in line D in lieu of an EIN. The Schedule H and its attachments are open to public inspection, and the contents are public information and are subject to publication on the Internet. Because of privacy concerns, the inclusion of a social security number or any portion thereof on this Schedule H or any of its attachments may result in the rejection of the filing.

You can apply for an EIN from the IRS online, by fax, or by mail depending on how soon you need to use the EIN. For more information, see *Section 3: Electronic Filing Requirement* under *General Instructions to Form 5500*. The EBSA does not issue EINs.

### Part I – Asset and Liability Statement

**Note.** The cash, modified cash, or accrual basis may be used for recognition of transactions in Parts I and II, as long as you use one method consistently. Round off all amounts reported on the Schedule H to the nearest dollar. Any other amounts are subject to rejection. Check all subtotals and totals carefully.

If the assets of two or more plans are maintained in a fund or account that is not a DFE, a registered investment company, or the general account of an insurance company under an unallocated contract (see the instructions for lines 1c(9) through 1c(14)), complete Parts I and II of the Schedule H by entering the plan's allocable part of each line item.

**Exception.** When completing Part II of the Schedule H for a plan or DFE that participates in a CCT or PSA for which a Form 5500 has not been filed, do not allocate the income of the CCT

or PSA and expenses that were subtracted from the gross income of the CCT or PSA in determining their net investment gain (loss). Instead, enter the CCT or PSA net gain (loss) on line 2b(6) or (7) in accordance with the instructions for these lines.

If assets of one plan are maintained in two or more trust funds, report the combined financial information in Parts I and II.

*Current value* means fair market value where available. Otherwise, it means the fair value as determined in good faith under the terms of the plan by a trustee or a named fiduciary, assuming an orderly liquidation at time of the determination. See ERISA section 3(26).

**Note.** For the 2025 plan year, plans that provide participant-directed brokerage accounts as an investment alternative (and have entered pension feature code "2R" on line 8a of the Form 5500) may report investments in assets made through participant-directed brokerage accounts either:

1. As individual investments on the applicable asset and liability categories in Part I and the income and expense categories in Part II, or
2. By including on line 1c(15) the total aggregate value of the assets and on line 2c the total aggregate investment income (loss) before expenses, provided the assets are not loans, partnership or joint-venture interests, real property, employer securities, or investments that could result in a loss in excess of the account balance of the participant or beneficiary who directed the transaction. Expenses charged to the accounts must be reported on the applicable expense line items. Participant-directed brokerage account assets reported in the aggregate on line 1c(15) should be treated as one asset held for investment for purposes of the line 4i schedules, except that investments in tangible personal property must continue to be reported as separate assets on the line 4i schedules.

In the event that investments made through a participant-directed brokerage account are loans, partnership or joint venture interests, real property, employer securities, or investments that could result in a loss in excess of the account balance of the participant or beneficiary who directed the transaction, such assets must be broken out and treated as separate assets on the applicable asset and liability categories in Part I, income and expense categories in Part II, and on the line 4i schedules. The remaining assets in the participant-directed brokerage account may be reported in the aggregate as set forth in paragraph 2 above.

**Columns (a) and (b).** Enter the current value on each line as of the beginning and end of the plan year.

**Note.** Amounts reported in column (a) must be the same as reported for the end of the plan year for corresponding line items of the return/report for the preceding plan year. Do not include contributions designated for the 2025 plan year in column (a).

**Line 1a.** Total noninterest bearing cash includes, among other things, cash on hand or cash in a noninterest bearing checking account.

**Line 1b(1).** Noncash basis filers must include contributions due the plan by the employer but not yet paid. Do not include other amounts due from the employer such as the reimbursement of an expense or the repayment of a loan.

**Line 1b(2).** Noncash basis filers must include contributions withheld by the employer from participants and amounts due directly from participants that have not yet been received by the plan. Do not include the repayment of participant loans.

**Line 1b(3).** Noncash basis filers must include amounts due to the plan that are not includable in lines 1b(1) or 1b(2). These

amounts may include investment income earned but not yet received by the plan and other amounts due to the plan such as amounts due from the employer or another plan for expense reimbursement or from a participant for the repayment of an overpayment of benefits.

**Line 1c(1).** Include all assets that earn interest in a financial institution account such as interest bearing checking accounts, passbook savings accounts, or in money market accounts.

**Line 1c(2).** Include securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its designated agencies such as U.S. Savings Bonds, Treasury Bonds, Treasury Bills, FNMA, and GNMA.

**Line 1c(3).** Include investment securities (other than employer securities defined below in line 1d(1)) issued by a corporate entity at a stated interest rate repayable on a particular future date such as most bonds, debentures, convertible debentures, commercial paper and zero coupon bonds. Do not include debt securities of governmental units that should be reported on line 1c(2) or 1c(15).

“Preferred” means any of the above securities that are publicly traded on a recognized securities exchange and the securities have a rating of “A” or above. If the securities are not “Preferred,” they are listed as “Other.”

**Line 1c(4)(A).** Include stock issued by corporations (other than employer securities defined in line 1d(1) below) which is accompanied by preferential rights such as the right to share in distributions of earnings at a higher rate or which has general priority over the common stock of the same entity. Include the value of warrants convertible into preferred stock.

**Line 1c(4)(B).** Include any stock (other than employer securities defined in line 1d(1)) that represents regular ownership of the corporation and is not accompanied by preferential rights. Include the value of warrants convertible into common stock.

**Line 1c(5).** Include the value of the plan’s participation in a partnership or joint venture if the underlying assets of the partnership or joint venture are not considered to be plan assets under 29 CFR 2510.3-101. Do not include the value of a plan’s interest in a partnership or joint venture that is a 103-12 Investment Entity (103-12 IE). Include the value of a 103-12 IE in line 1c(12).

**Line 1c(6).** Include the current value of both income and non-income producing real property owned by the plan. Do not include the value of property that is employer real property or property used in plan operations that must be reported on lines 1d and 1e, respectively.

**Line 1c(7).** Enter the current value of all loans made by the plan, except participant loans reportable on line 1c(8). Include the sum of the value of loans for construction, securities loans, commercial and/or residential mortgage loans that are not subject to Code section 72(p) (either by making or participating in the loans directly or by purchasing loans originated by a third party), and other miscellaneous loans.

**Line 1c(8).** Enter the current value of all loans to participants including residential mortgage loans that are subject to Code section 72(p). Include the sum of the value of the unpaid principal balances, plus accrued but unpaid interest, if any, for participant loans made under an individual account plan with investment experience segregated for each account, that are made in accordance with 29 CFR 2550.408b-1 and secured solely by a portion of the participant’s vested accrued benefit. When applicable, combine this amount with the current value of any other participant loans. Do not include in column (b) a participant loan that has been deemed distributed during the plan year under the provisions of Code section 72(p) and Treasury Regulations section 1.72(p)-1, if both of the following circumstances apply:

1. Under the plan, the participant loan is treated as a directed investment solely of the participant’s individual account; and

2. As of the end of the plan year, the participant is not continuing repayment under the loan.

If both of these circumstances apply, report the loan as a deemed distribution on line 2g. However, if either of these circumstances does not apply, the current value of the participant loan (including interest accruing thereon after the deemed distribution) must be included in column (b) without regard to the occurrence of a deemed distribution.

**Note.** After a participant loan that has been deemed distributed is reported on line 2g, it is no longer to be reported as an asset on Schedule H or Schedule I unless, in a later year, the participant resumes repayment under the loan. However, such a loan (including interest accruing thereon after the deemed distribution) that has not been repaid is still considered outstanding for purposes of applying Code section 72(p)(2)(A) to determine the maximum amount of subsequent loans. Also, the deemed distribution is not treated as an actual distribution for other purposes, such as the qualification requirements of Code section 401, including, for example, the determination of top-heavy status under Code section 416 and the vesting requirements of Treasury Regulations section 1.411(a)-7(d)(5). See Q&As 12 and 19 of Treasury Regulations section 1.72(p)-1.

The entry on line 1c(8), column (b), of Schedule H (participant loans - end of year) or on line 1a, column (b), of Schedule I (plan assets - end of year) must include the current value of any participant loan that was reported as a deemed distribution on line 2g for any earlier year if the participant resumes repayment under the loan during the plan year. In addition, the amount to be entered on line 2g must be reduced by the amount of the participant loan that was reported as a deemed distribution on line 2g for the earlier year.

**Lines 1c(9), (10), (11), and (12).** Enter the total current value of the plan’s or DFE’s interest in DFEs on the appropriate lines as of the beginning and end of the plan or DFE year. The value of the plan’s or DFE’s interest in each DFE at the end of the plan or DFE year must be reported on the Schedule D (Form 5500).

 *The plan’s or DFE’s interest in common/collective trusts (CCTs) and pooled separate accounts (PSAs) for which a DFE Form 5500 has not been filed may not be included on lines 1c(9) or 1c(10). The plan’s or DFE’s interest in the underlying assets of such CCTs and PSAs must be allocated and reported in the appropriate categories on a line-by-line basis on Part I of the Schedule H.*

**Note.** For reporting purposes, a separate account that is not considered to be holding plan assets under 29 CFR 2510.3-101(h)(1)(iii) does not constitute a PSA.

**Line 1c(13).** A registered investment company is an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. These are mutual funds (legally known as open-end companies), closed-end funds (legally known as closed-end companies), and UITs (legally known as unit investment trusts).

**Line 1c(14).** Use the same method for determining the value of the insurance contracts reported here as you used for line 4 of Schedule A, or, if line 4 is not required, line 7 of Schedule A.

**Line 1c(15).** Include all other investments not includable in lines 1c(1) through (14), such as options, index futures, state and municipal securities, collectibles, and other personal property.

**Line 1d(1).** An employer security is any security issued by an employer (including affiliates) of employees covered by the plan. These may include common stocks, preferred stocks, bonds, zero coupon bonds, debentures, convertible debentures, notes and commercial paper.

**Line 1d(2).** The term "employer real property" means real property (and related personal property) that is leased to an employer of employees covered by the plan, or to an affiliate of such employer. For purposes of determining the time at which a plan acquires employer real property for purposes of this line, such property shall be deemed to be acquired by the plan on the date on which the plan acquires the property or on the date on which the lease to the employer (or affiliate) is entered into, whichever is later.

**Line 1e.** Include the current (not book) value of the buildings and other property used in the operation of the plan. Buildings or other property held as plan investments should be reported in 1c(6) and 1d(2).

*Do not include the value of future pension payments on lines 1g, h, i, j, or k.*

**Line 1g.** Noncash basis plans must include the total amount of benefit claims that have been processed and approved for payment by the plan. Include welfare plan "incurred but not reported" (IBNR) benefit claims on this line.

**Line 1h.** Noncash basis plans must include the total amount of obligations owed by the plan which were incurred in the normal operations of the plan and have been approved for payment by the plan but have not been paid.

**Line 1i.** "Acquisition indebtedness," for debt-financed property other than real property, means the outstanding amount of the principal debt incurred:

1. By the organization in acquiring or improving the property;
2. Before the acquisition or improvement of the property if the debt was incurred only to acquire or improve the property; or
3. After the acquisition or improvement of the property if the debt was incurred only to acquire or improve the property and was reasonably foreseeable at the time of such acquisition or improvement. For further explanation, see Code section 514(c).

**Line 1j.** Noncash basis plans must include amounts owed for any liabilities that would not be classified as benefit claims payable, operating payables, or acquisition indebtedness.

**Line 1l.** Enter the net assets as of the beginning and end of the plan year (Subtract line 1k from line 1f.) The entry in column (b) must equal the sum of the entry in column (a) plus lines 2k and 2l(1), minus 2l(2).

## Part II – Income and Expense Statement

**Line 2a.** Include the total cash contributions received and/or (for accrual basis plans) due to be received.

**Note.** Plans using the accrual basis of accounting should not include contributions designated for years before the 2025 plan year on line 2a.

**Line 2a(1)(B).** For welfare plans, report all employee contributions, including all elective contributions under a cafeteria plan (Code section 125). For pension benefit plans, participant contributions, for purposes of this item, also include elective contributions under a qualified cash or deferred arrangement (Code section 401(k)).

**Line 2a(2).** Use the current value, at date contributed, of securities or other noncash property.

**Line 2b(1)(A).** Enter interest earned on interest-bearing cash, including earnings from sweep accounts, STIF accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit, etc. This is the interest earned on the investments reported on line 1c(1).

**Line 2b(1)(B).** Enter interest earned on U.S. Government Securities. This is the interest earned on the investments reported on line 1c(2).

**Line 2b(1)(C).** Generally, this is the interest earned on securities that are reported on lines 1c(3)(A) and (B) and 1d(1).

**Line 2b(2).** Generally, the dividends are for investments reported on lines 1c(4)(A) and (B), 1c(13), and 1d(1). For accrual basis plans, include any dividends declared for stock held on the date of record, but not yet received as of the end of the plan year.

**Line 2b(3).** Generally, rents represent the income earned on the real property that is reported in lines 1c(6) and 1d(2). Enter rents as a "Net" figure. Net rents are determined by taking the total rent received and subtracting all expenses directly associated with the property. If the real property is jointly used as income producing property and for the operation of the plan, net that portion of the expenses attributable to the income producing portion of the property against the total rents received.

**Line 2b(4).** Enter in column (b), the total of net gain (loss) on sale of assets. This equals the sum of the net realized gain (or loss) on each asset held at the beginning of the plan year which was sold or exchanged during the plan year, and on each asset that was both acquired and disposed of within the plan year.

**Note.** As current value reporting is required for the Form 5500, assets are revalued to current value at the end of the plan year. For purposes of this form, the increase or decrease in the value of assets since the beginning of the plan year (if held on the first day of the plan year) or their acquisition date (if purchased during the plan year) is reported in line 2b(5) below, with two exceptions: (1) the realized gain (or loss) on each asset that was disposed of during the plan year is reported in line 2b(4) (NOT on line 2b(5)), and (2) the net investment gain (or loss) from CCTs, PSAs, MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and registered investment companies is reported in lines 2b(6) through (10).

The sum of the realized gain (or loss) of assets sold or exchanged during the plan year is to be calculated as follows:

1. Enter in line 2b(4)(A), column (a), the sum of the amount received for these former assets;
2. Enter in line 2b(4)(B), column (a), the sum of the current value of these former assets as of the beginning of the plan year and the purchase price for assets both acquired and disposed of during the plan year; and
3. Enter in 2b(4) (C), column (b), the result obtained when 2b(4)(B) is subtracted from 2b(4)(A). If entering a negative number, enter a minus sign "–" to the left of the number.

**Note.** Bond write-offs should be reported as realized losses.

**Line 2b(5).** Subtract the current value of assets at the beginning of the year plus the cost of any assets acquired during the plan year from the current value of assets at the end of the year to obtain this figure. If entering a negative number, enter a minus sign "–" to the left of the number. Do not include the value of assets reportable in lines 2b(4) and 2b(6) through 2b(10).

**Lines 2b(6), (7), (8), and (9).** Report all earnings, expenses, gains or losses, and unrealized appreciation or depreciation included in computing the net investment gain (or loss) from all CCTs, PSAs, MTIAs, and 103-12 IEs here. If some plan funds are held in any of these entities and other plan funds are held in other funding media, complete all applicable subitems of line 2 to report plan earnings and expenses relating to the other funding media. The net investment gain (or loss) allocated to the plan for the plan year from the plan's investment in these entities is equal to:

1. The sum of the current value of the plan's interest in each entity at the end of the plan year,
2. Minus the current value of the plan's interest in each entity at the beginning of the plan year,

3. Plus any amounts transferred out of each entity by the plan during the plan year, and

4. Minus any amounts transferred into each entity by the plan during the plan year.

Enter the net gain as a positive number or the net loss as a negative number.

**Note.** Enter the combined net investment gain or loss from all CCTs and PSAs, regardless of whether a DFE Form 5500 was filed for the CCTs and PSAs.

**Line 2b(10).** Enter net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies here. Compute in the same manner as discussed above for lines 2b(6) through (9), except do not include dividends reported on line 2b(2)(C).

**Line 2c.** Include all other plan income earned that is not included in line 2a or 2b. Do not include transfers from other plans that should be reported in line 2l.

**Line 2e(1).** Include the current value of all cash, securities, or other property at the date of distribution. Include all eligible rollover distributions as defined in Code section 401(a)(31)(D) paid at the participant's election to an eligible retirement plan (including an IRA within the meaning of section 401(a)(31)(E)).

**Line 2e(2).** Include payments to insurance companies and similar organizations such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, and health maintenance organizations for the provision of plan benefits (e.g., paid-up annuities, accident insurance, health insurance, vision care, dental coverage, stop-loss insurance whose claims are paid to the plan (or which is otherwise an asset of the plan)), etc.

**Line 2e(3).** Include all payments made to other organizations or individuals providing benefits. Generally, these are individual providers of welfare benefits such as legal services, day care services, training, and apprenticeship services.

**Line 2f.** Include on this line all distributions paid during the plan year of excess deferrals under Code section 402(g)(2)(A)(ii), excess contributions under Code section 401(k)(8), and excess aggregate contributions under Code section 401(m)(6). Include allocable income distributed. Also include on this line any elective deferrals and employee contributions distributed or returned to employees during the plan year, as well as any attributable income that was also distributed.

**Line 2g.** Report on line 2g a participant loan that has been deemed distributed during the plan year under the provisions of Code section 72(p) and Treasury Regulations section 1.72(p)-1 only if both of the following circumstances apply:

1. Under the plan, the participant loan is treated as a directed investment solely of the participant's individual account; and

2. As of the end of the plan year, the participant is not continuing repayment under the loan.

If either of these circumstances does not apply, a deemed distribution of a participant loan should not be reported on line 2g. Instead, the current value of the participant loan (including interest accruing thereon after the deemed distribution) must be included on line 1c(8), column (b) (participant loans – end of year), without regard to the occurrence of a deemed distribution.

**Note.** The amount to be reported on line 2g of Schedule H or Schedule I must be reduced if, during the plan year, a participant resumes repayment under a participant loan reported as a deemed distribution on line 2g for any earlier year. The amount of the required reduction is the amount of the participant loan reported as a deemed distribution on line 2g for the earlier year. If entering a negative number, enter a minus sign “–” to the left of the number. The current value of the participant loan

must then be included in line 1c(8), column (b), of Schedule H (participant loans - end of year) or in line 1a, column (b), of Schedule I (plan assets - end of year).

Although certain participant loans deemed distributed are to be reported on line 2g of the Schedule H or Schedule I, and are not to be reported on the Schedule H or Schedule I as an asset thereafter (unless the participant resumes repayment under the loan in a later year), they are still considered outstanding loans and are not treated as actual distributions for certain purposes. See Q&As 12 and 19 of Treasury Regulations section 1.72(p)-1.

**Line 2h.** Interest expense is a monetary charge for the use of money borrowed by the plan. This amount should include the total of interest paid or to be paid (for accrual basis plans) during the plan year.

**Line 2i.** Report all administrative expenses (by specified category) paid by or charged to the plan, including those that were not subtracted from the gross income of CCTs, PSAs, MTIAs, and 103-12 IEs in determining their net investment gain(s) or loss(es). Expenses incurred in the general operations of the plan are classified as administrative expenses.

Include, in the appropriate categories in lines 2i(1)-(11), the total fees paid (or in the case of accrual basis plans, costs incurred during the plan year but not paid as of the end of the plan year) by the plan for plan salaries and allowances, contract administrator fees, recordkeeping fees, investment advisory and investment management fees, IQPA audit fees, bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees, actuarial fees, legal fees, valuation/appraisal services, other trustee fees, and other expenses.

**Line 2i(1).** Report total salaries and allowances for plan employees in line 2i(1). Include plan expenditures such as salaries, other compensation, and allowances and employee benefits (e.g., payment of premiums to provide health insurance benefits to plan employees). Amounts paid to plan employees to perform recordkeeping/bookkeeping/ accounting and similar functions should be included in line 2i(1).

**Line 2i(2).** Enter the total fees paid (or in the case of accrual basis plans, costs incurred during the plan year but not paid as of the end of the plan year) to a contract administrator for performing administrative services for the plan. For purposes of the return/report, a contract administrator is any individual, partnership, or corporation, responsible for managing the clerical operations (e.g., handling membership rosters, claims payments, maintaining books and records) of the plan on a contractual basis. Do not include salaried staff or employees of the plan or banks or insurance carriers.

**Line 2i(3).** Include fees for recordkeeping services and other accounting fees, such as for payroll audits and other audit fees, paid by the plan. Do not include in line 2i(3) amounts paid to a contract administrator that should be included in line 2i(2) or an IQPA for annual audit and related activities that should be included in line 2i(4).

**Line 2i(4).** Enter in line 2i(4) fees paid to an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) for the annual audit of the plan and related activities.

**Line 2i(5).** Enter the total fees paid to an individual, partnership or corporation (or other person) for advice to the plan relating to its investment portfolio. These may include fees paid to manage the plan's investments, fees for specific advice on a particular investment, and fees for the evaluation for the plan's investment performance.

**Line 2i(6).** Include bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.

**Line 2i(7).** Include fees for actuarial services rendered to the plan, including preparation of Schedules MB or SB, as applicable.

**Line 2i(8).** Include payments to a lawyer for rendering legal opinions, litigation, and advice and other legal services to the plan (but not for providing legal services as a benefit to plan participants).

**Line 2i(9).** Include the fee(s) for valuations or appraisals to determine the cost, quality, or value of an item such as real property or personal property (gemstones, coins, etc.), and for valuations of closely held securities for which there is no ready market.

**Line 2i(10).** Include the total fees and expenses paid to or on behalf of plan trustees other than bank or trust company fees reported on line 2i(6). Include direct payment by the plan or reimbursement by the plan to trustees of expenses associated with trustees such as lost time, seminars, travel, meetings, educational conferences, etc.

**Line 2i(11).** Enter the total other expenses. Other expenses are those that cannot be associated definitely with lines 2i(1) through 2i(10). These may include expenses for office supplies and equipment, cars, telephone, postage, rent, expenses associated with the ownership of a building used in the operation of the plan, and all miscellaneous expenses. Include premium payments to PBGC when paid from plan assets.

**Line 2i(12).** Add all administrative expense amounts in lines 2i(1) through (11) and enter the total in column (b).

**Line 2j.** Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter the total in column (b).

**Line 2l.** Include in these reconciliation figures the value of all transfers of assets or liabilities into or out of the plan resulting from, among other things, mergers and consolidations. A transfer of assets or liabilities occurs when there is a reduction of assets or liabilities with respect to one plan and the receipt of these assets or the assumption of these liabilities by another plan. A transfer is not a shifting of one plan's assets or liabilities from one investment to another. A transfer is not a distribution of all or part of an individual participant's account balance that is reportable on IRS Form 1099-R, Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc., (see the instructions for line 2e). Transfers out at the end of the year should be reported as occurring during the plan year.

**Note.** If this Schedule H is filed for a CCT, PSA, MTIA, or 103-12 IE, report the value of all asset transfers to the CCT, PSA, MTIA, or 103-12 IE, including those resulting from contributions to participating plans on line 2l(1), and report the total value of all assets transferred out of the CCT, PSA, MTIA, or 103-12 IE, including assets withdrawn for disbursement as benefit payments by participating plans, on line 2l(2). Contributions and benefit payments are considered to be made to/by the plan (not to/by a CCT, PSA, MTIA, or 103-12 IE).

### Part III – Accountant's Opinion

**Line 3.** The administrator of an employee benefit plan who files a Schedule H generally must engage an Independent Qualified Public Accountant (IQPA) under ERISA section 103(a)(3)(A) and 29 CFR 2520.103-1(b). This requirement also applies to a Form 5500 filed for a 103-12 IE and for a GIA (see 29 CFR 2520.103-12 and 29 CFR 2520.103-2). The IQPA's report must be attached to the Form 5500 when a Schedule H is attached unless line 3d(1) or 3d(2) on the Schedule H is checked. For DCGs, the IQPA requirements are determined at the plan level for each plan participating in the DCG. The Accountant's

Opinion information must be completed on each plan's Schedule DCG. The IQPA report for each plan must be attached to the Schedule DCG unless the plan is eligible for the waiver of the annual examination and report of an IQPA under 29 CFR 2520.104-46. See instructions for Part VII of Schedule DCG.

**Notes.** (1) The Auditing Standards Board's Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 136, *Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements of Employee Benefit Plans Subject to ERISA*, addresses the IQPA's responsibility to form an opinion on the financial statements of employee benefit plans subject to ERISA. SAS 136 also addresses the form and content of the auditor's report issued as a result of an audit of an ERISA plan's financial statements. The SAS applies to audits of single-employer, multiple-employer, and multiemployer plans subject to ERISA. An IQPA Report generally consists of an Accountant's Opinion, the plan or DFE Financial Statements, Notes to the Financial Statements, and Supplemental Schedules.

29 CFR 2520.103-1(b) requires that any separate financial statements prepared in order for the IQPA to form the opinion and notes to these financial statements must be attached to the Form 5500. Any separate statements must include the information required to be disclosed in Parts I and II of the Schedule H; however, they may be aggregated into categories in a manner other than that used on the Schedule H. The separate statements must consist of reproductions of Parts I and II or statements incorporating by reference Parts I and II. See ERISA section 103(a)(3)(A), and the DOL regulations 29 CFR 2520.103-1(a)(2) and (b), 2520.103-2, and 2520.104-50.

(2) Delinquent participant contributions reported on line 4a should be treated as part of the separate schedules referenced in ERISA section 103(a)(3)(A) and 29 CFR 2520.103-1(b) and 2520.103-2(b) for purposes of preparing the IQPA's opinion described on line 3 even though they are no longer required to be listed on Part III of the Schedule G. If the information contained on line 4a is not presented in accordance with regulatory requirements, i.e., when the IQPA concludes that the scheduled information required by line 4a does not contain all the required information or contains information that is inaccurate or is inconsistent with the plan's financial statements, the IQPA report must make the appropriate disclosures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Delinquent participant contributions that are exempt because they satisfy the DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) requirements and the conditions of prohibited transaction exemption (PTE) 2002-51 do not need to be treated as part of the schedule of nonexempt party-in-interest transactions.

If the required IQPA's report is not attached to the Form 5500, the filing is subject to rejection as incomplete and penalties may be assessed.

**Lines 3a(1) through 3a(4).** These boxes identify the type of opinion offered by the IQPA.

 *The Plan Administrator should confirm with their IQPA whether the opinion was an unmodified, qualified, disclaimer of, or adverse opinion before answering line 3a.*

**Line 3a(1).** Check if an unmodified opinion was issued under SAS 136. Generally, an unmodified opinion is issued when the IQPA concludes that the plan's financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework (generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) or another basis such as modified cash or cash basis). This also includes the form of opinion that SAS 136 permits an IQPA to issue when the IQPA has

performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 or 29 CFR 2520.103-12, or both, and had no modifications.

Under 29 CFR 2520.103-8, the examination and report of an IQPA does not need to extend to statements or information regarding assets held by a bank, similar institution, or insurance carrier that is regulated and supervised and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency provided that the statements or information are prepared by and certified to by the bank or similar institution or the insurance carrier. The term "similar institution" as used here does not extend to securities brokerage firms (see DOL Advisory Opinion 93-21A). Under 29 CFR 2520.103-12, an audit of an employee benefit plan does not need extend to the investments in a pooled investment fund that files a separate audited Form 5500 as a 103-12 IE. For more information on filing requirements for 103-12 IEs, See *Section 4: What to File*. Neither of these regulations exempt the plan administrator from engaging an IQPA nor from attaching the IQPA's report to the Form 5500.

**Line 3a(2).** Check if a qualified opinion was issued. Generally, a qualified opinion is issued by an IQPA when (a) the IQPA, having obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence, concludes that misstatements, individually or in the aggregate, are material but not pervasive to the financial statements or (b) the IQPA is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence on which to base the opinion, but the auditor concludes that the possible effects on the financial statements of undetected misstatements, if any, could be material but not pervasive.

**Line 3a(3).** Check if a disclaimer of opinion was issued. A disclaimer of opinion is issued when the IQPA is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence on which to base the opinion, and the IQPA concludes that the possible effects on the financial statements of undetected misstatements, if any, could be both material and pervasive.

**Line 3a(4).** Check if the plan received an adverse accountant's opinion. Generally, an adverse opinion is issued by an IQPA when the IQPA having obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence, concludes that misstatements, individually or in the aggregate, are both material and pervasive to the financial statements.

**Line 3b.** Check "DOL Regulation 2520.103-8" or "DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d)" (or both boxes, if applicable) if the IQPA performed an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of the plan's financial statements under DOL regulations 29 CFR 2520.103-8, 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d), or under both. If it was not performed under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 or 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d), check box (3).

**Note.** These regulations do not exempt the plan administrator from engaging an IQPA or from attaching the IQPA's report to the Form 5500. If you check box 103-8 or 103-12(d) or both, you must also check the appropriate box on line 3a to identify the type of opinion offered by the IQPA.

**Line 3c.** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) in the space provided on line 3c. Do not use a social security number or any portion thereof in lieu of an EIN. The Schedule H is open to public inspection, and the contents are public information and are subject to publication on the Internet. Because of privacy concerns, the inclusion of a social security number or any portion thereof on this Schedule H may result in the rejection of the filing.

**Line 3d(1).** Check this box only if the Schedule H is being filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA.

**Line 3d(2).** Check this box if the plan has elected to defer attaching the IQPA's opinion for the first of two (2) consecutive plan years, one of which is a short plan year of seven (7)

months or fewer. The Form 5500 for the first of the two (2) years must be complete and accurate, with all required attachments, except for the IQPA's report, including an attachment explaining why one of the two (2) plan years is of seven (7) or fewer months duration and stating that the annual report for the immediately following plan year will include a report of an IQPA with respect to the financial statements and accompanying schedules for both of the two (2) plan years. The Form 5500 for the second year must include: (a) financial schedules and statements for both plan years; (b) a report of an IQPA with respect to the financial schedules and statements for each of the two (2) plan years (regardless of the number of participants covered at the beginning of each plan year); and (c) a statement identifying any material differences between the unaudited financial information submitted with the first Form 5500 and the audited financial information submitted with the second Form 5500. See 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Note.** Do not check the box on line 3d(2) if the Form 5500 is filed for a 103-12 IE or a GIA. A deferral of the IQPA's opinion is not permitted for a 103-12 IE or a GIA. If an "E" or "G" is entered on Form 5500, Part I, line A(4), an IQPA's opinion must be attached to the Form 5500 and the type of opinion must be reported on Schedule H, line 3a.

#### Part IV – Compliance Questions

**Lines 4a through 4n.** Plans completing Schedule H must answer all these lines with either "Yes" or "No." Do not leave any answer blank, unless otherwise directed. For lines 4a through 4h and line 4l, if the answer is "Yes," an amount must be entered.

Report investments in CCTs, PSAs, MTIAs, and 103-12 IEs, but not the investments made by these entities. Plans with all of their funds held in a master trust should check "No" on line 4b, 4c, 4i, and 4j. CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, or 4n. 103-12 IEs also do not complete line 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, or 4l, and generally complete the rest of Part IV information on a consolidated basis for all individual plans in the DCGs, except as otherwise provided.

**Line 4a.** Amounts paid by a participant or beneficiary to an employer and/or withheld by an employer for contribution to the plan are participant contributions that become plan assets as of the earliest date on which such contributions can reasonably be segregated from the employer's general assets (see 29 CFR 2510.3-102). Plans that check "Yes" must enter the aggregate amount of all late contributions for the year. The total amount of the delinquent contributions should be included on line 4a of the Schedule H or I, as applicable, for the year in which the contributions were delinquent and should be carried over and reported again on line 4a of the Schedule H or I, as applicable, for each subsequent year until the year after the violation has been fully corrected, which correction includes payment of the late contributions and reimbursement of the plan for lost earnings or profits. If no participant contributions were received or withheld by the employer during the plan year, answer "No."

**TIP** *The last plan year to include a delinquent participant contribution on Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a, and accompanying schedule attachment, is the plan year in which the violation has been fully corrected. For example, a plan is first delinquent on a particular participant contribution during plan year 2022. This delinquent participant contribution is discovered in plan year 2023 and fully corrected in plan year 2023. The plan's 2022 Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a reporting must include the delinquent participant contribution. The plan's 2023 Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a reporting must include the delinquent contribution because although it is fully*

*corrected, it was delinquent within that 2023 reporting period. The plan's 2024 Form 5500 does not include the delinquent participant contribution that originated in the 2022 plan year, but is fully corrected in 2023, because the delinquency that began in plan year 2022 is no longer delinquent at any time within the 2024 plan year.*

An employer holding these assets after that date commingled with its general assets will have engaged in a prohibited use of plan assets (see ERISA section 406). If such a nonexempt prohibited transaction occurred with respect to a disqualified person (see Code section 4975(e)(2)), file IRS **Form 5330**, Return of Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans, with the IRS to pay any applicable excise tax on the transaction.

Participant loan repayments paid to and/or withheld by an employer for purposes of transmittal to the plan that were not transmitted to the plan in a timely fashion must be reported either on line 4a in accordance with the reporting requirements that apply to delinquent participant contributions or on line 4d. See Advisory Opinion 2002-02A, available at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa).

Delinquent participant contributions reported on line 4a should be treated as part of the separate schedules referenced in ERISA section 103(a)(3)(A) and 29 CFR 2520.103-1(b) and 2520.103-2(b) for purposes of preparing the IQPA's opinion described on line 3 even though they are no longer required to be listed on Part III of the Schedule G. If the information contained on line 4a is not presented in accordance with regulatory requirements, i.e., when the IQPA concludes that the scheduled information required by line 4a does not contain all the required information or contains information that is inaccurate or is inconsistent with the plan's financial statements, the IQPA report must make the appropriate disclosures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For more information, see EBSA's Frequently Asked Questions About Reporting Delinquent Contributions on the Form 5500, available on the Internet at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). These Frequently Asked Questions clarify that plans have an obligation to include delinquent participant contributions on their financial statements and supplemental schedules and that the IQPA's report covers such delinquent contributions even though they are not required to be included on Part III of the Schedule G. Although all delinquent participant contributions must be reported on line 4a, delinquent contributions for which the DOL VFCP requirements and the conditions of PTE 2002-51 have been satisfied do not need to be treated as nonexempt party-in-interest transactions.

For DCGs, answer "yes" if any plan in a DCG is required to report delinquent participant contributions on the Schedule DCG for the plan, and report the total amount reported by all such plans on line 4a. DCGs do not need to file a consolidated Schedule H Line 4a-Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for a DCG. However, plans participating in a DCG must report delinquent participant contribution information on the plan's Schedule DCG and the Schedule DCG Line 9a-Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions must be attached to the Schedule DCG for each plan that is subject to an IQPA audit. As described above, the Schedule should be treated as part of the separate schedules referenced in ERISA section 103(a)(3)(A) and 29 CFR 2520.103-1(b) and 2520.103-2(b) for purposes of preparing the IQPA's opinion for the plan that must be attached to the plan's Schedule DCG. See Schedule DCG for additional information.

All delinquent participant contributions must be reported on line 4a even if violations have been corrected. The VFCP describes how to apply, the specific transactions covered (which transactions include delinquent participant contributions to

pension and welfare plans), and acceptable methods for correcting violations. In addition, applicants that satisfy both the VFCP requirements and the conditions of PTE 2002-51 are eligible for immediate relief from payment of certain prohibited transaction excise taxes for certain corrected transactions, and are also relieved from the obligation to file the IRS Form 5330 with the IRS. For more information, see 90 Fed. Reg. 4192 (Jan. 15, 2025) and 90 Fed. Reg. 3667 (Jan. 15, 2025). Information about the VFCP is also available on the Internet at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa).

**Line 4a Schedule.** Attach a Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions using the format below if you entered "Yes." If you chose to include participant loan repayments on line 4a, you must apply the same supplemental schedule and IQPA disclosure requirements to the loan repayments as applied to delinquent transmittals of participant contributions.

#### **Schedule H Line 4a –Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: <input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	

**Line 4b.** Plans that check "Yes" must enter the amount and complete Part I of Schedule G. The due date, payment amount and conditions for determining default of a note or loan are usually contained in the documents establishing the note or loan. A loan by the plan is in default when the borrower is unable to pay the obligation upon maturity. Obligations that require periodic repayment can default at any time. Generally, loans and fixed income obligations are considered uncollectible when payment has not been made and there is little probability that payment will be made. A fixed income obligation has a fixed maturity date at a specified interest rate. Do not include participant loans made under an individual account plan with investment experience segregated for each account that were made in accordance with 29 CFR 2550.408b-1 and secured solely by a portion of the participant's vested accrued benefit. DCGs must identify the plans involved on the Schedule G. See the instructions for the Schedule G for more information.

**Line 4c.** Plans that check "Yes" must enter the amount and complete Part II of Schedule G. A lease is an agreement conveying the right to use property, plant, or equipment for a stated period. A lease is in default when the required payment(s) has not been made. An uncollectible lease is one where the required payments have not been made and for which there is little probability that payment will be made. DCGs must identify the plans involved on the Schedule G. See the instructions for the Schedule G for more information.

**Line 4d.** Plans that check "Yes" must enter the amount and complete Part III of Schedule G. Check "Yes" if any nonexempt transaction with a party-in-interest occurred regardless of whether the transaction is disclosed in the IQPA's report. Do not check "Yes" or complete Schedule G, Part III, with respect to transactions that are: (1) statutorily exempt under Part 4 of Title I of ERISA; (2) administratively exempt under ERISA section 408(a); (3) exempt under Code sections 4975(c) or 4975(d); (4) the holding of participant contributions in the employer's general assets for a welfare plan that meets the conditions of ERISA

Technical Release 92-01; (5) a transaction of a 103-12 IE with parties other than the plan; or (6) delinquent participant contributions or delinquent participant loan repayments reported on line 4a. DCGs must identify the plans involved on the Schedule G. See the instructions for the Schedule G for more information. Plans in a DCG must also answer this question for their plan separately on the plan's Schedule DCG.

**Note.** See the instructions for Part III of the Schedule G (Form 5500) concerning nonexempt transactions and party-in-interest.

You may indicate that an application for an administrative exemption is pending. If you are unsure as to whether a transaction is exempt or not, you should consult with either the plan's IQPA or legal counsel or both.

**TIP** *Applicants that satisfy the VFCP requirements and the conditions of PTE 2002-51 (see the instructions for line 4a) are eligible for immediate relief from payment of certain prohibited transaction excise taxes for certain corrected transactions, and are also relieved from the obligation to file the IRS Form 5330 with the IRS. For more information, see 90 Fed. Reg. 4192 (Jan. 15, 2025) and 90 Fed. Reg. 3667 (Jan. 15, 2025). When the conditions of PTE 2002-51 have been satisfied, the corrected transactions should be treated as exempt under Code section 4975(c) for the purposes of answering line 4d.*

**Line 4e.** Plans that check "Yes" must enter the aggregate amount of fidelity bond coverage for all claims. Check "Yes" only if the plan itself (as opposed to the plan sponsor or administrator) is a named insured under a fidelity bond from an approved surety covering plan officials and that protects the plan from losses due to fraud or dishonesty as described in 29 CFR Part 2580. Generally, every plan official of an employee benefit plan who "handles" funds or other property of such plan must be bonded. Generally, a person shall be deemed to be "handling" funds or other property of a plan, so as to require bonding, whenever their duties or activities with respect to given funds are such that there is a risk that such funds could be lost in the event of fraud or dishonesty on the part of such person, acting either alone or in collusion with others. Section 412 of ERISA and 29 CFR Part 2580 describe the bonding requirements, including the definition of "handling" (29 CFR 2580.412-6), the permissible forms of bonds (29 CFR 2580.412-10), the amount of the bond (29 CFR Part 2580, subpart C), and certain exemptions such as the exemption for unfunded plans, certain banks and insurance companies (ERISA section 412), and the exemption allowing plan officials to purchase bonds from surety companies authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury as acceptable reinsurers on federal bonds (29 CFR 2580.412-23). Information concerning the list of approved sureties and reinsurers is available on the Internet at [www.fiscal.treasury.gov/surety-bonds/list-certified-companies.html](http://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/surety-bonds/list-certified-companies.html). For more information on the fidelity bonding requirements, see Field Assistance Bulletin 2008-04, available on the Internet at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa).

**Note.** Plans are permitted under certain conditions to purchase fiduciary liability insurance. These fiduciary liability insurance policies are not written specifically to protect the plan from losses due to dishonest acts and cannot be reported as fidelity bonds on line 4e.

**Line 4f.** Check "Yes," if the plan suffered or discovered any loss as a result of any dishonest or fraudulent act(s) even if the loss was reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond or from any other source. If "Yes" is checked enter the full amount of the loss. If the full amount of the loss has not yet been determined, provide an estimate and disclose that the figure is an estimate as determined in good faith by a plan fiduciary. You must keep, in accordance with ERISA section 107, records showing how

the estimate was determined.

 **Willful failure to report is a criminal offense. See ERISA section 501.**

**Lines 4g and 4h.** *Current value* means fair market value where available. Otherwise, it means the fair value as determined in good faith under the terms of the plan by a trustee or a named fiduciary, assuming an orderly liquidation at the time of the determination. See ERISA section 3(26).

An accurate assessment of fair market value is essential to a pension plan's ability to comply with the requirements set forth in the Code (e.g., the exclusive benefit rule of Code section 401(a)(2), the limitations on benefits and contributions under Code section 415, and the minimum funding requirements under Code section 412) and must be determined annually.

Examples of assets that may not have a readily determinable value on an established market (e.g., NYSE, AMEX, over the counter, etc.) include real estate, nonpublicly traded securities, shares in a limited partnership, and collectibles. Do not check "Yes" on line 4g for mutual fund shares or insurance company investment contracts for which the plan receives valuation information at least annually. Also, do not check "Yes" on line 4g if the plan is a defined contribution plan, and the only assets the plan holds that do not have a readily determinable value on an established market are: (1) participant loans not in default, or (2) assets over which the participant exercises control within the meaning of ERISA section 404(c).

Although the current value of plan assets must be determined each year, there is no requirement that the assets (other than certain nonpublicly traded employer securities held in ESOPs) be valued every year by independent third-party appraisers.

Enter in the amount column the fair market value of the assets referred to on line 4g whose value was not readily determinable on an established market and which were not valued by an independent third-party appraiser in the plan year.

Generally, as it relates to these questions, an appraisal by an independent third party is an evaluation of the value of an asset prepared by an individual or firm who knows how to judge the value of such assets and does not have an ongoing relationship with the plan or plan fiduciaries except for preparing the appraisals.

A DCG must check "Yes" on line 4g if any of the plans in the DCG held any assets described in line 4g and "Yes" on line 4h if any of the plans in the DCG held any noncash contributions as described in line 4h. A DCG checking "Yes" must attach a list identifying the plans holding such assets or noncash contributions. The plan information reported must be the same as the information reported on Part III of Schedule DCG for the plan or plans involved. Use the format and label as shown below.

The attachment for line 4g must be clearly labeled "**Schedule H, Line 4g – Plans in a DCG Holding Line 4g Assets.**"

Plan name	EIN	Plan Number	Amount
Plan name	EIN	Plan Number	Amount
Plan name	EIN	Plan Number	Amount

The attachment for line 4h must be clearly labeled **“Schedule H, Line 4h – Plans in a DCG Holding Line 4h Noncash Contributions.”**

Plan name	EIN	Plan Number	Amount
Plan name	EIN	Plan Number	Amount
Plan name	EIN	Plan Number	Amount

**Line 4i.** Check “Yes” if the plan had any assets held for investment purposes, and attach a schedule of assets held for investment purposes at end of year, a schedule of assets held for investment purposes that were both acquired and disposed of within the plan year, or both, as applicable. The schedules must use the format set forth below or a similar format. See 29 CFR 2520.103-11. A DCG must check “Yes” if any of the plans in the DCG had any assets held for investment purposes.

Assets held for investment purposes shall include:

- Any investment asset held by the plan on the last day of the plan year; and
- Any investment asset purchased during the plan year and sold before the end of the plan year except:
  1. Debt obligations of the U.S. or any U.S. agency.
  2. Interests issued by a company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (e.g., a mutual fund).

3. Bank certificates of deposit with a maturity of one year or less.

4. Commercial paper with a maturity of 9 months or less if it is valued in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating services and is issued by a company required to file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

5. Participations in a bank common or collective trust.

6. Participations in an insurance company pooled separate account.

7. Securities purchased from a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and either: (1) listed on a national securities exchange and registered under section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or (2) quoted on NASDAQ.

Assets held for investment purposes shall not include any investment that was not held by the plan on the last day of the plan year if that investment is reported in the annual report for that plan year in any of the following:

1. The schedule of loans or fixed income obligations in default required by Schedule G, Part I;
2. The schedule of leases in default or classified as uncollectible required by Schedule G, Part II;
3. The schedule of nonexempt transactions required by Schedule G, Part III; or
4. The schedule of reportable transactions required by Schedule H, line 4j.

**Line 4i schedules.** The first schedule required to be attached is a schedule of all assets held for investment purposes at the end of the plan year, aggregated and identified by issue, maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value, cost and current value, and, in the case of a loan, the payment schedule. In the case of a DCG, the DCG’s common plan administrator must attach a consolidated Schedule of Assets for the entire DCG.

In column (a), place an asterisk (\*) on the line of each identified person known to be a party-in-interest to the plan. In column (c), include any restriction on transferability of corporate securities. (Include lending of securities permitted under Prohibited Transactions Exemption 81-6.) A DCG must also include in column (c) the number of plans in the DCG holding the asset.

This schedule must be clearly labeled **“Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year).”**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value

The second schedule required to be attached is a schedule of investment assets that were both acquired and disposed of within the plan year. A DCG must include in column (b) the name of the plan or plans holding the assets, the EIN(s) and plan number(s). This information must be the same as the information reported on Part III of Schedule DCG for the plan or plans holding the assets. A DCG should not include in this schedule assets transferred between plans within the DCG.

This schedule must be clearly labeled **“Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Acquired and Disposed of Within Year).”**

(a) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(b) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(c) Cost of acquisitions	(d) Proceeds of dispositions

In the case of DCGs, the Schedule DCG for each plan subject to the IQPA audit requirement should include a Schedule of Assets for each such plan (see Schedule DCG for additional information).

**Notes:** (1) Participant loans under an individual account plan with investment experience segregated for each account, that are made in accordance with 29 CFR 2550.408b-1 and that are secured solely by a portion of the participant’s vested accrued benefit, may be aggregated for reporting purposes in line 4i. Under identity of borrower enter “Participant loans,” under rate of interest enter the lowest rate and the highest rate charged during the plan year (e.g., 8%–10%), under the cost and proceeds columns enter zero, and under current value enter the total amount of these loans. (2) Column (d) cost information for the **Schedule of Assets**

(*Held At End of Year*) and the column (c) cost of acquisitions information for the **Schedule of Assets (Acquired and Disposed of Within Year)** may be omitted when reporting investments of an individual account plan that a participant or beneficiary directed with respect to assets allocated to their account (including a negative election authorized under the terms of the plan). Likewise, cost information for investments in Code sections 403(b)(1) annuity contracts and 403(b)(7) custodial accounts may also be omitted.

(3) Participant-directed brokerage account assets reported in the aggregate on line 1c(15) must be treated as one asset held for investment for purposes of the line 4i schedules, except investments in tangible personal property must continue to be reported as separate assets on the line 4i schedules. Investments in Code section 403(b)(1) annuity contracts and Code section 403(b)(7) custodial accounts should also be treated as one asset held for investment for purposes on the line 4i schedules.

**Line 4j.** Check "Yes" and attach to the Form 5500 the following schedule if the plan had any reportable transactions. A DCG must check "Yes" if any of the plans in the DCG had any reportable transactions. (See 29 CFR 2520.103-6 and the examples provided in the regulation for more information on reportable transactions). The schedule must use the format set forth below or a similar format. See 29 CFR 2520.103-11.

A *reportable transaction* includes:

1. A single transaction within the plan year in excess of 5% of the current value of the plan assets;
2. Any series of transactions with or in conjunction with the same person, involving property other than securities, which amount in the aggregate within the plan year (regardless of the category of asset and the gain or loss on any transaction) to more than 5% of the current value of plan assets;
3. Any transaction within the plan year involving securities of the same issue if within the plan year any series of transactions with respect to such securities amount in the aggregate to more than 5% of the current value of the plan assets; and
4. Any transaction within the plan year with respect to securities with, or in conjunction with, a person if any prior or subsequent single transaction within the plan year with such person, with respect to securities, exceeds 5% of the current value of plan assets.

The 5% figure is determined by comparing the current value of the transaction at the transaction date with the current value of the plan assets at the beginning of the plan year. If this is the initial plan year, you may use the current value of the plan assets at the end of the plan year to determine the 5% figure.

If the assets of two or more plans are maintained in one trust,

except as provided below, the plan's allocable portion of the transactions of the trust shall be combined with the other transactions of the plan, if any, to determine which transactions (or series of transactions) are reportable (5%) transactions.

For investments in common/collective trusts (CCTs), pooled separate accounts (PSAs), 103-12 IEs, and registered investment companies, determine the 5% figure by comparing the transaction date value of the acquisition and/or disposition of units of participation or shares in the entity with the current value of the plan assets at the beginning of the plan year. If the Schedule H is attached to a Form 5500 filed for a plan with all plan funds held in a master trust, check "No" on line 4j. Plans with assets in a master trust that have other transactions should determine the 5% figure by subtracting the current value of plan assets held in the master trust from the current value of all plan assets at the beginning of the plan year and check "Yes" or "No," as appropriate. Do not include individual transactions of (CCTs), (PSAs), master trust investment accounts (MTIAs), 103-12 IEs, and registered investment companies in which this plan or DFE invests.

In the case of a purchase or sale of a security on the market, do not identify the person from whom purchased or to whom sold.

**Special rule for certain participant-directed transactions.** *Transactions under an individual account plan that a participant or beneficiary directed with respect to assets allocated to their account (including a negative election authorized under the terms of the plan) should not be treated for purposes of line 4j as reportable transactions. The current value of all assets of the plan, including these participant-directed transactions, should be included in determining the 5% figure for all other transaction.*

**Line 4j schedule.** The schedule required to be attached is a schedule of reportable transactions that must be clearly labeled "**Schedule H, line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions.**" A DCG must include in column (b) the name of the plan or plans with the reportable transaction(s), the EIN(s) and plan number(s). This information must be the same as the information reported on Part III of Schedule DCG for the plan or plans involved.

(a) Identity of party involved	(b) Description of asset (include interest rate and maturity in case of a loan)	(c) Purchase price	(d) Selling price	(e) Lease rental	(f) Expense incurred with transaction	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on transaction date	(i) Net gain or (loss)

**Line 4k.** Check “Yes” if all the plan assets (including insurance/annuity contracts) were distributed to the participants and beneficiaries, legally transferred to the control of another plan, or brought under the control of PBGC.

Check “No” for a welfare benefit plan that is still liable to pay benefits for claims incurred before the termination date, but not yet paid. See 29 CFR 2520.104b-2(g)(2)(ii).

**Line 4l.** You must check “Yes” if any benefits due under the plan were not timely paid or not paid in full. This would include minimum required distributions to 5% owners who have attained the applicable ages as described in Code section 401(a)(9)(C)(v) whether or not retired and/or non-5% owners who have attained the applicable ages as described in Code section 401(a)(9)(C)(v) and have retired or separated from service, see Code section 401(a)(9). Include in this amount the total of any outstanding amounts that were not paid when due in previous years that have continued to remain unpaid.

**Note.** In the absence of other guidance, filers do not need to report on this line unpaid required minimum distribution (RMD) amounts for participants who have retired or separated from service, or their beneficiaries, who cannot be located after reasonable efforts or where the plan is in the process of engaging in such reasonable efforts at the end of the plan year reporting period. Plan administrators and employers should review their plan documents for written procedures on locating missing participants. Although the Department of Labor’s Field Assistance Bulletin 2014-01 is specifically applicable to terminated defined contribution plans, employers and plan administrators of ongoing plans may want to consider periodically using one or more of the search methods described in the FAB in connection with making reasonable efforts to locate RMD-eligible missing participants.

**Line 4m.** Check “Yes” if there was a “blackout period.” A DCG must check “Yes” if there was a “blackout period” for any of the plans in the DCG. A DCG checking “Yes” must attach a list identifying all the plans that had a “blackout period.” The plan information reported must be the same as the information reported on Part III of Schedule DCG for the plan or plans involved. Use the format and label as shown below.

The attachment for line 4m must be clearly labeled **“Schedule H, Line 4m – Plans in a DCG that had Blackout Period.”**

Plan name	EIN	Plan Number
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A blackout period is a temporary suspension of more than three (3) consecutive business days during which participants or beneficiaries of a 401(k) or other individual account pension plan were unable to, or were limited or restricted in their ability to, direct or diversify assets credited to their accounts, obtain loans from the plan, or obtain distributions from the plan. A “blackout period” generally does not include a temporary suspension of the right of participants and beneficiaries to direct or diversify assets credited to their accounts, obtain loans from the plan, or obtain distributions from the plan if the temporary suspension is: (1) part of the regularly scheduled operations of the plan that has been disclosed to participants and beneficiaries; (2) due to a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or because of a pending determination as to whether a domestic relations order is a QDRO; (3) due to an action or a failure to take action by an individual participant or because of an action or claim by someone other than the plan

regarding a participant’s individual account; or (4) by application of federal securities laws. For more information, see 29 CFR 2520.101-3 (available at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa)).

**Line 4n.** If there was a blackout period, did you provide the required notice not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days in advance of restricting the rights of participants and beneficiaries to change their plan investments, obtain loans from the plan, or obtain distributions from the plan? If so, check “Yes.” See 29 CFR 2520.101-3 for specific notice requirements and for exceptions from the notice requirement. Also, answer “Yes” if one of the exceptions to the notice requirement under 29 CFR 2520.101-3 applies. A DCG checking “No” must attach a list identifying all the plans that failed to provide the required notice on a timely basis. The plan information reported must be the same as the information reported on Part III of Schedule DCG for the plan or plans involved. Use the format and label as shown below.

The attachment for line 4n must be clearly labeled **“Schedule H, Line 4n – Plans in a DCG that Failed to Provide Required Blackout Notice.”**

Plan name	EIN	Plan Number
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**Line 5.** MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, GIAs and DCGs do not complete line 5.

**Line 5a.** Check “Yes” if a resolution to terminate the plan was adopted during this or any prior plan year, unless the termination was revoked and no assets reverted to the employer. If “Yes” is checked, enter the amount of plan assets that reverted to the employer during the plan year in connection with the implementation of such termination. Enter “0” if no reversion occurred during the current plan year.

 *A Form 5500 must be filed for each year the plan has assets, and, for a welfare benefit plan, if the plan is still liable to pay benefits for claims incurred before the termination date, but not yet paid. See 29 CFR 2520.104b-2(g)(2)(ii).*

**Line 5b.** Enter information concerning assets and/or liabilities transferred from this plan to another plan(s) (including spinoffs) during the plan year. A transfer of assets or liabilities occurs when there is a reduction of assets or liabilities with respect to one plan and the receipt of these assets or the assumption of these liabilities by another plan. Enter the name, plan sponsor EIN, and PN for the transferee plan(s) involved on lines 5b(1), (2), and (3).

Do not use a social security number in lieu of an EIN or include an attachment that contains visible social security numbers. The Schedule H is open to public inspection, and the contents are public information and are subject to publication on the Internet. Because of privacy concerns, the inclusion of a social security number or any portion thereof on this Schedule H or the inclusion of a visible social security number or any portion thereof on an attachment may result in the rejection of the filing.

**Note.** A distribution of all or part of an individual participant’s account balance that is reportable on Form 1099-R should not be included on line 5b. Do not submit Form 1099-R with the Form 5500.

**IRS Form 5310-A, Notice of Plan Merger or Consolidation, Spinoff, or Transfer of Plan Assets or Liabilities; Notice of Qualified Separate Lines of Business, may be required to be filed at least 30 days before any plan merger or consolidation**

*or any transfer of plan assets or liabilities to another plan. There is a penalty for not filing IRS Form 5310-A on time. In addition, a transfer of benefit liabilities involving a plan covered by PBGC insurance may be reportable to PBGC. See PBGC Form 10, Post-Event Notice of Reportable Events, and PBGC Form 10-Advance, Advance Notice of Reportable Events.*

**Line 5c.** Check “Yes” if the plan was covered by PBGC at any time during the plan year to which the Form 5500 relates and enter the My PAA generated confirmation number for the premium filing for that plan year reported (see filing receipt). “Yes” must be checked even if coverage has ceased and/or final premiums have been paid before the Form 5500 is due.

If you are uncertain whether the plan is covered under the PBGC termination insurance program, check the box “Not determined” and contact PBGC either by phone at 1-800-736-2444, by Email at [coverage@pbgc.gov](mailto:coverage@pbgc.gov). If you amended your premium filing for this plan year, enter the confirmation number for that filing and not for the previous filing(s). Defined contribution plans and welfare plans do not need to complete this item.

**Note:** A church defined benefit pension plan that has made an election under Code section 410(d) should see [www.pbgc.gov](http://www.pbgc.gov) for the procedures prescribed by PBGC on how to notify PBGC that it wishes to have Title IV of ERISA apply to it.