



Treasury Financial Manual

Chapter 3000

CUSTODY OF GOLD CERTIFICATES, SERIES OF 1934

This chapter prescribes procedures relating to the custody of Gold Certificates, Series of 1934, formerly issued only to Federal Reserve Banks (FRBs) and now unissued, but held by FRBs and others for display purposes.

Section 3010—Authority

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized under 12 U.S.C. § 391 to require FRBs to act as fiscal agents of the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe regulations in connection with designated responsibilities under the Federal Reserve Act.

Section 3015—General

The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) has withheld from destruction a limited number of Gold Certificates, Series of 1934, for historical and archival purposes. To store these certificates, which consist of several certificates of each denomination (\$100, \$1,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000), in a Treasury vault would not permit ready access by historical researchers, numismatists, and others having a need to refer to them or for viewing by the general public. Therefore, Treasury is allowing certificates that were withheld from destruction to be retained by FRBs that now hold them and by the Smithsonian Institution for display in their numismatic museums.

Section 3020—Responsibilities of the Federal Reserve Banks and Other Custodians

Note: The 1934 Gold Series Certificates were issued only to FRBs and were not circulated among the general public. This series cannot be legally held by individuals. The FRBs and other custodians of Gold Certificates have the responsibility to:

- Preserve, maintain, and display the Gold Certificates as part of, and consistent with, its numismatic museum;
- Permit access, at reasonable times, by Treasury officials as may be necessary for official purposes;
- Safeguard the Gold Certificates appropriately since each Gold Certificate, although unissued, is negotiable at face value and may have an even greater value to a collector;
- Report promptly to Treasury the loss, theft, or disappearance of any Gold Certificate while in custody and thereafter cooperate fully with Treasury and other officials in efforts to recover the certificates;
- Reimburse Treasury to the extent of Treasury's loss if any Gold Certificate is lost, stolen, or

- otherwise disappears while in custody and is subsequently "redeemed" by Treasury;
- Return any Gold Certificate to Treasury, after not less than 30 days' written notice of intent to do so, whenever the custodian determines that for whatever reason it is no longer prepared to retain custody of the Gold Certificates;
- Not present any of these Gold Certificates to Treasury for "redemption"; and
- Not dispose of any Gold Certificates by any means whatsoever (including to discard or destroy) other than to Treasury.

The FRBs and other custodians of Gold Certificates are not responsible for the loss or destruction of any Gold Certificate by fire, flood, or other act of God, civil commotion, riot, or act of war.

Section 3025—Responsibilities of the Department of the Treasury

Treasury's responsibilities include:

- Cooperating with FRBs and other custodians in efforts to recover any Gold Certificate that is lost, stolen, or otherwise disappears while in custody; and
- Accepting custody of the Gold Certificates whenever an FRB or other custodian advises, by not less than 30-days advance written notice, that the FRB or other custodian is no longer prepared to retain custody for whatever reason.

Section 3030—Accounting and Reporting Requirements

Custodians of Gold Certificates, Series of 1934, will either enter into an agreement with Treasury or give a receipt for the Gold Certificates held. Thereafter, no periodic reporting will be required except as outlined in Section 3020. Agreements and receipts on hand are listed in the Appendix.

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Appendix

List of Custodians for Gold Certificates, Series of 1934

Organization Name	Arrangement	Date	Number of Certificates Held	Unissued Amount
Federal Reserve Bank				

of:				
Atlanta	Receipt	08/04/80	5	\$500,000
Cleveland	Agreement	10/02/78	4	111,100
Kansas City	Receipt	07/28/80	16	444,400
New York	Receipt	07/11/80	8	222,200
Philadelphia	Receipt	07/21/80	4	111,100
Richmond	Agreement	05/22/78	4	111,100
	Receipt	06/27/80	1	100
San Francisco	Per Letter dated 10/17/12	1996	2	100,100
Executive Agencies:				
Smithsonian Institution	Agreement	05/22/78	16	444,400
Department of the Treasury Office of the Fiscal Assistant Secretary	Custodian	N/A	4	111,100
			Total	64
				\$2,155,600