

(4) *Special veterans benefits (SVB)*. The benefits payable to certain veterans of World War II under title VIII of the Act.

(5) *State*. Unless otherwise indicated, this means:

- (i) A State of the United States
- (ii) The District of Columbia; or
- (iii) The Northern Mariana Islands.

(6) *Supplemental Security Income (SSI)*. SSI is the national program for providing a minimum level of income to aged, blind, and disabled individuals under title XVI of the Act.

(7) *United States*. When used in the geographical sense, this is:

- (i) The 50 States;
- (ii) The District of Columbia; and
- (iii) The Northern Mariana Islands.

(8) *We, us or our* means the Social Security Administration (SSA).

(9) *World War II*. The period beginning September 16, 1940 and ending on July 24, 1947.

(10) *You or your means*, as appropriate, the person who applies for benefits, the person for whom an application is filed, or the person who is considering applying for benefits.

#### **§ 408.120 Periods of limitations ending on Federal nonworkdays.**

Title VIII of the Act and the regulations in this part require you to take certain actions within specified time periods or you may lose your right to a portion or all of your benefits. If any such period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal legal holiday, or any other day all or part of which is declared to be a nonworkday for Federal employees by statute or Executive Order, you will have until the next Federal workday to take the prescribed action.

#### **Subpart B—SVB Qualification and Entitlement**

**Authority:** Secs. 702(a)(5), 801, 802, 803, 804, 806, 810 and 1129A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 902(a)(5), 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1006, 1010 and 1320a–8a); Sec. 251, Pub. L. 106–169, 113 Stat. 1844.

#### **§ 408.201 What is this subpart about?**

You are qualified for SVB if you meet the requirements listed in § 408.202 and if none of the conditions listed in § 408.204 exist. However, you cannot be entitled to receive benefits for any month before the first month in which you reside outside the United States on the first day of the month and meet all the qualification requirements. You must give us any information we request and evidence to prove that you meet these requirements. You continue to be qualified for SVB unless we determine that you no longer meet the

requirements for qualification in § 408.202 or we determine that you are not qualified because one of the conditions listed in § 404.204 of this chapter exists. You continue to be entitled to receive benefits unless we determine you are no longer residing outside the United States.

#### **§ 408.202 How do you qualify for SVB?**

You qualify for SVB if you meet all of the following requirements.

(a) *Age*. You were age 65 or older on December 14, 1999 (the date on which Pub. L. 106–169 was enacted into law).

(b) *World War II veteran*. You are a World War II veteran as explained in § 408.216.

(c) *SSI eligible*. You were eligible for SSI, as explained in § 408.218, for both December 1999 (the month in which Pub. L. 106–169 was enacted into law) and for the month in which you file your application for SVB.

(d) *Application*. You file an application for SVB as explained in subpart C of this part.

(e) *Other benefit income*. You do not have other benefit income, as explained in § 408.220, which is equal to, or more than, 75 percent of the current FBR.

#### **§ 408.204 What conditions will prevent you from qualifying for SVB or being entitled to receive SVB payments?**

(a) *General rule*. Even if you meet all the qualification requirements in § 408.202, you will not be qualified for SVB for or entitled to receive SVB payments for any of the following months.

(1) *Removal from the United States*. Any month that begins after the month in which we are advised by the Attorney General that you have been removed (including deported) from the United States pursuant to section 237(a) or 212(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and before the month in which you are subsequently lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

(2) *Fleeing felon*. Any month during any part of which you are fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the United States or the jurisdiction in the United States from which you fled, for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime that is a felony under the laws of the place from which you fled, or in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor.

(3) *Parole violation*. Any month during any part of which you violate a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law.

(4) *Residence in certain countries*. Any month during which you are not a

citizen or national of the United States and reside in a country to which payments to residents of that country are withheld by the Treasury Department under section 3329 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) *Condition occurs before we determine that you are qualified*. If one of the conditions in paragraph (a) of this section occurs before we determine that you are qualified, we will deny your claim for SVB.

(c) *Condition occurs after we determine that you are qualified*. If one of the conditions in paragraph (a) of this section occurs after we determine that you are qualified for SVB, you cannot receive SVB payments for any month in which the condition exists.

#### **§ 408.206 What happens when you apply for SVB?**

(a) *General rule*. When you apply for SVB, we will ask you for documents and other information that we need to determine if you meet all the requirements for qualification. You must give us complete information (see subpart D of this part for our rules on evidence). If you do not meet all of the requirements for qualification listed in § 408.202, or if one of the conditions listed in § 408.204 exists, we will deny your claim.

(b) *If you are a qualified individual residing in the United States*. If you meet all the requirements for qualification listed in § 408.202 and if none of the conditions listed in § 408.204 exist, we will send you a letter telling you the following:

(1) You are qualified for SVB;

(2) In order to become entitled to SVB, you will have to begin residing outside the United States by the end of the fourth calendar month after the month in which your notice of qualification is dated. For example, if our letter is dated May 15, you must establish residence outside the United States before October 1 of that year; and

(3) What documents and information you must give us to establish that you are residing outside the United States.

#### **§ 408.208 What happens if you establish residence outside the United States within 4 calendar months?**

If you begin residing outside the United States within 4 calendar months after the month in which your SVB qualification notice is dated, we will send you a letter telling you that you are entitled to SVB and the first month for which SVB payments can be made to you. The letter will also tell you the amount of your monthly benefit payments, whether your payments are reduced because of your other benefit