

Key Statutes

5 U.S.C. 552a	Records Maintained on Individuals (Privacy Act)
5 U.S.C. 5514	Installment Deduction for Indebtedness to the United States (Federal Salary Offset)
26 U.S.C. 6050P	Returns Relating to the Cancellation of Indebtedness by Certain Entities
26 U.S.C. 6103	Confidentiality and Disclosure of Returns and Return Information
26 U.S.C. 6402	Authority to Make Credits or Refunds (Tax Refund Offset)
31 U.S.C. 3325	Payment Vouchers
31 U.S.C. 3701	Definitions
31 U.S.C. 3711	Collection and Compromise
31 U.S.C. 3716	Administrative Offset
31 U.S.C. 3717	Interest and Penalty on Claims
31 U.S.C. 3718	Contracts for Collection Services
31 U.S.C. 3719	Reports on Debt Collection Activities
31 U.S.C. 3720A	Reduction of Tax Refund by Amount of Debt
31 U.S.C. 3720B	Barring Delinquent Federal Debtors from Obtaining Federal Loans or Loan Insurance Guarantees

Debt Collection Statutes and Websites

Key Statutes (cont'd.)

31 U.S.C. 3720C	Debt Collection Improvement Account
31 U.S.C. 3720D	Garnishment
31 U.S.C. 3720E	Dissemination of Information Regarding Identity of Delinquent Debtors
31 U.S.C. 7701	Taxpayer Identifying Number

Public Laws

Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, Public Law 101-576 (31 U.S.C. 901 et seq.)

Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Public Law 100-503 (5 U.S.C. 552a)

Debt Collection Act of 1982, Public Law 97-365 (5 U.S.C. 5514; 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.)

Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Public Law 104-134 (5 U.S.C. 5514; 31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.)

Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, Public Law 98-369 (26 U.S.C. 6402 and 31 U.S.C. 3720A)

Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966, Public Law 89-508 (31 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.)

Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, Public Law 101-508 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.)

Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990, Public Law 101-647 (28 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.)

Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub.L. 111-291
(Specifically, Title VIII, Subtitle A, Sec. 801/[26 U.S.C. 6402\(f\)](#))
[Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013 \(DATA Act\)](#)

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Although Generally Not Applicable to Debt Collection by Federal Employees, the Following Public Laws Provide Useful Information for Government Debt Collectors:

Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1970, Public Law 91-508 (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.)

Fair Debt Collection Practices Act of 1977, Public Law 95-109 (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)

Websites Provided in Chapter 6 and Information Referenced in Citations

<https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/dms/index.html>

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- Debt Collection Statutes, Regulations, and Guidance
- Guide to the Federal Credit Bureau Program
- Administrative Wage Garnishment Form SF-329
- Information on Fiscal Service's Cross-servicing
- Program Treasury's Current Value of Funds Rate
- List of Payments That Are Exempt from Offset under TOP
- Treasury Financial Manual

www.gpoaccess.gov/fr.index.html	Federal Register and CFR Documents
www.opm.gov	CSRS and FERS Handbook, Chapter 4 - Debt Collection
www.uscourts.gov/bankform	Bankruptcy Proof of Claim Form
www.irs.gov	Local IRS Office Information Collection Financial Standards
www.usdoj.gov/foia/privstat.htm	Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (includes requirements for computer matching programs.)

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