

MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS

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MINIMUM FUNDING

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§1.412(c)(1)-2 SHORTFALL METHOD

- 1. Plan must be collectively bargained and have contributions made at rate specified in legally binding agreement (CBA)**
- 2. Can use this with any cost method**
- 3. Annual computation charge:
NC + amort charges - amort credits,
calculated at EOY**
- 4. Estimated unit charge
Annual comp. charge / (estimated hours)**
- 5. Net shortfall charges
Est. unit charge * (actual hours)**
- 6. Shortfall Gain/Loss
 $(5) - (3) = (3) * \frac{[\text{actual hours} - 1.0]}{\text{est. hours}}$**

SHORTFALL MFSA EXAMPLE

MFSA without Shortfall method:

Normal Cost	50,000	Credit balance	5,000
IAL amort	30,000	Assump amort	10,000
		12/31 Contribution	60,000
7% interest	<u>5,600</u>	7% interest	<u>1,050</u>
Total charges	85,600	Total credits	76,050
		Debit balance	9,550

CBA contribution rate: 5 cents per hour

Expected hours: 1,500,000

Set up MFSA using the Shortfall method, then calculate Shortfall G/L and credit balance

Actual hours	= 1,200,000 = 60,000 / .05
Ann'l comp charge	= (1.07)(50,000+30,000-10,000) = 74,900
Net S/F charge	= (1,200/1,500)(74,900) = 59,920
Shortfall LOSS	= 14,980 = (1 - 1,200/1,500)(74,900) = 74,900 - 59,920

Net S/F Charge	59,920	Credit balance	5,000
		12/31 Contribution	60,000
7% interest	<u>0</u>	7% interest	<u>350</u>
Total charges	59,920	Total credits	65,350
		Credit balance	5,430

SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION PERIODS

The first year is the earlier of

- i. 5th year following the plan year the S/F G/L arose**
- ii. 1st year after expiration of CBA in effect at end of plan year the S/F G/L arose**

The last year is the 20th year following the year the S/F G/L arose

Use SAME amortization period for regular experience G/L

**Last sentence of §1.412(c)(1)-2(g)(2)(i):
Contract expiring on last day of the year is
deemed renewed on the last day of the year
for the same number of years as the
succeeding contract**

SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION EXAMPLES

Plan year = Calendar year

Biennial CBA expires 06/30

What years to amortize 2016 S/F G/L?

						2016 S/F G/L	
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
CBA		CBA		CBA			
7-1-2017		7-1-2019		7-1-2021			

First year 2018, last year 2036 - use for both regular G/L and shortfall G/L

Plan year = Calendar year

Annual CBA expires on 12/31

What years to amortize 2016 S/F G/L?

						2016 S/F G/L	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
CBA		CBA		CBA			

First year 2018, last year 2036 - use for both regular G/L and shortfall G/L

SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION EXAMPLES

Plan year = Calendar year

Annual CBA expires 11/30

What years to amortize 2016 S/F G/L?

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
	CBA	CBA	CBA	CBA	CBA	CBA
	12/1	12/1	12/1	12/1	12/1	

2016 S/F G/L

First year 2018, last year 2036 - use for both regular G/L and shortfall G/L

Plan year = Calendar year

Annual CBA expires 1/31

What years to amortize 2016 S/F G/L?

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
	CBA	CBA	CBA	CBA	CBA	CBA
	2/1	2/1	2/1	2/1	2/1	2/1

2016 S/F G/L

First year 2018, last year 2036 - use for both regular G/L and shortfall G/L

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ASSET VALUATION METHODS

Want a smooth value of assets for pension valuation versus “volatile” market value

Requirements of regulation:

- 1. Determine AAV on consistent basis**
- 2. Describe method in Schedule B attach.**
- 3. Use same day(s) to determine AAV**
- 4. Must reflect MVA**
- 5. Calculate AAV based on a formula**
- 6. Result can't be consistently above MVA, or consistently below MVA**

§1.412(c)(2)-1 ASSET VALUATION METHODS

Calculate AAV based on a formula

Multiemployer plan limits:

Lesser of		Greater of
85% AMV	and	115% AMV and
80% MVA	< final AAV <	120% MVA

AMV = Average Market Value (see next page)

AVERAGE MARKET VALUE (AMV)

Corridor using 85% AMV and 115% AMV only available for multiemployer plans

Formula approach given in §1.412(c)(2)-1:

Define cash flow as contributions - benefit payments - expenses + interest + dividends

Market Values	MVA_{t-3}	MVA_{t-2}	MVA_{t-1}	MVA_t
Cash flows	$cash_{t-0}$	$cash_{t-0}$	$cash_{t-0}$	
Cash flows	$cash_{t-1}$	$cash_{t-1}$		
Cash flows	$cash_{t-2}$			
Add columns	$\Sigma=X_{t-3}$	$\Sigma=X_{t-2}$	$\Sigma=X_{t-1}$	$\Sigma=X_t$

Average market value of assets (four years):

$$AMV = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{j=3} X_{t-j}}{4}$$

REVENUE RULING 77-2

PPA 2006 changed the rules regarding amendments during the plan year.

The IRS has indicated that Revenue Ruling 77-2 is now obsolete.

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REVENUE RULING 79-237

- 1. Must maintain MFSA to end of year of plan termination**
- 2. Pro-rate MFSA items to reflect DOPT**
 - a) Normal cost**
 - b) Amortizations**
- 3. Don't pro-rate these items**
 - a) Employer contribution**
 - b) Credit balance**
 - c) Interest**
- 4. Proposed regulation 12/82 - don't pro-rate amortization of prior MFSA waiver**
- 5. Trick question - calculate FFL in year of plan termination**

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