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This release addresses the following Service Request:

**Service Request 13478**

Service Request 13478, dated November 11, 1996, requests that the edit and messages related to the “one change per year” rule for 403(b) contributions be removed due to changes in federal regulations.

**DB2 Programs**

PPEG001

Program PPEG001 handles 403(b) related consistency edits.
Currently the 403(b) Plan Total Contribution Change Date (EDB0279) is set to the current date whenever the total deduction amount for 403(b) GTN numbers changes. Thereafter, if the total deduction amount is changed, other than to cancel all 403(b) deductions, an edit is performed to compare the current date with the date in the 403(b) Plan Total Contribution Change Date field. If the change is being made in the same year, the update to the 403(b) amount is blocked because an “Employee Reject” level error message is issued. This enforces the “one change per year rule”. Central campus offices can bypass this block for the purposes of error correction.

With this release, this edit and associated messages have been removed from PPS. The data element 403(b) Plan Total Contribution Change Date (EDB0279) will continue to be updated as changes are made to the total 403(b) deduction amount.

**Table Updates**

**System Messages Table (MSG)**

The System Messages Table update transactions sent with this release in CARDLIB(MSG1100) are supplied for both Test and Production. With this release, the following messages have been deleted.

- 08-325   CHANGE TO 403(B) TOTAL WITHIN CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR
- 12-345   CHANGE TO 403(B) TOTAL WITHIN CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR

**Test Plan**

The Test Plan has been included as a separate document with this release.

**Installation Instructions**

Installation of this release requires the following steps:

1. Install modified program PPEG001.
2. Update the Systems Messages Table with the transactions provided in CARDLIB(MSG1100) by running PPP010 to update the VSAM CTL and then PPP851 to update the DB2 System Messages Table.
3. Program PPEG001 is a dual use program and must therefore be compiled twice and linked into the batch (LOADLIB) and online (OLOADLIB) libraries.
4. Bind the plans for PPP080 and PPP120.
5. Perform installation testing described above to ensure proper installation.
6. Perform any desired local testing.
7. Install the program into production.
Timing of Installation

This release is date mandated. This release should be installed in time to effect paychecks dated January 1, 1997 and later.

As usual, campuses are encouraged to install this release in as timely a fashion as possible, and in the normal numeric sequence of releases.

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