

LEGG MASON FUNDS<sup>1</sup>

## RECHARACTERIZATION REQUEST FORM (EXTERNAL)

Complete when recharacterizing a contribution or conversion contribution from another institution to a Legg Mason Funds IRA. If you have any questions, please call Shareholder Services at 1-800-822-5544 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 5:30 pm (ET)

### **1** PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name		Daytime Telephone
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Social Security Number		Date of Birth

### **2** RECHARACTERIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

Use this form to recharacterize a Traditional or Roth Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") contribution or conversion contribution from another custodian or trustee to a Legg Mason Funds IRA. If you do not have an existing Traditional IRA or Roth IRA to invest the recharacterized proceeds, you must complete a Traditional or Roth IRA Application and Adoption Agreement ("Application"). For the purpose of the recharacterization, the custodian should calculate the net income attributable to the contribution using the method provided for in the IRS Final Regulations for Earnings Calculation for Returned or Recharacterized Contributions. Recharacterization of a contribution is irrevocable and must be completed on or before the due date, including extensions, for filing your federal income tax return for the tax year for which the contribution was originally made.

A recharacterized contribution is reported as a distribution from the first IRA (reported on IRS Form 1099-R) and a recharacterization contribution to your Legg Mason Funds IRA (reported on IRS Form 5498) for the tax year in which the recharacterization occurs. The rules regarding recharacterization are complex and you should consult a professional tax advisor prior to any recharacterization. Please refer to IRS Publication 590 for more information.

**This form is not intended to facilitate Roth IRA conversions.**

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this form, the term "Legg Mason Funds" refers to the Legg Mason and Western Asset families of funds.

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## TRANSACTION TYPE - SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (A, B OR C)

- A.  Recharacterize my **Roth IRA conversion contribution** (plus allocable earnings) into a Legg Mason Funds Traditional IRA.

Date of Conversion: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to Recharacterize: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: You cannot convert, recharacterize the conversion, and then reconvert back to a Roth IRA during the same tax year or, if crossing tax years, during the thirty-day period following a recharacterization. If you reconvert during either of these periods, it will be a failed conversion. See Publication 590 for additional information.

- B.  Recharacterize my **annual contribution** (plus allocable earnings) from my Traditional IRA to a Legg Mason Funds Roth IRA.

Date of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to Recharacterize: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- C.  Recharacterize my **annual contribution** (plus allocable earnings) from my Roth IRA to a Legg Mason Funds Traditional IRA.

Date of Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount to Recharacterize: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## INVESTMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECHARACTERIZED PROCEEDS

- New Traditional IRA - follow Application investment instructions (or)
- New Roth IRA - follow Application investment instructions.
- Invest the proceeds as follows into my existing IRA:  Traditional IRA (or)
- Roth IRA

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fund Name Dollar Amount or Percentage (%)

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Fund Name Dollar Amount or Percentage (%)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fund Name Dollar Amount or Percentage (%)  
(Must equal 100%)

To avoid delays, contact your current custodian to verify their correct address and ask if they require a Medallion Signature Guarantee. Please see the Participant Authorization section for an explanation of the Medallion Signature Guarantee. Please also attach your most recent statement, if possible.

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## 5 CURRENT CUSTODIAN AND ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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Current Custodian \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Investment to Recharacterize: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Distributing Account Type:  Traditional/Rollover IRA  Roth IRA

Amount to be Distributed:  Liquidate Entire Account  Partial \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Certificates of Deposit:  Immediately\*  At Maturity Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note:** if you wish to have certificates of deposit transferred immediately and they have not matured, you may incur a redemption penalty. We cannot accept requests to convert certificates of deposit more than 60 days before their maturity.

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## 6 PARTICIPANT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the current custodian or trustee of my IRA to distribute the amount indicated for the purpose of recharacterizing it to an IRA with Legg Mason Funds and to issue a check as indicated below. I understand it is my responsibility to insure the prompt recharacterization of assets by the current custodian or trustee. I understand that I am solely responsible for all tax consequences and agree that neither Legg Mason Funds nor their Custodian shall have responsibility for any tax consequences resulting from my instructions. I authorize Legg Mason Funds and BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company to process this request on my behalf.

I have read this form and understand and agree to be legally bound by the terms of this form. I also understand that the Custodian, Legg Mason Funds and their agents will rely on my instructions within this form when accepting my recharacterization contribution. I understand this recharacterization is irrevocable.

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Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medallion Signature Guarantee Stamp and Signature (If required by your current custodian or transfer agent): An eligible guarantor is a domestic bank or trust company, securities broker/dealer, clearing agency or savings association that participates in a medallion program recognized by the Securities Transfer Agents Association. The three recognized medallion programs are the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program (known as STAMP), Stock Exchanges Medallion Program (SEMP), and the Medallion Signature Program (MSP). A notarization from a notary public is NOT an acceptable substitute for a signature guarantee.

# 7 INTERNAL USE ONLY – RESIGNING CUSTODIAN INSTRUCTIONS

Issue check payable to: BNY Mellon Investment Servicing Trust Company as custodian for the Legg Mason Funds Traditional or Roth IRA.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Recharacterization A/C # \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT INFORMATION (INCLUDING CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS)

<b>Mail:</b>	<b>Postal address</b> Legg Mason Funds P.O. Box 9699 Providence, RI 02940-9699	<b>Overnight carrier address</b> Legg Mason Funds 4400 Computer Drive Westborough, MA 01581
<b>Phone:</b>	To speak with an investment professional regarding any of our funds, please call toll-free: 1-800-822-5544, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:30 pm (ET)	
<b>Fax:</b>	1-508-599-4186	
<b>TeleFund:</b>	To access our telephone account management service, please call toll-free: 1-877-6LMFUNDS (1-877-656-3863)	
<b>Internet:</b>	<a href="http://www.leggmasonfunds.com">www.leggmasonfunds.com</a>	

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