

American Benefits Council

Benefits Briefing Webinar: FATCA Issues

Wednesday, February 19, 11:00 a.m. to noon ET

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The American Benefits Council will host a **Benefits Briefing webinar** on **Wednesday, February 19 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time**, to discuss the latest developments affecting compliance with the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) for non-US pension plans (tax-qualified and non-tax qualified), including issues related to claiming any available exemptions.

Lynn Dudley, senior vice president, retirement and international benefits policy, will moderate the call. She will be joined by **Colin Haines** and **Elizabeth Groenewegen**, Aon Hewitt, and **David Powell**, Groom Law Group. The webinar will include a question and answer period. Members are encouraged to [submit other questions and comments in advance](#) to ldudley@abcstaff.org.

Background:

The Council recently held an informal discussion with representatives of the U.S. Treasury Department on FATCA issues for retirement plans, such as exemptions (regulations-based or through intergovernmental arrangements) and nonqualified trusts. Treasury clearly gave attention to our concerns about making sure retirement plans that represent a “low risk” of tax evasion will be treated as exempt. While it does not appear that more formal FATCA guidance regarding pension plans is being contemplated at this time, officials have noted the possibility of less formal subregulatory guidance and encouraged the Council to convey their concerns.

Council members are welcome to provide feedback as we develop our comments.

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For questions related to registration – or if you have colleagues at your organization who would like to participate in this call, but do not regularly receive Council materials – please contact [Deanna Johnson](#), director, membership, or [Sondra West](#), membership services coordinator, at (202) 289-6700.