

of the Treasury to be available to offset funds appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the Tax Court.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 888; Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1553(b)(2), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2754; Pub. L. 114-113, div. Q, title IV, §432(b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3126.)

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-113 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Except as provided in section 7475, all fees received by the Tax Court shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Except as provided in section 7475, all” for “All”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 1553(c) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as an Effective Date note under section 7475 of this title.

**§ 7474. Fee for transcript of record**

The Tax Court is authorized to fix a fee, not in excess of the fee fixed by law to be charged and collected therefor by the clerks of the district courts, for comparing, or for preparing and comparing, a transcript of the record, or for copying any record, entry, or other paper and the comparison and certification thereof.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 888.)

**§ 7475. Practice fee**

**(a) In general**

The Tax Court is authorized to impose a periodic registration fee on practitioners admitted to practice before such Court. The frequency and amount of such fee shall be determined by the Tax Court, except that such amount may not exceed \$30 per year.

**(b) Use of fees**

The fees described in subsection (a) shall be available to the Tax Court to employ independent counsel to pursue disciplinary matters and to provide services to pro se taxpayers.

(Added Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1553(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2754; amended Pub. L. 109-280, title VIII, §860(a), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1020.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-280 inserted “and to provide services to pro se taxpayers” before period at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-280, title VIII, §860(b), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1020, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 17, 2006].”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1553(c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2754, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 7472 and 7473 of this title] shall take effect on January 1, 1987.”

PART IV—DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS

Sec. 7476. Declaratory judgments relating to qualification of certain retirement plans.

Sec. 7477. Declaratory judgments relating to value of certain gifts.  
7478. Declaratory judgments relating to status of certain governmental obligations.  
7479. Declaratory judgments relating to eligibility of estate with respect to installment payments under section 6166.

AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §§505(b), 506(c)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 855, 856, added items 7477 and 7479.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §131(e)(2)(B), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 665, struck out item 7477 “Declaratory judgments relating to transfers of property from the United States”.

1978—Pub. L. 95-600, title III, §336(c)(2), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2842, added item 7478.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title X, §1042(d)(2)(D), (E), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1639, struck out in part heading “RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN RETIREMENT PLANS” after “DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS”, inserted “relating to qualification of certain retirement plans” after “Declaratory judgments” in item 7476, and added item 7477.

1974—Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1041(a), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 949, added part heading and analysis of sections.

**§ 7476. Declaratory judgments relating to qualification of certain retirement plans**

**(a) Creation of remedy**

In a case of actual controversy involving—

(1) a determination by the Secretary with respect to the initial qualification or continuing qualification of a retirement plan under subchapter D of chapter 1, or

(2) a failure by the Secretary to make a determination with respect to—

(A) such initial qualification, or

(B) such continuing qualification if the controversy arises from a plan amendment or plan termination,

upon the filing of an appropriate pleading, the Tax Court may make a declaration with respect to such initial qualification or continuing qualification. Any such declaration shall have the force and effect of a decision of the Tax Court and shall be reviewable as such. For purposes of this section, a determination with respect to a continuing qualification includes any revocation of or other change in a qualification.

**(b) Limitations**

**(1) Petitioner**

A pleading may be filed under this section only by a petitioner who is the employer, the plan administrator, an employee who has qualified under regulations prescribed by the Secretary as an interested party for purposes of pursuing administrative remedies within the Internal Revenue Service, or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**(2) Notice**

For purposes of this section, the filing of a pleading by any petitioner may be held by the Tax Court to be premature, unless the petitioner establishes to the satisfaction of the court that he has complied with the requirements prescribed by regulations of the Secretary with respect to notice to other interested parties of the filing of the request for a determination referred to in subsection (a).