

§ 1.1031(k)-1 Treatment of deferred exchanges.

(a) Overview. This section provides rules for the application of section 1031 and the regulations thereunder in the case of a “deferred exchange.” For purposes of section 1031 and this section, a deferred exchange is defined as an exchange in which, pursuant to an agreement, the taxpayer transfers property held for productive use in a trade or business or for investment (the “relinquished property”) and subsequently receives property to be held either for productive use in a trade or business or for investment (the “replacement property”). In the case of a deferred exchange, if the requirements set forth in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section (relating to identification and receipt of replacement property) are not satisfied, the replacement property received by the taxpayer will be treated as property which is not of a like kind to the relinquished property. In order to constitute a deferred exchange, the transaction must be an exchange (i.e., a transfer of property for property, as distinguished from a transfer of property for money). For example, a sale of property followed by a purchase of property of a like kind does not qualify for nonrecognition of gain or loss under section 1031 regardless of whether the identification and receipt requirements of section 1031(a)(3) and paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section are satisfied. The transfer of relinquished property in a deferred exchange is not within the provisions of section 1031(a) if, as part of the consideration, the taxpayer receives money or property which does not meet the requirements of section 1031(a), but the transfer, if otherwise qualified, will be within the provisions of either section 1031 (b) or (c). See § 1.1031(a)-1(a)(2). In addition, in the case of a transfer of relinquished property in a deferred exchange, gain or loss may be recognized if the taxpayer actually or constructively receives money or property which does not meet the requirements of section 1031(a) before the taxpayer actually receives like-kind replacement property. If the taxpayer actually or constructively receives money or property which does not meet the requirements of section 1031(a) in the full amount of the consideration for the relinquished property, the transaction will constitute a sale, and not a deferred exchange, even though the taxpayer may ultimately receive like-kind replacement property. For purposes of this section, property which does not meet the requirements of section 1031(a) (whether by being described in section 1031(a)(2) or otherwise) is referred to as “other property.” For rules regarding actual and constructive receipt, and safe harbors therefrom, see paragraphs (f) and (g), respectively, of this section. For rules regarding the determination of gain or loss recognized and

the [basis](#) of [property](#) received in a deferred [exchange](#), see [paragraph \(j\)](#) of this section.

(b) Identification and receipt requirements—(1) *In general.* In the case of a deferred [exchange](#), any replacement [property](#) received by the [taxpayer](#) will be treated as [property](#) which is not of a like kind to the relinquished [property](#) if—

(i) The replacement [property](#) is not “identified” before the end of the “identification period,” or

(ii) The identified replacement [property](#) is not received before the end of the “exchange period.”

(2) Identification period and exchange period.

(i) The [identification](#) period begins on the date the [taxpayer](#) transfers the relinquished [property](#) and ends at midnight on the 45th day thereafter.

(ii) The [exchange](#) period begins on the date the [taxpayer](#) transfers the relinquished [property](#) and ends at midnight on the earlier of the 180th day thereafter or the due date (including extensions) for the [taxpayer's](#) return of the tax imposed by chapter 1 of [subtitle A](#) of the [Code](#) for the [taxable year](#) in which the [transfer](#) of the relinquished [property](#) occurs.

(iii) If, as part of the same deferred [exchange](#), the [taxpayer](#) transfers more than one relinquished [property](#) and the relinquished properties are [transferred](#) on different dates, the [identification](#) period and the [exchange](#) period are determined by reference to the earliest date on which any of the properties are transferred.

(iv) For purposes of this paragraph (b)(2), [property](#) is [transferred](#) when the [property](#) is disposed of within the meaning of section 1001(a).

(3) Example. This paragraph (b) may be illustrated by the following [example](#).

EXAMPLE:

(i) M is a corporation that files its Federal income tax return on a calendar year basis. M and C enter into an agreement for an exchange of property that requires M to transfer property X to C. Under the agreement, M is to identify like-kind replacement property which C is required to purchase and to transfer to M. M transfers property X to C on November 16, 1992.

(ii) The [identification](#) period ends at midnight on December 31, 1992, the day which is 45 days after the date of [transfer of property](#) X. The [exchange](#) period ends at midnight on March 15, 1993, the due date for M's Federal [income](#) tax return for the [taxable year](#) in which M transferred [property](#) X. However, if M is [allowed](#) the automatic six-month extension for filing its tax return, the [exchange](#) period ends at midnight on May 15, 1993, the day which is 180 days after the date of [transfer of property](#) X.

(c) Identification of replacement property before the end of the identification period—(1) *In general.* For purposes of [paragraph \(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) of this section (relating to the [identification](#) requirement), replacement [property](#) is identified before the end of the [identification](#) period only if the [requirements](#) of this [paragraph \(c\)](#) are satisfied with respect to the replacement [property](#). However, any replacement [property](#) that is received by the [taxpayer](#) before the end of the [identification](#) period will in all events be treated as identified before the end of the [identification](#) period.

(2) Manner of identifying replacement

property. Replacement [property](#) is identified only if it is designated as replacement [property](#) in a written document signed by the [taxpayer](#) and hand delivered, mailed, telecopied, or otherwise sent before the end of the [identification](#) period to either—

- (i) The [person](#) obligated to [transfer](#) the replacement [property](#) to the [taxpayer](#) (regardless of whether that [person](#) is a disqualified [person](#) as defined in [paragraph \(k\)](#) of this section); or
- (ii) Any other [person](#) involved in the [exchange](#) other than the [taxpayer](#) or a disqualified [person](#) (as defined in [paragraph \(k\)](#) of this section).

Examples of [persons](#) involved in the [exchange](#) include any of the parties to the [exchange](#), an [intermediary](#), an escrow agent, and a title company. An [identification](#) of replacement [property](#) made in a [written agreement](#) for the [exchange](#) of properties signed by all parties thereto before the end of the [identification](#) period will be treated as satisfying the [requirements](#) of this [paragraph \(c\)\(2\)](#).

(3) Description of replacement property. Replacement [property](#) is identified only if it is unambiguously described in the written document or [agreement](#). Real [property](#) generally is unambiguously described if it is

described by a legal **description**, street address, or distinguishable **name** (e.g., the Mayfair Apartment Building). Personal **property** generally is unambiguously described if it is described by a specific **description** of the particular type of **property**. For **example**, a truck generally is unambiguously described if it is described by a specific make, model, and **year**.

(4) Alternative and multiple properties.

(i) The **taxpayer** may identify more than one replacement **property**. Regardless of the number of relinquished properties **transferred** by the **taxpayer** as part of the same deferred **exchange**, the maximum number of replacement properties that the **taxpayer** may identify is—

(A) Three properties without regard to the **fair market values** of the properties (the “3-property rule”), or

(B) Any number of properties as long as their aggregate **fair market value** as of the end of the **identification** period does not exceed 200 percent of the aggregate **fair market value** of all the relinquished properties as of the date the relinquished properties were **transferred** by the **taxpayer** (the “200-percent rule”).

(ii) If, as of the end of the **identification** period, the **taxpayer** has identified more properties as replacement properties than permitted by **paragraph (c)(4)(i)** of this section, the **taxpayer** is treated as if no replacement **property** had been identified. The preceding sentence will not apply, however, and an **identification** satisfying the **requirements** of **paragraph (c)(4)(i)** of this section will be considered made, with respect to—

(A) Any replacement **property** received by the **taxpayer** before the end of the **identification** period, and

(B) Any replacement **property** identified before the end of the **identification** period and received before the end of the **exchange** period, but only if the **taxpayer** receives before the end of the **exchange** period identified replacement **property** the fair market value of which is at least 95 percent of the aggregate **fair market value** of all identified replacement properties (the “95-percent rule”).

For this purpose, the **fair market value** of each identified replacement **property** is determined as of the earlier of the date the **property** is received by the **taxpayer** or the last day of the **exchange** period.

(iii) For purposes of applying the 3-property **rule**, the 200-percent **rule**, and the 95-percent **rule**, all **identifications** of replacement **property**, other than **identifications** of replacement **property** that have been revoked in the manner provided in **paragraph (c)(6)** of this section, are taken into **account**. For **example**, if, in a deferred **exchange**, B transfers **property** X with a **fair market value** of \$100,000 to C and B receives like-kind **property** Y with a **fair market value** of \$50,000 before the end of the **identification** period, under **paragraph (c)(1)** of this section, **property** Y is treated as identified **by reason of** being received before the end of the **identification** period. Thus, under **paragraph (c)(4)(i)** of this section, B may identify either two additional replacement properties of any **fair market value** or any number of additional replacement properties as long as the aggregate **fair market value** of the additional replacement properties does not exceed \$150,000.

(5) *Incidental property disregarded.*

(i) Solely for purposes of applying this **paragraph (c)**, **property** that is incidental to a larger **item** of **property** is not treated as **property** that is separate from the larger **item** of **property**. **Property** is incidental to a larger **item** of **property** if—

(A) In standard commercial transactions, the **property** is typically **transferred** together with the larger **item** of **property**, and

(B) The aggregate **fair market value** of all of the incidental **property** does not exceed 15 percent of the aggregate **fair market value** of the larger **item** of **property**.

(ii) This **paragraph (c)(5)** may be illustrated by the following **examples**.

EXAMPLE 1.

For purposes of **paragraph (c)** of this section, a spare tire and tool kit will not be treated as separate property from a truck with a fair market value of \$10,000, if the aggregate fair market value of the spare tire and tool kit does not exceed \$1,500. For purposes of the 3-property rule, the truck, spare tire, and tool kit are treated as 1 property. Moreover, for purposes of **paragraph (c)(3)** of this section (relating to the description of replacement property), the truck, spare tire, and tool kit are all

considered to be unambiguously described if the make, model, and year of the truck are specified, even if no reference is made to the spare tire and tool kit.

EXAMPLE 2.

For purposes of [paragraph \(c\)](#) of this section, furniture, laundry machines, and other miscellaneous items of personal property will not be treated as separate property from an apartment building with a fair market value of \$1,000,000, if the aggregate fair market value of the furniture, laundry machines, and other personal property does not exceed \$150,000. For purposes of the 3-property rule, the apartment building, furniture, laundry machines, and other personal property are treated as 1 property. Moreover, for purposes of [paragraph \(c\)\(3\)](#) of this section (relating to the description of replacement property), the apartment building, furniture, laundry machines, and other personal property are all considered to be unambiguously described if the legal description, street address, or distinguishable name of the apartment building is specified, even if no reference is made to the furniture, laundry machines, and other personal property.

(6) Revocation of identification. An [identification](#) of replacement [property](#) may be revoked at any time before the end of the [identification](#) period. An [identification](#) of replacement [property](#) is revoked only if the [revocation](#) is made in a written document signed by the [taxpayer](#) and hand delivered, mailed, telecopied, or otherwise sent before the end of the [identification](#) period to the [person](#) to whom the [identification](#) of the replacement [property](#) was sent. An [identification](#) of replacement [property](#) that is made in a [written agreement](#) for the [exchange](#) of properties is treated as revoked only if the [revocation](#) is made in a written amendment to the [agreement](#) or in a written document signed by the [taxpayer](#) and hand delivered, mailed, telecopied, or otherwise sent before the end of the [identification](#) period to all of the parties to the [agreement](#).

(7) Examples. This [paragraph \(c\)](#) may be illustrated by the following [examples](#). Unless otherwise provided in an [example](#), the following [facts](#) are assumed: B, a calendar [year taxpayer](#), and C agree to enter into a deferred [exchange](#). Pursuant to their [agreement](#), B transfers [real property](#) X to C on May 17, 1991. [Real property](#) X, which has been held by B for [investment](#), is unencumbered and has a [fair market value](#) on May 17, 1991, of \$100,000. On or before July 1, 1991 (the end of the [identification](#) period), B is to identify replacement [property](#) that is of a like kind to [real property](#) X. On or before November 13, 1991 (the end of the [exchange](#) period), C is required to [purchase](#) the [property](#) identified by B and

to transfer that property to B. To the extent the fair market value of the replacement property transferred to B is greater or less than the fair market value of real property X, either B or C, as applicable, will make up the difference by paying cash to the other party after the date the replacement property is received by B. No replacement property is identified in the agreement. When subsequently identified, the replacement property is described by legal description and is of a like kind to real property X (determined without regard to section 1031(a)(3) and this section). B intends to hold the replacement property received for investment.

EXAMPLE 1.

(i) On July 2, 1991, B identifies real property E as replacement property by designating real property E as replacement property in a written document signed by B and personally delivered to C.

(ii) Because the identification was made after the end of the identification period, pursuant to paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section (relating to the identification requirement), real property E is treated as property which is not of a like kind to real property X.

EXAMPLE 2.

(i) C is a corporation of which 20 percent of the outstanding stock is owned by B. On July 1, 1991, B identifies real property F as replacement property by designating real property F as replacement property in a written document signed by B and mailed to C.

(ii) Because C is the person obligated to transfer the replacement property to B, real property F is identified before the end of the identification period. The fact that C is a “disqualified person” as defined in paragraph (k) of this section does not change this result.

(iii) Real property F would also have been treated as identified before the end of the identification period if, instead of sending the identification to C, B had designated real property F as replacement property in a written agreement for the exchange of properties signed by all parties thereto on or before July 1, 1991.

EXAMPLE 3.

(i) On June 3, 1991, B identifies the replacement property as “unimproved land located in Hood County with a fair market value not to exceed \$100,000.” The designation is made in a written document signed by B and personally delivered to

C. On July 8, 1991, B and C agree that real property G is the property described in the June 3, 1991 document.

(ii) Because **real property** G was not unambiguously described before the end of the **identification** period, no replacement **property** is identified before the end of the **identification** period.

EXAMPLE 4.

(i) On June 28, 1991, B identifies real properties H, J, and K as replacement properties by designating these properties as replacement properties in a written document signed by B and personally delivered to C. The written document provides that by August 1, 1991, B will orally inform C which of the identified properties C is to transfer to B. As of July 1, 1991, the fair market values of real properties H, J, and K are \$75,000, \$100,000, and \$125,000, respectively.

(ii) Because B did not identify more than three properties as replacement properties, the **requirements** of the 3-property **rule** are satisfied, and real properties H, J, and K are all identified before the end of the **identification** period.

EXAMPLE 5.

(i) On May 17, 1991, B identifies real properties L, M, N, and P as replacement properties by designating these properties as replacement properties in a written document signed by B and personally delivered to C. The written document provides that by July 2, 1991, B will orally inform C which of the identified properties C is to transfer to B. As of July 1, 1991, the fair market values of real properties L, M, N, and P are \$30,000, \$40,000, \$50,000, and \$60,000, respectively.

(ii) Although B identified more than three properties as replacement properties, the aggregate **fair market value** of the identified properties as of the end of the **identification** period (\$180,000) did not exceed 200 percent of the aggregate **fair market value** of **real property** X ($200\% \times \$100,000 = \$200,000$). Therefore, the **requirements** of the 200-percent **rule** are satisfied, and real properties L, M, N, and P are all identified before the end of the **identification** period.

EXAMPLE 6.

(i) On June 21, 1991, B identifies real properties Q, R, and S as replacement properties by designating these properties as replacement properties in a written document signed by B and mailed to C. On June 24, 1991, B identifies real properties T and U as replacement properties in a written document signed by B

and mailed to C. On June 28, 1991, B revokes the identification of real properties Q and R in a written document signed by B and personally delivered to C.

(ii) B has revoked the **identification** of real properties Q and R in the manner provided by **paragraph (c)(6)** of this section. **Identifications** of replacement **property** that have been revoked in the manner provided by **paragraph (c)(6)** of this section are not taken into **account** for purposes of applying the 3-property **rule**. Thus, as of June 28, 1991, B has identified only replacement properties S, T, and U for purposes of the 3-property **rule**. Because B did not identify more than three properties as replacement properties for purposes of the 3-property **rule**, the **requirements** of that **rule** are satisfied, and real properties S, T, and U are all identified before the end of the **identification** period.

EXAMPLE 7.

(i) On May 20, 1991, B identifies real properties V and W as replacement properties by designating these properties as replacement properties in a written document signed by B and personally delivered to C. On June 4, 1991, B identifies real properties Y and Z as replacement properties in the same manner. On June 5, 1991, B telephones C and orally revokes the identification of real properties V and W. As of July 1, 1991, the fair market values of real properties V, W, Y, and Z are \$50,000, \$70,000, \$90,000, and \$100,000, respectively. On July 31, 1991, C purchases real property Y and Z and transfers them to B.

(ii) Pursuant to **paragraph (c)(6)** of this section (relating to **revocation** of identification), the oral **revocation** of the **identification** of real properties V and W is invalid. Thus, the **identification** of real properties V and W is taken into **account** for purposes of determining whether the **requirements** of **paragraph (c)(4)** of this section (relating to the **identification** of alternative and multiple properties) are satisfied. Because B identified more than three properties and the aggregate **fair market value** of the identified properties as of the end of the **identification** period (\$310,000) exceeds 200 percent of the **fair market value** of real property X ($200\% \times \$100,000 = \$200,000$), the **requirements** of **paragraph (c)(4)** of this section are not satisfied, and B is treated as if B did not identify any replacement **property**.

(d) Receipt of identified replacement property—(1) *In general.* For purposes of **paragraph (b)(1)(ii)** of this section (relating to the **receipt** requirement), the identified replacement **property** is received before the end of the **exchange** period only if the requirements of this paragraph **(d)** are satisfied with

respect to the replacement **property**. In the case of a deferred **exchange**, the identified replacement **property** is received before the end of the **exchange** period if—

- (i) The **taxpayer** receives the replacement **property** before the end of the **exchange** period, and
- (ii) The replacement **property** received is substantially the same **property** as identified.

If the **taxpayer** has identified more than one replacement **property**, section 1031(a)(3)(B) and this paragraph (d) are applied separately to each replacement **property**.

(2) Examples. This paragraph (d) may be illustrated by the following **examples**. The following **facts** are assumed: B, a calendar **year taxpayer**, and C agree to enter into a deferred **exchange**. Pursuant to their **agreement**, B transfers **real property** X to C on May 17, 1991. **Real property** X, which has been held by B for **investment**, is unencumbered and has a **fair market value** on May 17, 1991, of \$100,000. On or before July 1, 1991 (the end of the **identification** period), B is to identify replacement **property** that is of a like kind to **real property** X. On or before November 13, 1991 (the end of the **exchange** period), C is required to **purchase** the **property** identified by B and to **transfer** that **property** to B. To the extent the **fair market value** of the replacement **property** transferred to B is greater or less than the **fair market value** of **real property** X, either B or C, as applicable, will make up the difference by paying **cash** to the other party after the date the replacement **property** is received by B. The replacement **property** is identified in a manner that satisfies **paragraph (c)** of this section (relating to **identification** of replacement property) and is of a like kind to **real property** X (determined without regard to section 1031(a)(3) and this section). B intends to hold any replacement **property** received for **investment**.

EXAMPLE 1.

(i) In the agreement, B identifies real properties J, K, and L as replacement properties. The agreement provides that by July 26, 1991, B will orally inform C which of the properties C is to transfer to B.

(ii) As of July 1, 1991, the **fair market values** of real properties J, K, and L are \$75,000, \$100,000, and \$125,000, respectively. On July 26, 1991, B instructs C to acquire **real property** K. On October 31, 1991, C purchases **real property** K for \$100,000 and **transfers** the **property** to B.

(iii) Because **real property** K was identified before the end of the **identification** period and was received before the end of the **exchange** period, the **identification** and **receipt requirements** of section 1031(a)(3) and this section are satisfied with respect to **real property** K.

EXAMPLE 2.

(i) In the agreement, B identifies real property P as replacement property. Real property P consists of two acres of unimproved land. On October 15, 1991, the owner of real property P erects a fence on the property. On November 1, 1991, C purchases real property P and transfers it to B.

(ii) The erection of the fence on **real property** P subsequent to its **identification** did not alter the basic nature or **character** of **real property** P as unimproved **land**. B is considered to have received substantially the same **property** as identified.

EXAMPLE 3.

(i) In the agreement, B identifies real property Q as replacement property. Real property Q consists of a barn on two acres of land and has a fair market value of \$250,000 (\$187,500 for the barn and underlying land and \$62,500 for the remaining land). As of July 26, 1991, real property Q remains unchanged and has a fair market value of \$250,000. On that date, at B's direction, C purchases the barn and underlying land for \$187,500 and transfers it to B, and B pays \$62,500 to C.

(ii) The barn and underlying **land** differ in basic nature or **character** from **real property** Q as a whole, B is not considered to have received substantially the same **property** as identified.

EXAMPLE 4.

(i) In the agreement, B identifies real property R as replacement property. Real property R consists of two acres of unimproved land and has a fair market value of \$250,000. As of October 3, 1991, real property R remains unimproved and has a fair market value of \$250,000. On that date, at B's direction, C purchases 1 1/2 acres of real property R for \$187,500 and transfers it to B, and B pays \$62,500 to C.

(ii) The portion of **real property** R that B received does not differ from the basic nature or **character** of **real property** R as a whole. Moreover, the **fair market value** of the portion of **real property** R that B received (\$187,500) is 75 percent of the **fair market value** of **real property** R as of the date of **receipt**. Accordingly, B is considered to have received substantially the same **property** as identified.

(e) Special rules for identification and receipt of replacement property to be produced—(1) *In general.* A transfer of

relinquished property in a deferred exchange will not fail to qualify for nonrecognition of gain or loss under section 1031 merely because the replacement property is not in existence or is being produced at the time the property is identified as replacement property. For purposes of this paragraph (e), the terms “produced” and “production” have the same meanings as provided in section 263A(g)(1) and the regulations thereunder.

(2) Identification of replacement property to be produced.

(i) In the case of replacement property that is to be produced, the replacement property must be identified as provided in paragraph (c) of this section (relating to identification of replacement property). For example, if the identified replacement property consists of improved real property where the improvements are to be constructed, the description of the replacement property satisfies the requirements of paragraph (c)(3) of this section (relating to description of replacement property) if a legal description is provided for the underlying land and as much detail is provided regarding construction of the improvements as is practicable at the time the identification is made.

(ii) For purposes of paragraphs (c)(4)(i)(B) and (c)(5) of this section (relating to the 200-percent rule and incidental property), the fair market value of replacement property that is to be produced is its estimated fair market value as of the date it is expected to be received by the taxpayer.

(3) Receipt of replacement property to be produced.

(i) For purposes of paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section (relating to receipt of the identified replacement property), in determining whether the replacement property received by the taxpayer is substantially the same property as identified where the identified replacement property is property to be produced, variations due to usual or typical production changes are not taken into account. However, if substantial changes are made in the property to be produced, the replacement property received will not be considered to be substantially the same property as identified.

(ii) If the identified replacement **property** is personal **property** to be produced, the replacement **property** received will not be considered to be substantially the same **property** as identified unless **production** of the replacement **property** received is completed on or before the date the **property** is received by the **taxpayer**.

(iii) If the identified replacement **property** is **real property** to be produced and the **production** of the **property** is not completed on or before the date the **taxpayer** receives the **property**, the **property** received will be considered to be substantially the same **property** as identified only if, had **production** been completed on or before the date the **taxpayer** receives the replacement **property**, the **property** received would have been considered to be substantially the same **property** as identified. Even so, the **property** received is considered to be substantially the same **property** as identified only to the extent the **property** received constitutes **real property** under local law.

(4) Additional rules. The **transfer** of relinquished **property** is not within the provisions of section 1031(a) if the relinquished **property** is **transferred** in **exchange** for **services** (including **production** services). Thus, any additional **production** occurring with respect to the replacement **property** after the **property** is received by the **taxpayer** will not be treated as the **receipt** of **property** of a like kind.

(5) Example. This paragraph (e) may be illustrated by the following **example**.

EXAMPLE:

(i) B, a calendar year taxpayer, and C agree to enter into a deferred exchange. Pursuant to their agreement, B transfers improved real property X and personal property Y to C on May 17, 1991. On or before November 13, 1991 (the end of the exchange period), C is required to transfer to B real property M, on which C is constructing improvements, and personal property N, which C is producing. C is obligated to complete the improvements and production regardless of when properties M and N are transferred to B. Properties M and N are identified in a manner that satisfies paragraphs (c) (relating to identification of replacement property) and (e)(2) of this section. In addition, properties M and N are of a like kind, respectively, to real property X and personal property Y (determined without regard to section 1031(a)(3) and this section). On November 13, 1991, when construction of the improvements to property M is 20 percent completed and the production of property N is 90 percent completed, C transfers to B property M and

property N. If construction of the improvements had been completed, property M would have been considered to be substantially the same property as identified. Under local law, property M constitutes real property to the extent of the underlying land and the 20 percent of the construction that is completed.

(ii) Because **property N** is personal **property** to be produced and **production of property N** is not completed before the date the **property** is received by B, **property N** is not considered to be substantially the same **property** as identified and is treated as **property** which is not of a like kind to **property Y**.

(iii) **Property M** is considered to be substantially the same **property** as identified to the extent of the underlying **land** and the 20 percent of the construction that is completed when **property M** is received by B. However, any additional construction performed by C with respect to **property M** after November 13, 1991, is not treated as the **receipt of property** of a like kind.

(f) Receipt of money or other property—(1) *In general.* A **transfer** of relinquished **property** in a deferred **exchange** is not within the provisions of section 1031(a) if, as part of the consideration, the **taxpayer** receives money or **other property**. However, such a **transfer**, if otherwise qualified, will be within the provisions of either section 1031 (b) or (c). See § 1.1031(a)-1(a)(2). In addition, in the case of a **transfer** of relinquished **property** in a deferred **exchange**, **gain or loss** may be recognized if the **taxpayer** actually or constructively receives money or **other property** before the **taxpayer** actually receives like-kind replacement **property**. If the **taxpayer** actually or constructively receives money or **other property** in the full **amount** of the consideration for the relinquished **property** before the **taxpayer** actually receives like-kind replacement **property**, the **transaction** will constitute a sale and not a deferred **exchange**, even though the **taxpayer** may ultimately receive like-kind replacement **property**.

(2) Actual and constructive receipt. Except as provided in **paragraph (g)** of this section (relating to safe harbors), for purposes of section 1031 and this section, the determination of whether (or the extent to which) the **taxpayer** is in actual or constructive **receipt** of money or **other property** before the **taxpayer** actually receives like-kind replacement **property** is made under the **general rules** concerning actual and constructive **receipt** and without regard to the **taxpayer's method of accounting**. The **taxpayer** is in actual **receipt** of money or **property** at the time the **taxpayer** actually receives the money

or **property** or receives the economic **benefit** of the money or **property**. The **taxpayer** is in constructive **receipt** of money or **property** at the time the money or **property** is credited to the **taxpayer's account**, set apart for the **taxpayer**, or otherwise made available so that the **taxpayer** may draw upon it at any time or so that the **taxpayer** can draw upon it if **notice** of intention to draw is given. Although the **taxpayer** is not in constructive **receipt** of money or **property** if the **taxpayer's control** of its **receipt** is subject to substantial **limitations** or restrictions, the **taxpayer** is in constructive **receipt** of the money or **property** at the time the **limitations** or restrictions lapse, expire, or are waived. In addition, actual or constructive **receipt** of money or **property** by an agent of the **taxpayer** (determined without regard to **paragraph (k)** of this section) is actual or constructive **receipt** by the **taxpayer**.

(3) Example. This paragraph **(f)** may be illustrated by the following **example**.

EXAMPLE:

(i) B, a calendar year taxpayer, and C agree to enter into a deferred exchange. Pursuant to the agreement, on May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C. Real property X, which has been held by B for investment, is unencumbered and has a fair market value on May 17, 1991, of \$100,000. On or before July 1, 1991 (the end of the identification period), B is to identify replacement property that is of a like kind to real property X. On or before November 13, 1991 (the end of the exchange period), C is required to purchase the property identified by B and to transfer that property to B. At any time after May 17, 1991, and before C has purchased the replacement property, B has the right, upon notice, to demand that C pay \$100,000 in lieu of acquiring and transferring the replacement property. Pursuant to the agreement, B identifies replacement property, and C purchases the replacement property and transfers it to B.

(ii) Under the **agreement**, B has the unrestricted right to demand the **payment** of \$100,000 as of May 17, 1991. B is therefore in constructive **receipt** of \$100,000 on that date. Because B is in constructive **receipt** of money in the full **amount** of the consideration for the relinquished **property** before B actually receives the like-kind replacement **property**, the **transaction** constitutes a sale, and the **transfer** of **real property** X does not qualify for nonrecognition of **gain or loss** under section 1031. B is treated as if B received the \$100,000 in consideration for the sale of **real property** X and then **purchased** the like-kind replacement **property**.

(iii) If B's right to demand **payment** of the \$100,000 were subject to a substantial **limitation** or restriction (e.g., the **agreement** provided that B had no right to demand **payment** before November 14, 1991 (the end of the **exchange** period)), then, for purposes of this section, B would not be in actual or constructive **receipt** of the money unless (or until) the **limitation** or restriction lapsed, expired, or was waived.

(g) Safe harbors—(1) *In general.* Paragraphs (g)(2) through (g)(5) of this section set forth four **safe harbors** the use of which will **result** in a determination that the **taxpayer** is not in actual or constructive **receipt** of money or **other property** for purposes of section 1031 and this section. More than one **safe harbor** can be used in the same deferred **exchange**, but the **terms** and **conditions** of each must be separately satisfied. For purposes of the **safe harbor** rules, the term “taxpayer” does not include a **person** or **entity** utilized in a **safe harbor** (e.g., a qualified intermediary). See paragraph (g)(8), *Example 3(v)*, of this section.

(2) Security or guarantee arrangements.

(i) In the case of a deferred **exchange**, the determination of whether the **taxpayer** is in actual or constructive **receipt** of money or **other property** before the **taxpayer** actually receives like-kind replacement **property** will be made without regard to the fact that the **obligation** of the **taxpayer's transferee** to **transfer** the replacement **property** to the **taxpayer** is or may be secured or guaranteed by one or more of the following—

(A) A mortgage, deed of **trust**, or other **security interest** in **property** (other than **cash** or a **cash** equivalent),

(B) A standby **letter of credit** which satisfies all of the **requirements** of § 15A.453-1 (b)(3)(iii) and which may not be drawn upon in the absence of a default of the **transferee's obligation** to **transfer** like-kind replacement **property** to the **taxpayer**, or

(C) A guarantee of a third party.

(ii) Paragraph (g)(2)(i) of this section ceases to apply at the time the **taxpayer** has an immediate ability or unrestricted right to receive money or **other property** pursuant to the **security** or guarantee arrangement.

(3) Qualified escrow accounts and qualified trusts.

(i) In the case of a deferred [exchange](#), the determination of whether the [taxpayer](#) is in actual or constructive [receipt](#) of money or [other property](#) before the [taxpayer](#) actually receives like-kind replacement [property](#) will be made without regard to the fact that the [obligation](#) of the [taxpayer's transferee](#) to [transfer](#) the replacement [property](#) to the [taxpayer](#) is or may be secured by [cash](#) or a [cash](#) equivalent if the [cash](#) or [cash](#) equivalent is held in a qualified escrow [account](#) or in a [qualified trust](#).

(ii) A qualified escrow [account](#) is an escrow [account](#) wherein—

(A) The escrow [holder](#) is not the [taxpayer](#) or a disqualified [person](#) (as defined in [paragraph \(k\)](#) of this section), and

(B) The escrow [agreement](#) expressly limits the [taxpayer's](#) rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the [benefits](#) of the [cash](#) or [cash](#) equivalent held in the escrow [account](#) as provided in [paragraph \(g\)\(6\)](#) of this section.

(iii) A [qualified trust](#) is a [trust](#) wherein—

(A) The [trustee](#) is not the [taxpayer](#) or a disqualified [person](#) (as defined in [paragraph \(k\)](#) of this section, except that for this purpose the relationship between the [taxpayer](#) and the [trustee](#) created by the [qualified trust](#) will not be considered a relationship under section 267(b)), and

(B) The [trust agreement](#) expressly limits the [taxpayer's](#) rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the [benefits](#) of the [cash](#) or [cash](#) equivalent held by the [trustee](#) as provided in [paragraph \(g\)\(6\)](#) of this section.

(iv) [Paragraph \(g\)\(3\)\(i\)](#) of this section ceases to apply at the time the [taxpayer](#) has an immediate ability or unrestricted right to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the [benefits](#) of the [cash](#) or [cash](#) equivalent held in the qualified escrow [account](#) or [qualified trust](#). Rights conferred upon the [taxpayer](#) under [state](#) law to terminate or dismiss the escrow [holder](#) of a qualified escrow [account](#) or the [trustee](#) of a [qualified trust](#) are disregarded for this purpose.

(v) A taxpayer may receive money or other property directly from a party to the exchange, but not from a qualified escrow account or a qualified trust, without affecting the application of paragraph (g)(3)(i) of this section.

(4) Qualified intermediaries.

(i) In the case of a taxpayer's transfer of relinquished property involving a qualified intermediary, the qualified intermediary is not considered the agent of the taxpayer for purposes of section 1031(a). In such a case, the taxpayer's transfer of relinquished property and subsequent receipt of like-kind replacement property is treated as an exchange, and the determination of whether the taxpayer is in actual or constructive receipt of money or other property before the taxpayer actually receives like-kind replacement property is made as if the qualified intermediary is not the agent of the taxpayer.

(ii) Paragraph (g)(4)(i) of this section applies only if the agreement between the taxpayer and the qualified intermediary expressly limits the taxpayer's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of money or other property held by the qualified intermediary as provided in paragraph (g)(6) of this section.

(iii) A qualified intermediary is a person who—

(A) Is not the taxpayer or a disqualified person (as defined in paragraph (k) of this section), and

(B) Enters into a written agreement with the taxpayer (the "exchange agreement") and, as required by the exchange agreement, acquires the relinquished property from the taxpayer, transfers the relinquished property, acquires the replacement property, and transfers the replacement property to the taxpayer.

(iv) Regardless of whether an intermediary acquires and transfers property under general tax principals, solely for purposes of paragraph (g)(4)(iii)(B) of this section—

(A) An intermediary is treated as acquiring and transferring property if the intermediary acquires and transfers legal title to that property,

(B) An intermediary is treated as acquiring and transferring the relinquished property if the intermediary (either on its own behalf or as the

agent of any party to the transaction) enters into an **agreement** with a **person** other than the **taxpayer** for the **transfer** of the relinquished **property** to that **person** and, pursuant to that **agreement**, the relinquished **property** is **transferred** to that **person**, and

(C) An **intermediary** is treated as **acquiring** and **transferring** replacement **property** if the **intermediary** (either on its own behalf or as the agent of any party to the transaction) enters into an **agreement** with the **owner** of the replacement **property** for the **transfer** of that **property** and, pursuant to that **agreement**, the replacement **property** is **transferred** to the **taxpayer**.

(v) Solely for purposes of paragraphs (g)(4)(iii) and (g)(4)(iv) of this section, an **intermediary** is treated as entering into an **agreement** if the rights of a party to the **agreement** are assigned to the **intermediary** and all parties to that **agreement** are notified in writing of the assignment on or before the date of the relevant **transfer of property**. For **example**, if a **taxpayer** enters into an **agreement** for the **transfer** of relinquished **property** and thereafter assigns its rights in that **agreement** to an **intermediary** and all parties to that **agreement** are notified in writing of the assignment on or before the date of the **transfer** of the relinquished **property**, the **intermediary** is treated as entering into that **agreement**. If the relinquished **property** is **transferred** pursuant to that **agreement**, the **intermediary** is treated as having **acquired** and **transferred** the relinquished **property**.

(vi) Paragraph (g)(4)(i) of this section ceases to apply at the time the **taxpayer** has an immediate ability or unrestricted right to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** held by the qualified **intermediary**. Rights conferred upon the **taxpayer** under **state** law to terminate or dismiss the qualified **intermediary** are disregarded for this purpose.

(vii) A **taxpayer** may receive money or **other property** directly from a party to the **transaction** other than the qualified **intermediary** without affecting the **application** of paragraph (g)(4)(i) of this section.

(5) Interest and growth factors. In the case of a deferred **exchange**, the determination of whether the **taxpayer** is in actual or constructive **receipt** of

money or other property before the taxpayer actually receives the like-kind replacement property will be made without regard to the fact that the taxpayer is or may be entitled to receive any interest or growth factor with respect to the deferred exchange. The preceding sentence applies only if the agreement pursuant to which the taxpayer is or may be entitled to the interest or growth factor expressly limits the taxpayer's rights to receive the interest or growth factor as provided in paragraph (g)(6) of this section. For additional rules concerning interest or growth factors, see paragraph (h) of this section.

(6) Additional restrictions on safe harbors under paragraphs (g)(3) through (g)(5).

(i) An agreement limits a taxpayer's rights as provided in this paragraph (g)(6) only if the agreement provides that the taxpayer has no rights, except as provided in paragraph (g)(6)(ii) and (g)(6)(iii) of this section, to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of money or other property before the end of the exchange period.

(ii) The agreement may provide that if the taxpayer has not identified replacement property by the end of the identification period, the taxpayer may have rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of money or other property at any time after the end of the identification period.

(iii) The agreement may provide that if the taxpayer has identified replacement property, the taxpayer may have rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of money or other property upon or after—

(A) The receipt by the taxpayer of all of the replacement property to which the taxpayer is entitled under the exchange agreement, or

(B) The occurrence after the end of the identification period of a material and substantial contingency that—

(1) Relates to the deferred exchange,

(2) Is provided for in writing, and

(3) Is beyond the control of the taxpayer and of any disqualified person (as defined in paragraph (k) of this section), other than the person obligated to transfer the replacement property to the taxpayer.

(7) Items disregarded in applying safe harbors under paragraphs (g)(3) through (g)(5).

In determining whether a [safe harbor](#) under paragraphs (g)(3) through (g)(5) of this section ceases to apply and whether the [taxpayer's](#) rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the [benefits](#) of money or [other property](#) are expressly limited as provided in [paragraph \(g\)\(6\)](#) of this section, the [taxpayer's receipt](#) of or right to receive any of the following [items](#) will be disregarded—

(i) [Items](#) that a [seller](#) may receive as a consequence of the [disposition](#) of [property](#) and that are not included in the [amount](#) realized from the [disposition](#) of [property](#) (e.g., prorated rents);

(ii) Transactional [items](#) that relate to the [disposition](#) of the relinquished [property](#) or to the [acquisition](#) of the replacement [property](#) and appear under local standards in the typical closing [statements](#) as the responsibility of a buyer or [seller](#) (e.g., [commissions](#), prorated [taxes](#), recording or [transfer taxes](#), and title company fees); and

(iii) Personal [property](#) generally [resulting](#) in gain recognition under section 1031(b) that is incidental to [real property acquired](#) in an [exchange](#). For purposes of this paragraph (g)(7), personal [property](#) is incidental to [real property acquired](#) in an [exchange](#) if—

(A) In standard commercial transactions, the personal [property](#) is typically [transferred](#) together with the [real property](#); and

(B) The aggregate [fair market value](#) of the [property](#) described in [paragraph \(g\)\(7\)\(iii\)\(A\)](#) of this section [transferred](#) with the [real property](#) does not exceed 15 percent of the aggregate [fair market value](#) of the replacement [real property](#) or properties received in the [exchange](#).

(8) Examples. This paragraph (g) may be illustrated by the following [examples](#).

Unless otherwise provided in an [example](#), the following [facts](#) are assumed: B, a calendar [year taxpayer](#), and C agree to enter into a deferred [exchange](#). Pursuant to their [agreement](#), B is to [transfer real property](#) X to C on May 17, 1991. [Real property](#) X, which has been held by B for [investment](#), is unencumbered and has a [fair market value](#) on May 17, 1991, of \$100,000. On or before July 1, 1991 (the end of the [identification](#) period), B is to identify replacement [property](#) that is of a like kind to [real property](#) X. On or before November 13, 1991 (the end of the [exchange](#) period), C is required to [purchase](#) the [property](#) identified by B and

to transfer that property to B. To the extent the fair market value of the replacement property transferred to B is greater or less than the fair market value property X, either B or C, as applicable, will make up the difference by paying cash to the other party after the date the replacement property is received by B. The replacement property is identified as provided in paragraph (c) of this section (relating to identification of replacement property) and is of a like kind to real property X (determined without regard to section 1031(a)(3) and this section). B intends to hold any replacement property received for investment.

(i) Example 1.(A) On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C. On the same day, C pays \$10,000 to B and deposits \$90,000 in escrow as security for C's obligation to perform under the agreement. The escrow agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the money in escrow before November 14, 1991, except that:

(1) if B fails to identify replacement property on or before July 1, 1991, B may demand the funds in escrow at any time after July 1, 1991; and

(2) if B identifies and receives replacement property, then B may demand the balance of the remaining funds in escrow at any time after B has received the replacement property.

(3) The funds in escrow may be used to purchase the replacement property. The escrow holder is not a disqualified person as defined in paragraph (k) of this section. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, B identifies replacement property, and C purchases the replacement property using the funds in escrow and transfers the replacement property to B.

(B) C's obligation to transfer the replacement property to B was secured by cash held in a qualified escrow account because the escrow holder was not a disqualified person and the escrow agreement expressly limited B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the money in escrow as provided in paragraph (g)(6) of this section. In addition, B did not have the immediate ability or unrestricted right to receive money or other property in escrow before B actually received the like-kind replacement property. Therefore, for purposes of section 1031 and this

section, B is determined not to be in actual or constructive receipt of the \$90,000 held in escrow before B received the like-kind replacement property. The transfer of real property X by B and B's acquisition of the replacement property qualify as an exchange under section 1031. See paragraph (j) of this section for determining the amount of gain or loss recognized.

(ii) Example 2.

(A) On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C, and C deposits \$100,000 in escrow as security for C's obligation to perform under the agreement. Also on May 17, B identifies real property J as replacement property. The escrow agreement provides that no funds may be paid out without prior written approval of both B and C. The escrow agreement also provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the money in escrow before November 14, 1991, except that:

(1) B may demand the funds in escrow at any time after the later of July 1, 1991, and the occurrence of any of the following events—

(i) real property J is destroyed, seized, requisitioned, or condemned, or

(ii) a determination is made that the regulatory approval necessary for the transfer of real property J cannot be obtained in time for real property J to be transferred to B before the end of the exchange period;

(2) B may demand the funds in escrow at any time after August 14, 1991, if real property J has not been rezoned from residential to commercial use by that date; and

(3) B may demand the funds in escrow at the time B receives real property J or any time thereafter.

(4) Otherwise, B is entitled to all funds in escrow after November 13, 1991. The funds in escrow may be used to purchase the replacement property. The escrow holder is not a disqualified person as described in paragraph (k) of this section. Real property J is not rezoned from residential to commercial use on or before August 14, 1991.

(B) C's obligation to transfer the replacement property to B was secured by cash held in a qualified escrow account because the escrow holder was

not a disqualified **person** and the escrow **agreement** expressly limited B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of the money in escrow as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. From May 17, 1991, until August 15, 1991, B did not have the immediate ability or unrestricted right to receive money or **other property** before B actually received the like-kind replacement **property**. Therefore, for purposes of section 1031 and this section, B is determined not to be in actual or constructive **receipt** of the \$100,000 in escrow from May 17, 1991, until August 15, 1991. However, on August 15, 1991, B had the unrestricted right, upon **notice**, to draw upon the \$100,000 held in escrow. Thus, the **safe harbor** ceased to apply and B was in constructive **receipt** of the funds held in escrow. Because B constructively received the full **amount** of the consideration (\$100,000) before B actually received the like-kind replacement **property**, the **transaction** is treated as a sale and not as a deferred **exchange**. The **result** does not change even if B chose not to demand the funds in escrow and continued to attempt to have **real property** J rezoned and to receive the **property** on or before November 13, 1991.

(C) If **real property** J had been rezoned on or before August 14, 1991, and C had purchased **real property** J and **transferred** it to B on or before November 13, 1991, the **transaction** would have qualified for nonrecognition of **gain or loss** under section 1031(a).

(iii) Example 3.

(A) On May 1, 1991, D offers to **purchase real property** X for \$100,000. However, D is unwilling to participate in a like-kind **exchange**. B thus enters into an **exchange agreement** with C whereby B retains C to facilitate an **exchange** with respect to **real property** X. C is not a disqualified **person** as described in **paragraph (k)** of this section. The **exchange agreement** between B and C provides that B is to execute and deliver a deed conveying **real property** X to C who, in turn, is to execute and deliver a deed conveying **real property** X to D. The **exchange agreement** expressly limits B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** held by C as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. On May 3, 1991, C enters into an **agreement** with D to **transfer real property** X to D for \$100,000. On May 17, 1991, B executes and delivers to C a deed

conveying **real property** X to C. On the same date, C executes and delivers to D a deed conveying **real property** X to D, and D deposits \$100,000 in escrow. The escrow **holder** is not a disqualified **person** as defined in **paragraph (k)** of this section and the escrow **agreement** expressly limits B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** in escrow as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. However, the escrow **agreement** provides that the money in escrow may be used to **purchase** replacement **property**. On June 3, 1991, B identifies **real property** K as replacement **property**. On August 9, 1991, E executes and delivers to C a deed conveying **real property** K to C and \$80,000 is released from the escrow and paid to E. On the same date, C executes and delivers to B a deed conveying **real property** K to B, and the escrow **holder** pays B \$20,000, the balance of the \$100,000 sale price of **real property** X remaining after the **purchase** of **real property** K for \$80,000.

(B) B and C entered into an **exchange agreement** that satisfied the **requirements** of **paragraph (g)(4)(iii)(B)** of this section. Regardless of whether C may have **acquired** and transferred **real property** X under general tax principles, C is treated as having **acquired** and transferred **real property** X because C **acquired** and **transferred** legal title to **real property** X. Similarly, C is treated as having **acquired** and transferred **real property** K because C **acquired** and **transferred** legal title to **real property** K. Thus, C was a qualified **intermediary**. This **result** is reached for purposes of this section regardless of whether C was B's agent under **state** law.

(C) Because the escrow **holder** was not a disqualified **person** and the escrow **agreement** expressly limited B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** in escrow as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section, the escrow **account** was a qualified escrow **account**. For purposes of section 1031 and this section, therefore, B is determined not to be in actual or constructive **receipt** of the funds in escrow before B received **real property** K.

(D) The **exchange agreement** between B and C expressly limited B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of any money held by C as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. Because C was a qualified **intermediary**, for purposes of section 1031 and this section B is determined not to be in actual or constructive **receipt** of any funds held by C

before B received **real property** K. In addition, B's **transfer** of **real property** X and **acquisition** of **real property** K qualify as an **exchange** under section 1031. See **paragraph (j)** of this section for determining the **amount** of **gain or loss** recognized.

(E) If the escrow **agreement** had expressly limited C's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** in escrow as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section, but had not expressly limited B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of that money or **other property**, the escrow **account** would not have been a qualified escrow **account**. Consequently, **paragraph (g)(3)(i)** of this section would not have been applicable in determining whether B was in actual or constructive **receipt** of that money or **other property** before B received **real property** K.

(iv) Example 4.

(A) On May 1, 1991, B enters into an **agreement** to sell **real property** X to D for \$100,000 on May 17, 1991. However, D is unwilling to participate in a like-kind **exchange**. B thus enters into an **exchange agreement** with C whereby B retains C to facilitate an **exchange** with respect to **real property** X. C is not a disqualified **person** as described in **paragraph (k)** of this section. In the **exchange agreement** between B and C, B assigns to C all of B's rights in the **agreement** with D. The **exchange agreement** expressly limits B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** held by C as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. On May 17, 1991, B notifies D in writing of the assignment. On the same date, B executes and delivers to D a deed conveying **real property** X to D. D pays \$10,000 to B and \$90,000 to C. On June 1, 1991, B identifies **real property** L as replacement **property**. On July 5, 1991, B enters into an **agreement** to **purchase real property** L from E for \$90,000, assigns its rights in that **agreement** to C, and notifies E in writing of the assignment. On August 9, 1991, C pays \$90,000 to E, and E executes and delivers to B a deed conveying **real property** L to B.

(B) The **exchange agreement** entered into by B and C satisfied the **requirements** of **paragraph (g)(4)(iii)(B)** of this section. Because B's rights in its **agreements** with D and E were assigned to C, and D and E were notified in writing of the assignment on or before the **transfer** of real properties X

and L, respectively, C is treated as entering into those **agreements**. Because C is treated as entering into an **agreement** with D for the **transfer** of **real property** X and, pursuant to that **agreement**, **real property** X was **transferred** to D, C is treated as **acquiring** and **transferring real property** X. Similarly, because C is treated as entering into an **agreement** with E for the **transfer** of **real property** K and, pursuant to that **agreement**, **real property** K was **transferred** to B, C is treated as **acquiring** and **transferring real property** K. This **result** is reached for purposes of this section regardless of whether C was B's agent under **state** law and regardless of whether C is considered, under general tax principles, to have **acquired** title or **beneficial ownership** of the properties. Thus, C was a qualified **intermediary**.

(C) The **exchange agreement** between B and C expressly limited B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of the money held by C as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. Thus, B did not have the immediate ability or unrestricted right to receive money or **other property** held by C before B received **real property** L. For purposes of section 1031 and this section, therefore, B is determined not to be in actual or constructive **receipt** of the \$90,000 held by C before B received **real property** L. In addition, the **transfer** of **real property** X by B and B's **acquisition** of **real property** L qualify as an **exchange** under section 1031. See **paragraph (j)** of this section for determining the **amount** of **gain** or **loss** recognized.

(v) Example 5.

(A) On May 1, 1991, B enters into an **agreement** to sell **real property** X to D for \$100,000. However, D is unwilling to participate in a like-kind **exchange**. B thus enters into an **agreement** with C whereby B retains C to facilitate an **exchange** with respect to **real property** X. C is not a disqualified **person** as described in **paragraph (k)** of this section. The **agreement** between B and C expressly limits B's rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or **other property** held by C as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. C neither enters into an **agreement** with D to **transfer real property** X to D nor is assigned B's rights in B's **agreement** to sell **real property** X to D. On May 17, 1991, B transfers **real property** X to D and instructs D to **transfer** the \$100,000 to C. On June 1, 1991, B

identifies **real property** M as replacement **property**. On August 9, 1991, C purchases **real property** L from E for \$100,000, and E executes and delivers to C a deed conveying **real property** M to C. On the same date, C executes and delivers to B a deed conveying **real property** M to B.

(B) Because B transferred **real property** X directly to D under B's **agreement** with D, C did not acquire **real property** X from B and **transfer real property** X to D. Moreover, because C did not acquire legal title to **real property** X, did not enter into an **agreement** with D to **transfer real property** X to D, and was not assigned B's rights in B's **agreement** to sell **real property** X to D, C is not treated as **acquiring** and **transferring real property** X. Thus, C was not a qualified **intermediary** and paragraph (g)(4)(i) of this section does not apply.

(C) B did not **exchange real property** X for **real property** M. Rather, B sold **real property** X to D and purchased, through C, **real property** M. Therefore, the **transfer** of **real property** X does not qualify for nonrecognition of **gain or loss** under section 1031.

(vi) Example 6.

(A) In 2020, B **transfers** to C **real property** with a **fair market value** of \$1,100,000 and an **adjusted basis** of \$400,000. B's replacement **property** is an office **building** and, as a part of the **exchange**, B also will acquire certain office furniture in the **building** that is not **real property**, which is industry practice in a **transaction** of this type. The **fair market value** of the **real property** B will acquire is \$1,000,000 and the **fair market value** of the personal **property** is \$100,000.

(B) In a standard commercial **transaction**, the buyer of an office **building** typically also **acquires** some or all of the office furniture in the **building**. The **fair market value** of the personal **property** B will acquire does not exceed 15 percent of the **fair market value** of the office **building** B will acquire. Accordingly, under **paragraph (g)(7)(iii)** of this section, the personal **property** is incidental to the **real property** in the **exchange** and is disregarded in determining whether the **taxpayer's** rights to receive, pledge, borrow or otherwise obtain the **benefits** of money or non-like-kind **property** are expressly limited as provided in **paragraph (g)(6)** of this section. Upon the **receipt** of the personal **property**, B recognizes gain of

\$100,000 under section 1031(b), the lesser of the realized gain on the disposition of the relinquished property, \$700,000, and the fair market value of the non-like-kind property B acquired in the exchange, \$100,000.

(9) Applicability date. Paragraphs (g)(7)(iii) and (g)(8)(vi) of this section apply to exchanges beginning after December 2, 2020.

(h) Interest and growth factors—(1) *In general.* For purposes of this section, the taxpayer is treated as being entitled to receive interest or a growth factor with respect to a deferred exchange if the amount of money or property the taxpayer is entitled to receive depends upon the length of time elapsed between transfer of the relinquished property and receipt of the replacement property.

(2) Treatment as interest. If, as part of a deferred exchange, the taxpayer receives interest or a growth factor, the interest or growth factor will be treated as interest, regardless of whether it is paid to the taxpayer in cash or in property (including property of a like kind). The taxpayer must include the interest or growth factor in income according to the taxpayer's method of accounting. For rules under section 468B(g) relating to the current taxation of qualified escrow accounts, qualified trusts, and other escrow accounts, trusts, and funds used during deferred exchanges of like-kind property, see § 1.468B-6.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) Determination of gain or loss recognized and the basis of property received in a deferred exchange—(1) *In general.* Except as otherwise provided, the amount of gain or loss recognized and the basis of property received in a deferred exchange is determined by applying the rules of section 1031 and the regulations thereunder. See §§ 1.1031(b)-1, 1.1031(c)-1, 1.1031(d)-1, 1.1031(d)-1T, 1.1031(d)-2, and 1.1031(j)-1.

(2) Coordination with section 453—(i) *Qualified escrow accounts and qualified trusts.* Subject to the limitations of paragraphs (j)(2) (iv) and (v) of this section, in the case of a taxpayer's transfer of relinquished property in which the obligation of the taxpayer's transferee to transfer replacement property to the taxpayer is or may be secured by cash or a cash equivalent, the determination of whether the taxpayer has received a payment for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter will be made without regard to the fact that the obligation is or may be so secured if the cash or cash equivalent

is held in a qualified escrow [account](#) or a [qualified trust](#). This paragraph (j)(2)(i) ceases to apply at the earlier of—

(A) The time described in [paragraph \(g\)\(3\)\(iv\)](#) of this section; or

(B) The end of the [exchange](#) period.

(ii) *Qualified intermediaries.* Subject to the [limitations](#) of paragraphs (j)(2) (iv) and (v) of this section, in the case of a [taxpayer's transfer](#) of relinquished [property](#) involving a qualified [intermediary](#), the determination of whether the [taxpayer](#) has received a [payment](#) for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter is made as if the qualified [intermediary](#) is not the agent of the [taxpayer](#). For purposes of this paragraph (j)(2)(ii), a [person](#) who otherwise satisfies the [definition](#) of a qualified [intermediary](#) is treated as a qualified [intermediary](#) even though that [person](#) ultimately fails to acquire identified replacement [property](#) and [transfer](#) it to the [taxpayer](#). This paragraph (j)(2)(ii) ceases to apply at the earlier of—

(A) The time described in [paragraph \(g\)\(4\)\(vi\)](#) of this section; or

(B) The end of the [exchange](#) period.

(iii) *Transferee indebtedness.* In the case of a [transaction](#) described in [paragraph \(j\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#) of this section, the [receipt](#) by the [taxpayer](#) of an evidence of indebtedness of the [transferee](#) of the qualified [intermediary](#) is treated as the [receipt](#) of an evidence of indebtedness of the [person acquiring property](#) from the [taxpayer](#) for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter.

(iv) *Bona fide intent requirement.* The provisions of paragraphs (j)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section do not apply unless the [taxpayer](#) has a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred [exchange](#) at the beginning of the [exchange](#) period. A [taxpayer](#) will be treated as having a bona fide intent only if it is reasonable to believe, based on all the [facts and circumstances](#) as of the beginning of the [exchange](#) period, that like-kind replacement [property](#) will be [acquired](#) before the end of the [exchange](#) period.

(v) *Disqualified property.* The provisions of paragraphs (j)(2) (i) and (ii) of this section do not apply if the relinquished [property](#) is disqualified [property](#). For purposes of this paragraph (j)(2), *disqualified*

property means **property** that is not held for productive use in a **trade or business** or for **investment** or is **property** described in section 1031(a)(2).

(vi) Examples. This paragraph (j)(2) may be illustrated by the following **examples**. Unless otherwise provided in an **example**, the following **facts** are assumed: B is a calendar **year taxpayer** who agrees to enter into a deferred **exchange**. Pursuant to the **agreement**, B is to **transfer real property** X. **Real property** X, which has been held by B for **investment**, is unencumbered and has a **fair market value** of \$100,000 at the time of **transfer**. B's **adjusted basis** in **real property** X at that time is \$60,000. B identifies a single like-kind replacement **property** before the end of the **identification** period, and B receives the replacement **property** before the end of the **exchange** period. The **transaction** qualifies as a like-kind **exchange** under section 1031.

EXAMPLE 1.

(i) On September 22, 1994, B transfers real property X to C and C agrees to acquire like-kind property and deliver it to B. On that date B has a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred exchange. C's obligation, which is not payable on demand or readily tradable, is secured by \$100,000 in cash. The \$100,000 is deposited by C in an escrow account that is a qualified escrow account under **paragraph (g)(3)** of this section. The escrow agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the cash deposited in the escrow account until the earlier of the date the replacement property is delivered to B or the end of the exchange period. On March 11, 1995, C acquires replacement property having a fair market value of \$80,000 and delivers the replacement property to B. The \$20,000 in cash remaining in the qualified escrow account is distributed to B at that time.

(ii) Under section 1031(b), B recognizes gain to the extent of the \$20,000 in **cash** that B receives in the **exchange**. Under **paragraph (j)(2)(i)** of this section, the qualified escrow **account** is disregarded for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter in determining whether B is in **receipt** of **payment**. Accordingly, B's **receipt** of C's **obligation** on September 22, 1994, does not constitute a **payment**. Instead, B is treated as receiving **payment** on March 11, 1995, on **receipt** of the \$20,000 in **cash** from the qualified escrow **account**. Subject to the **other requirements** of sections 453 and 453A, B may report the \$20,000 gain in 1995 under the **installment method**. See section 453(f)(6) for **special rules** for determining **total contract price** and gross profit in the case of an **exchange** described in section 1031(b).

EXAMPLE 2.

(i) D offers to purchase real property X but is unwilling to participate in a like-kind exchange. B thus enters into an exchange agreement with C whereby B retains C to facilitate an exchange with respect to real property X. On September 22, 1994, pursuant to the agreement, B transfers real property X to C who transfers it to D for \$100,000 in cash. On that date B has a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred exchange. C is a qualified intermediary under [paragraph \(g\)\(4\)](#) of this section. The exchange agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the money held by C until the earlier of the date the replacement property is delivered to B or the end of the exchange period. On March 11, 1995, C acquires replacement property having a fair market value of \$80,000 and delivers it, along with the remaining \$20,000 from the transfer of real property X to B.

(ii) Under section 1031(b), B recognizes gain to the extent of the \$20,000 [cash](#) B receives in the [exchange](#). Under [paragraph \(j\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#) of this section, any [agency](#) relationship between B and C is disregarded for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter in determining whether B is in [receipt](#) of [payment](#). Accordingly, B is not treated as having received [payment](#) on September 22, 1994, on C's [receipt](#) of [payment](#) from D for the relinquished [property](#). Instead, B is treated as receiving [payment](#) on March 11, 1995, on [receipt](#) of the \$20,000 in [cash](#) from C. Subject to the [other requirements](#) of sections 453 and 453A, B may report the \$20,000 gain in 1995 under the [installment method](#).

EXAMPLE 3.

(i) D offers to purchase real property X but is unwilling to participate in a like-kind exchange. B enters into an exchange agreement with C whereby B retains C as a qualified intermediary to facilitate an exchange with respect to real property X. On December 1, 1994, pursuant to the agreement, B transfers real property X to C who transfers it to D for \$100,000 in cash. On that date B has a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred exchange. The exchange agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the cash held by C until the earliest of the end of the identification period if B has not identified replacement property, the date the replacement property is delivered to B, or the end of the exchange period. Although B has a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred exchange at the beginning of the exchange period, B does not identify or

acquire any replacement property. In 1995, at the end of the identification period, C delivers the entire \$100,000 from the sale of real property X to B.

(ii) Under section 1001, B realizes gain to the extent of the **amount** realized (\$100,000) over the **adjusted basis** in **real property** X (\$60,000), or \$40,000. Because B has a bona fide intent at the beginning of the **exchange** period to enter into a deferred **exchange**, **paragraph (j)(2)(iv)** of this section does not make **paragraph (j)(2)(ii)** of this section inapplicable even though B fails to acquire replacement **property**. Further, under **paragraph (j)(2)(ii)** of this section, C is a qualified **intermediary** even though C does not acquire and **transfer** replacement **property** to B. Thus, any **agency** relationship between B and C is disregarded for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter in determining whether B is in **receipt** of **payment**. Accordingly, B is not treated as having received **payment** on December 1, 1994, on C's **receipt** of **payment** from D for the relinquished **property**. Instead, B is treated as receiving **payment** at the end of the **identification** period in 1995 on **receipt** of the \$100,000 in **cash** from C. Subject to the **other requirements** of sections 453 and 453A, B may report the \$40,000 gain in 1995 under the **installment method**.

EXAMPLE 4.

(i) D offers to purchase real property X but is unwilling to participate in a like-kind exchange. B thus enters into an exchange agreement with C whereby B retains C to facilitate an exchange with respect to real property X. C is a qualified intermediary under **paragraph (g)(4)** of this section. On September 22, 1994, pursuant to the agreement, B transfers real property X to C who then transfers it to D for \$80,000 in cash and D's 10-year installment obligation for \$20,000. On that date B has a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred exchange. The exchange agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the money or other property held by C until the earlier of the date the replacement property is delivered to B or the end of the exchange period. D's obligation bears adequate stated interest and is not payable on demand or readily tradable. On March 11, 1995, C acquires replacement property having a fair market value of \$80,000 and delivers it, along with the \$20,000 installment obligation, to B.

(ii) Under section 1031(b), \$20,000 of B's gain (i.e., the **amount** of the installment **obligation** B receives in the exchange) does not qualify for nonrecognition under section 1031(a). Under paragraphs (j)(2) **(ii)** and **(iii)** of this section, B's **receipt** of D's **obligation** is treated as the **receipt** of an **obligation** of

the **person acquiring** the **property** for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter in determining whether B is in **receipt** of **payment**. Accordingly, B's **receipt** of the **obligation** is not treated as a **payment**. Subject to the **other requirements** of sections 453 and 453A, B may report the \$20,000 gain under the **installment method** on receiving **payments** from D on the **obligation**.

EXAMPLE 5.

(i) B is a corporation that has held real property X to expand its manufacturing operations. However, at a meeting in November 1994, B's directors decide that real property X is not suitable for the planned expansion, and authorize a like-kind exchange of this property for property that would be suitable for the planned expansion. B enters into an exchange agreement with C whereby B retains C as a qualified intermediary to facilitate an exchange with respect to real property X. On November 28, 1994, pursuant to the agreement, B transfers real property X to C, who then transfers it to D for \$100,000 in cash. The exchange agreement does not include any limitations or conditions that make it unreasonable to believe that like-kind replacement property will be acquired before the end of the exchange period. The exchange agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the cash held by C until the earliest of the end of the identification period, if B has not identified replacement property, the date the replacement property is delivered to B, or the end of the exchange period. In early January 1995, B's directors meet and decide that it is not feasible to proceed with the planned expansion due to a business downturn reflected in B's preliminary financial reports for the last quarter of 1994. Thus, B's directors instruct C to stop seeking replacement property. C delivers the \$100,000 cash to B on January 12, 1995, at the end of the identification period. Both the decision to exchange real property X for other property and the decision to cease seeking replacement property because of B's business downturn are recorded in the minutes of the directors' meetings. There are no other facts or circumstances that would indicate whether, on November 28, 1994, B had a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred like-kind exchange.

(ii) Under section 1001, B realizes gain to the extent of the **amount** realized (\$100,000) over the **adjusted basis** of **real property** X (\$60,000), or \$40,000. The directors' authorization of a like-kind **exchange**, the **terms** of the **exchange agreement** with C, and the absence of other relevant **facts**, indicate that B had a bona fide intent at the beginning of the **exchange** period

to enter into a deferred like-kind exchange. Thus, paragraph (j)(2)(iv) of this section does not make paragraph (j)(2)(ii) of this section inapplicable, even though B fails to acquire replacement property. Further, under paragraph (j)(2)(ii) of this section, C is a qualified intermediary, even though C does not transfer replacement property to B. Thus, any agency relationship between B and C is disregarded for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter in determining whether B is in receipt of payment. Accordingly, B is not treated as having received payment until January 12, 1995, on receipt of the \$100,000 cash from C. Subject to the other requirements of sections 453 and 453A, B may report the \$40,000 gain in 1995 under the installment method.

EXAMPLE 6.

(i) B has held real property X for use in its trade or business, but decides to transfer that property because it is no longer suitable for B's planned expansion of its commercial enterprise. B and D agree to enter into a deferred exchange. Pursuant to their agreement, B transfers real property X to D on September 22, 1994, and D deposits \$100,000 cash in a qualified escrow account as security for D's obligation under the agreement to transfer replacement property to B before the end of the exchange period. D's obligation is not payable on demand or readily tradable. The agreement provides that B is not required to accept any property that is not zoned for commercial use. Before the end of the identification period, B identifies real properties J, K, and L, all zoned for residential use, as replacement properties. Any one of these properties, rezoned for commercial use, would be suitable for B's planned expansion. In recent years, the zoning board with jurisdiction over properties J, K, and L has rezoned similar properties for commercial use. The escrow agreement provides that B has no rights to receive, pledge, borrow, or otherwise obtain the benefits of the money in the escrow account until the earlier of the time that the zoning board determines, after the end of the identification period, that it will not rezone the properties for commercial use or the end of the exchange period. On January 5, 1995, the zoning board decides that none of the properties will be rezoned for commercial use. Pursuant to the exchange agreement, B receives the \$100,000 cash from the escrow on January 5, 1995. There are no other facts or circumstances that would indicate whether, on September 22, 1994, B had a bona fide intent to enter into a deferred like-kind exchange.

(ii) Under section 1001, B realizes gain to the extent of the amount realized (\$100,000) over the adjusted basis of real property X (\$60,000), or \$40,000.

The **terms** of the **exchange agreement** with D, the **identification** of properties J, K, and L, the efforts to have those properties rezoned for commercial purposes, and the absence of other relevant **facts**, indicate that B had a bona fide intent at the beginning of the **exchange** period to enter into a deferred **exchange**. Moreover, the **limitations** imposed in the **exchange agreement** on acceptable replacement **property** do not make it unreasonable to believe that like-kind replacement **property** would be **acquired** before the end of the **exchange** period. Therefore, **paragraph (j)(2)(iv)** of this section does not make **paragraph (j)(2)(i)** of this section inapplicable even though B fails to acquire replacement **property**. Thus, for purposes of section 453 and § 15a.453-1(b)(3)(i) of this chapter, the qualified escrow **account** is disregarded in determining whether B is in **receipt** of **payment**. Accordingly, B is not treated as having received **payment** on September 22, 1994, on D's deposit of the \$100,000 **cash** into the qualified escrow **account**. Instead, B is treated as receiving **payment** on January 5, 1995. Subject to the **other requirements** of sections 453 and 453A, B may report the \$40,000 gain in 1995 under the **installment method**.

(vii) Effective date. This paragraph (j)(2) is effective for **transfers** of **property** occurring on or after April 20, 1994. **Taxpayers** may apply this paragraph (j)(2) to **transfers** of **property** occurring before April 20, 1994, but on or after June 10, 1991, if those **transfers** otherwise meet the **requirements** of § 1.1031(k)-1. In addition, **taxpayers** may apply this paragraph (j)(2) to **transfers** of **property** occurring before June 10, 1991, but on or after May 16, 1990, if those **transfers** otherwise meet the **requirements** of § 1.1031(k)-1 or follow the guidance of IA-237-84 published in 1990-1, C.B. See § 601.601(d)(2)(ii)(b) of this chapter.

(3) Examples. This paragraph (j) may be illustrated by the following **examples**. Unless otherwise provided in an **example**, the following **facts** are assumed: B, a calendar **year taxpayer**, and C agree to enter into a deferred **exchange**. Pursuant to their **agreement**, B is to **transfer real property** X to C on May 17, 1991. **Real property** X, which has been held by B for **investment**, is unencumbered and has a **fair market value** on May 17, 1991, of \$100,000. B's **adjusted basis** in **real property** X is \$40,000. On or before July 1, 1991 (the end of the **identification** period), B is to identify replacement **property** that is of a like kind to **real property** X. On or before November 13, 1991 (the end of

the exchange period), C is required to purchase the property identified by B and to transfer that property to B. To the extent the fair market value of the replacement property transferred to B is greater or less than the fair market value of real property X, either B or C, as applicable, will make up the difference by paying cash to the other party after the date the replacement property is received. The replacement property is identified as provided in paragraph (c) of this section and is of a like kind to real property X (determined without regard to section 1031(a)(3) and this section). B intends to hold any replacement property received for investment.

EXAMPLE 1.

(i) On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C and identifies real property R as replacement property. On June 3, 1991, C transfers \$10,000 to B. On September 4, 1991, C purchases real property R for \$90,000 and transfers real property R to B.

(ii) The \$10,000 received by B is “money or other property” for purposes of section 1031 and the regulations thereunder. Under section 1031(b), B recognizes gain in the amount of \$10,000. Under section 1031(d), B's basis in real property R is \$40,000 (i.e., B's basis in real property X (\$40,000), decreased in the amount of money received (\$10,000), and increased in the amount of gain recognized (\$10,000) in the deferred exchange).

EXAMPLE 2.

(i) On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C and identifies real property S as replacement property, and C transfers \$10,000 to B. On September 4, 1991, C purchases real property S for \$100,000 and transfers real property S to B. On the same day, B transfers \$10,000 to C.

(ii) The \$10,000 received by B is “money or other property” for purposes of section 1031 and the regulations thereunder. Under section 1031(b), B recognizes gain in the amount of \$10,000. Under section 1031(d), B's basis in real property S is \$50,000 (i.e., B's basis in real property X (\$40,000), decreased in the amount of money received (\$10,000), increased in the amount of gain recognized (\$10,000), and increased in the amount of the additional consideration paid by B (\$10,000) in the deferred exchange).

EXAMPLE 3.

(i) Under the exchange agreement, B has the right at all times to demand \$100,000 in cash in lieu of replacement property. On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property

X to C and identifies real property T as replacement property. On September 4, 1991, C purchases real property T for \$100,000 and transfers real property T to B.

(ii) Because B has the right on May 17, 1991, to demand \$100,000 in **cash** in lieu of replacement **property**, B is in constructive **receipt** of the \$100,000 on that date. Thus, the **transaction** is a sale and not an **exchange**, and the \$60,000 gain realized by B in the **transaction** (i.e., \$100,000 **amount** realized less \$40,000 adjusted basis) is recognized. Under section 1031(d), B's **basis** in **real property** T is \$100,000.

EXAMPLE 4.

(i) Under the exchange agreement, B has the right at all times to demand up to \$30,000 in cash and the balance in replacement property instead of receiving replacement property in the amount of \$100,000. On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C and identifies real property U as replacement property. On September 4, 1991, C purchases real property U for \$100,000 and transfers real property U to B.

(ii) The **transaction** qualifies as a deferred **exchange** under section 1031 and this section. However, because B had the right on May 17, 1991, to demand up to \$30,000 in **cash**, B is in constructive **receipt** of \$30,000 on that date. Under section 1031(b), B recognizes gain in the **amount** of \$30,000. Under section 1031(d), B's **basis** in **real property** U is \$70,000 (i.e., B's **basis** in **real property** X (\$40,000), decreased in the **amount** of money that B received (\$30,000), increased in the **amount** of gain recognized (\$30,000), and increased in the **amount** of additional consideration paid by B (\$30,000) in the deferred exchange).

EXAMPLE 5.

(i) Assume real property X is encumbered by a mortgage of \$30,000. On May 17, 1991, B transfers real property X to C and identifies real property V as replacement property, and C assumes the \$30,000 mortgage on real property X. Real property V is encumbered by a \$20,000 mortgage. On July 5, 1991, C purchases real property V for \$90,000 by paying \$70,000 and assuming the mortgage and transfers real property V to B with B assuming the mortgage.

(ii) The consideration received by B in the form of the **liability** assumed by C (\$30,000) is offset by the consideration given by B in the form of the **liability** assumed by B (\$20,000). The excess of the **liability** assumed by C over the **liability** assumed by B, \$10,000, is treated as "money or **other property**." See § 1.1031(b)-1(c). Thus, B recognizes gain under section 1031(b) in

the amount of \$10,000. Under section 1031(d), B's basis in real property V is \$40,000 (i.e., B's basis in real property X (\$40,000), decreased in the amount of money that B is treated as receiving in the form of the liability assumed by C (\$30,000), increased in the amount of money that B is treated as paying in the form of the liability assumed by B (\$20,000), and increased in the amount of the gain recognized (\$10,000) in the deferred exchange).

(k) Definition of disqualified person.

(1) For purposes of this section, a disqualified person is a person described in paragraph (k)(2), (k)(3), or (k)(4) of this section.

(2) The person is the agent of the taxpayer at the time of the transaction. For this purpose, a person who has acted as the taxpayer's employee, attorney, accountant, investment banker or broker, or real estate agent or broker within the 2-year period ending on the date of the transfer of the first of the relinquished properties is treated as an agent of the taxpayer at the time of the transaction. Solely for purposes of this paragraph (k)(2), performance of the following services will not be taken into account—

(i) Services for the taxpayer with respect to exchanges of property intended to qualify for nonrecognition of gain or loss under section 1031; and

(ii) Routine financial, title insurance, escrow, or trust services for the taxpayer by a financial institution, title insurance company, or escrow company.

(3) The person and the taxpayer bear a relationship described in either section 267(b) or section 707(b) (determined by substituting in each section "10 percent" for "50 percent" each place it appears).

(4)

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (k)(4)(ii) of this section, the person and a person described in paragraph (k)(2) of this section bear a relationship described in either section 267(b) or 707(b) (determined by substituting in each section "10 percent" for "50 percent" each place it appears).

(ii) In the case of a transfer of relinquished property made by a taxpayer on or after January 17, 2001, paragraph (k)(4)(i) of this section does not apply to a bank (as defined in section 581) or a bank affiliate if, but for this paragraph (k)(4)(ii), the bank or bank affiliate would be a

disqualified **person** under **paragraph (k)(4)(i)** of this section solely because it is a **member** of the same **controlled group** (as determined under section 267(f)(1), substituting "10 percent" for "50 percent" where it appears) as a **person** that has provided **investment banking or brokerage services** to the **taxpayer** within the 2-year period described in **paragraph (k)(2)** of this section. For purposes of this paragraph (k)(4)(ii), a **bank affiliate** is a **corporation** whose principal **activity** is rendering **services** to facilitate **exchanges of property** intended to qualify for nonrecognition of gain under section 1031 and all of whose **stock** is owned by either a **bank** or a **bank holding company** (within the meaning of section 2(a) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841(a))).

(5) This paragraph **(k)** may be illustrated by the following **examples**. Unless otherwise provided, the following **facts** are assumed: On May 1, 1991, B enters into an **exchange agreement** (as defined in **paragraph (g)(4)(iii)(B)** of this section) with C whereby B retains C to facilitate an **exchange** with respect to **real property X**. On May 17, 1991, pursuant to the **agreement**, B executes and delivers to C a deed conveying **real property X** to C. C has no relationship to B described in paragraph (k)(2), (k)(3), or (k)(4) of this section.

EXAMPLE 1.

(i) C is B's accountant and has rendered accounting services to B within the 2-year period ending on May 17, 1991, other than with respect to exchanges of property intended to qualify for nonrecognition of gain or loss under section 1031.

(ii) C is a disqualified **person** because C has acted as B's accountant within the 2-year period ending on May 17, 1991.

(iii) If C had not acted as B's accountant within the 2-year period ending on May 17, 1991, or if C had acted as B's accountant within that period only with respect to **exchanges** intended to qualify for nonrecognition of **gain or loss** under section 1031, C would not have been a disqualified **person**.

EXAMPLE 2.

(i) C, which is engaged in the trade or business of acting as an intermediary to facilitate deferred exchanges, is a wholly owned subsidiary of an escrow company that has performed routine escrow services for B in the past. C has previously been retained by B to act as an intermediary in prior section 1031 exchanges.

(ii) C is not a disqualified **person** notwithstanding the **intermediary services** previously provided by C to B (see **paragraph (k)(2)(i)** of this section) and notwithstanding the **combination** of C's relationship

to the escrow company and the escrow [services](#) previously provided by the escrow company to B (see [paragraph \(k\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#) of this section).

EXAMPLE 3.

(i) C is a corporation that is only engaged in the trade or business of acting as an intermediary to facilitate deferred exchanges. Each of 10 law firms owns 10 percent of the outstanding stock of C. One of the 10 law firms that owns 10 percent of C is M. J is the managing partner of M and is the president of C. J, in his capacity as a partner in M, has also rendered legal advice to B within the 2-year period ending on May 17, 1991, on matters other than exchanges intended to qualify for nonrecognition of gain or loss under section 1031.

(ii) J and M are disqualified [persons](#). C, however, is not a disqualified [person](#) because neither J nor M own, directly or indirectly, more than 10 percent of the [stock](#) of C. Similarly, J's [participation](#) in the management of C does not make C a disqualified [person](#).

(l) [Reserved]

(m) Definition of fair market value. For purposes of this section, the [fair market value](#) of [property](#) means the [fair market value](#) of the [property](#) without regard to any liabilities secured by the [property](#).

(n) No inference with respect to actual or constructive receipt rules outside of section 1031. The [rules](#) provided in this section relating to actual or constructive [receipt](#) are intended to be [rules](#) for determining whether there is actual or constructive [receipt](#) in the case of a deferred [exchange](#). No inference is intended regarding the [application](#) of these [rules](#) for purposes of determining whether actual or constructive [receipt](#) exists for any other purpose.

(o) Effective date. This section applies to [transfers](#) of [property](#) made by a [taxpayer](#) on or after June 10, 1991. However, a [transfer of property](#) made by a [taxpayer](#) on or after May 16, 1990, but before June 10, 1991, will be treated as complying with section 1031 (a)(3) and this section if the deferred [exchange](#) satisfies either the provision of this section or the provisions of the [notice](#) of proposed rulemaking published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on May 16, 1990 (55 FR 20278).

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