

**§ 705.10 Technical assistance.**

NCUA may provide technical assistance to participating credit unions directly or through outside providers selected by the credit unions or NCUA. NCUA will base technical assistance on funds availability, the needs of the participating credit union, and a demonstrated capability of the participating credit union to provide financial and related services to its members. NCUA will consider applications for technical assistance and determine whether to grant them in accordance with established procedures and standards that are publicly available. Participating credit unions can be provided with technical assistance without obtaining a Program loan. NCUA technical assistance will aid participating credit unions in providing services to their members and in the efficient operation of such credit unions.

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**PART 706—CREDIT PRACTICES**

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**§ 706.1 Definitions.**

- (a) *Person*. An individual, corporation, or other business organization.
- (b) *Consumer*. A natural person member who seeks or acquires goods, services, or money for personal, family, or household use.
- (c) *Obligation*. An agreement between a consumer and a Federal credit union.
- (d) *Debt*. Money that is due or alleged to be due from one to another.
- (e) *Earnings*. Compensation paid or payable to an individual or for his or her account for personal services rendered or to be rendered by him or her, whether denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, or otherwise, including periodic payments pursuant to a pension, retirement, or disability program.

(f) *Household goods*. Clothing, furniture, appliances, one radio and one television, linens, china, crockery, kitchenware, and personal effects (including wedding rings) of the consumer and his or her dependents, provided that the following are not included within the scope of the term "household goods":

- (1) Works of art;
- (2) Electronic entertainment equipment (except one television and one radio);
- (3) Items acquired as antiques; and
- (4) Jewelry (except wedding rings).

(g) *Antique*. Any item over one hundred years of age, including such items that have been repaired or renovated without changing their original form or character.

(h) *Cosigner*. A natural person who renders himself or herself liable for the obligation of another person without receiving goods, services, or money in return for the credit obligation, or, in the case of an open-end credit obligation, without receiving the contractual right to obtain extensions of credit under the obligation. The term includes any person whose signature is requested as a condition to granting credit to a consumer, or as a condition for forbearance on collection of a consumer's obligation that is in default. The term does not include a spouse whose signature is required on a credit obligation to perfect a security interest pursuant to state law. A person is a cosigner within the meaning of this definition whether or not he or she is designated as such on a credit obligation.

**§ 706.2 Unfair credit practices.**

- (a) In connection with the extension of credit to consumers, it is an unfair act or practice for a Federal credit union, directly or indirectly, to take or receive from a consumer an obligation that:
  - (1) Constitutes or contains a cognovit or confession of judgment (for purposes other than executory process in the State of Louisiana), warrant of attorney, or other waiver of the right to notice and the opportunity to be heard in the event of suit or process thereon.