

National Credit Union Administration

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(7) Balances maintained by federally-insured credit unions in a Federal Reserve bank, or in a pass-through account to a Federal Reserve bank, pursuant to the requirements of section 19(b) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 461(b)).

(i) *Liquidity needs* means the needs of credit unions primarily serving natural persons for:

(1) Short-term adjustment credit available to assist in meeting temporary requirements for funds or to cushion more persistent outflows of funds pending an orderly adjustment of credit union assets and liabilities;

(2) Seasonal credit available for longer periods to assist in meeting seasonal needs for funds arising from a combination of expected patterns of movement in share and deposit accounts and loans; and

(3) Protracted adjustment credit available in the event of unusual or emergency circumstances of a longer term nature resulting from national, regional or local difficulties.

(j) *Management policies* means policies of a credit union with respect to membership, shares, deposits, dividends, interest rates, lending, investing, borrowing, safeguarding of assets, hiring, training and supervision of employees, and general operating and control practices and procedures.

(k) *Member* means a Regular or Agent member of the Facility, unless the context indicates otherwise.

(l) *Member natural person credit union* means a natural person credit union which is a member of an Agent or of any central credit union in an Agent group. Member natural person credit unions are not members of the Facility unless they are also Regular members of the Facility.

(m) *Natural person credit union* means a Federal or state-chartered credit union primarily serving natural persons. A credit union is primarily serving natural persons if it is not a central credit union as defined in paragraph (d) of this section.

(n) *NCUA Board* or *Board* means the National Credit Union Administration Board.

(o) *Paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus* means shares and deposits plus post-closing, undivided earnings. This

does not include regular reserves or special reserves required by law, regulation or special agreement between the credit union and its regulator or share insurer.

(p) *Qualifying Period* means:

(1) For initial qualification, any 7 months out of the 12 months immediately preceding the month in which application is made to become a member of the Facility; and

(2) For qualification during each subsequent calendar year, any 7 months out of the previous calendar year.

(q) *Stock subscription* means the stock subscription required for membership in the Facility. "Total subscribed Facility stock" is the sum of all members' stock subscriptions.

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§ 725.3 Regular membership.

(a) A natural person credit union may become a Regular member of the Facility by:

(1) Making application on a form approved by the Facility;

(2) Subscribing to capital stock of the Facility in an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of the credit union's paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus, as determined in accordance with § 725.5(b) of this part, and forwarding with its completed application funds equal to one-half of this stock subscription;¹ and

(3) Furnishing the following reports and documents with the completed membership application:

(i) A copy of the credit union's financial and statistical report for the most recent calendar month; and

(ii) Copies of the credit union's charter and bylaws, unless the credit union is federally chartered.

(b) A credit union which becomes a Regular member of the Facility after February 23, 1980, may not receive Facility advances without approval of the NCUA Board for a period of six months after becoming a member. This subsection shall not apply to any credit

¹A credit union which submits its application for membership prior to October 1, 1979, is not required to forward these funds to the Facility until October 1, 1979.

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union which becomes a Regular member of the Facility within six months after such credit union is chartered, or which has had access to Facility funds through an Agent member of the Facility at any time within six months prior to becoming a Regular member of the Facility.

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§ 725.4 Agent membership.

(a) A central credit union or a group of central credit unions may become an Agent member of the Facility by (in the case of a group of central credit unions, each central credit union in the group must do each of the following except for paragraph (a)(2) of this section, which shall be done by the Agent group representative):

(1) Making application on a form approved by the Facility;

(2) Subscribing to the capital stock of the Facility in an amount equal to one-half of 1 percent of the paid-in and unimpaired capital and surplus (as determined in accordance with § 725.5(b) of this part) of all the central credit union's or central credit union group's member natural person credit unions, except those which are Regular members of the Facility or which have access to the Facility through, and are included in the stock subscription of, another Agent.² Upon approval of the application, the Agent shall forward funds equal to one-half of this initial stock subscription to the Facility.³

(3) Furnishing the following reports and documents with the completed membership application:

(i) A copy of the central credit union's financial and statistical report for the most recent calendar month;

²A natural person credit union which is a member of more than one Agent member of the Facility must designate through which Agent it will deal with the Facility, and the designated Agent will be responsible for including the capital and surplus of such credit union in the calculation of its stock subscription.

³If the application is approved prior to October 1, 1979, these funds are not required to be forwarded to the Facility until October 1, 1979.

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(ii) Copies of the central credit union's charter and bylaws, unless such credit union is federally chartered; and

(iii) A list of all the central credit union's member natural person credit unions.

(4) Agreeing to submit to the supervision of the NCUA Board and to comply with all regulations and reporting requirements which the NCUA Board shall prescribe for Agent members;

(5) Agreeing to submit to periodic unrestricted examinations by the NCUA Board or its designee; and

(6) Obtaining the written approval of the NCUA Board.

(b) The NCUA Board may approve a central credit union or group of central credit unions as an Agent member of the Facility, provided the NCUA Board is satisfied that such credit union or credit union group meets certain criteria, including but not limited to the following (in the case of a group of central credit unions, each central credit union in the group must meet these criteria):

(1) The management policies are in writing, approved by the central credit union's board of directors, and reviewed annually by such board;

(2) Adequate internal controls are in place to assure accurate and timely reporting of transactions and the safeguarding of assets;

(3) The financial condition of the central credit union is sound with adequate reserves for losses;

(4) Surety bond coverage provides protection for the central credit union while the central credit union is performing the duties of an Agent member of Facility;

(5) Management has demonstrated its ability to use such techniques as cash flow analysis, budgeting, and projections of sources and uses of funds to manage the affairs of the central credit union efficiently and in conformity with sound business practices; and

(6) There are no practices, procedures, policies, or other factors that would result in discrimination by the central credit union among natural person credit unions or inhibit its ability to act independently in its role as an Agent member of the Facility.