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Union Act. The National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility is a mixed-ownership Government corporation within the National Credit Union Administration. It is managed by the National Credit Union Administration Board and is owned by its member credit unions. The purpose of the Facility is to improve the general financial stability of credit unions by meeting their liquidity needs and thereby encourage savings, support consumer and mortgage lending and provide basic financial resources to all segments of the economy.

§ 725.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Agent* means an Agent member of the Facility.

(b) *Agent group* means an Agent member of the Facility consisting of a group of central credit unions, one of which is designated as the group's *Agent group representative* and authorized to transact business with the Facility on behalf of the group or any member of the group.

(c) *Agent loan* means an advance of funds by an Agent to a member natural person credit union to meet liquidity needs which have been the basis for a Facility advance.

(d) *Central credit union* means a Federal or state-chartered credit union primarily serving other credit unions. A credit union is primarily serving other credit unions when the total dollar amount of the shares and deposits received from other credit unions plus loans to other credit unions exceeds 50 percent of the total dollar amount of all shares and deposits plus loans during the qualifying period, as defined in paragraph (o) of this section.

(e) *Facility* or *Central Liquidity Facility* means the National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility.

(f) *Facility advance* means an advance of funds by the Facility to a Regular or Agent member.

(g) *Facility lending officer* means any employee of the Facility or the National Credit Union Administration who has been designated by the NCUA Board as a Facility lending officer.

(h) *Liquid assets* means the following unpledged assets:

(1) Cash on hand;

(2) Share or deposit accounts with remaining maturities of one year or less maintained in central credit unions or institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation;

(3) Investments in obligations of the United States or any agency thereof, or securities fully guaranteed as to principal and interest thereby, which are authorized under 12 U.S.C. 1757(7) and which have a remaining maturity of one year or less;

(4) Common trust investments and similar investments in funds or securities authorized for Federal credit unions, the objectives of which are to provide daily liquidity for participating credit unions;

(5) Shares in the National Credit Union Administration Central Liquidity Facility or in special share accounts authorized by § 725.7 of this part;

(6) In the case of a federally-insured state-chartered credit union, any asset held in satisfaction of liquidity requirements imposed by applicable state law or regulation; and

(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.

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(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 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

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.