CREDIT PRACTICES RULE

DEFINITIONS

Definitions (Section 706.1)

Definitions used in NCUA Rules and Regulations:

Person
An individual, corporation, or other business organization.

Consumer
A natural person member who seeks or acquires goods, services, or money for personal, family, or household use.

Obligation
An agreement between a consumer and a Federal credit union.

Debt
Money that is due or alleged to be due from one to another.

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.

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).

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.

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.