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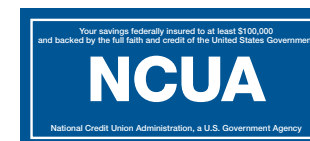
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The Benefits of NCUA Low-Income Designation



What Is A Low-Income Credit Union?

A low-income credit union is defined in Part 701.34 of the NCUA Rules and Regulations as a credit union with a majority of members that either earn less than 80 percent of the average of all wage earners, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or have an annual household income that falls at or below 80 percent of the median household income for the nation as established by the Census Bureau.

How Does My Credit Union Obtain A Low-Income Designation From NCUA?

To obtain a low-income designation from NCUA, an existing credit union must establish that a majority of its members meet the low-income definition. An existing community credit union serving a geographic area where a majority of residents meet the annual income standard is presumed to be serving predominantly low-income members. A low-income designation for a new charter is based on the majority of potential credit union members. A low-income qualification must be maintained in order to retain the low-income designation.

What Are The Benefits Of Being A Designated Low-Income Credit Union?

Low-income designated credit unions may:

- Accept non-member deposits (NCUA Regulation Part 701.34);
- Participate in the Community Development Revolving Loan Program (NCUA Regulation Part 705.3);
- Offer secondary capital accounts (NCUA Regulation Part 701.34); and
- Qualify for exception from the aggregate loan limit for member business loans (NCUA Regulations Part 723.16 & 723.17).

The Community Development Revolving Loan Program provides both loans and grants for technical assistance to low-income credit unions. Only operating credit unions are eligible to participate in the program.

How Does My Credit Union Apply For A Low-Income Designation?

An existing credit union or a federal credit union charter applicant wishing to receive a low-income designation should forward a designation request to the appropriate NCUA regional office along with documentation supporting the request.

For community charter applicants, the supporting material should include the median household income or annual wage figures for

the community to be served. If this information is unavailable, the applicant should identify the individual zip codes or census tracts that comprise the community and NCUA will assist in obtaining the necessary demographic data.

Similarly, if an occupational, associational or multiple common bond credit union charter applicant cannot supply income data on their potential members, they should provide the regional director with a listing of the number of potential members sorted by their residential zip codes. NCUA will assist in obtaining the necessary demographic data. An existing credit union can perform a loan or membership survey to determine if it is primarily serving low-income members.

What Resources Are Available To Assist My Credit Union Apply For A Low-Income Designation?

- NCUA Rules and Regulations Part §701.34
- Chapter 3 of the *NCUA Chartering and Field of Membership Manual*
- Your local examiner or NCUA regional office
- NCUA's website www.ncua.gov/CreditUnion/development/index.htm