

proposed amendment. NCUA will separately determine whether amendments to its own rules are appropriate in light of comments submitted during the EGRPRA review and, if so, will separately initiate a rulemaking to modify its rules.

NCUA has prepared two charts to assist public understanding of the organization of its section 2222 review. The first chart, at V.A., presents the two categories of regulations on which NCUA is requesting burden reduction recommendations in this notice. The two categories are shown in the left column. In the middle column are the subject matters that fall within the categories and in the far right column are the regulatory citations. The second chart, at V.B., presents the remaining eight categories in alphabetical order in a similar format.

IV. Request for Burden Reduction Recommendations About the First Two Categories of Regulations: “Applications and Reporting” and “Powers and Activities”

NCUA is asking the public to identify areas of regulations within two categories—“Applications and Reporting,” and “Powers and Activities”—that impose outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome regulatory requirements on federally-insured credit unions. It is not necessary for the public to provide burden reduction recommendations about categories of rules other than these two categories at this time since NCUA will publish the remaining categories before the end of the first review cycle in 2006. Comments that cite particular provisions or language, and provide

reasons why such provisions should be changed, would be most helpful to NCUA’s review efforts. Suggested alternative provisions or language, where appropriate, would also be helpful. If the implementation of a comment would require modifying a statute that underlies the regulation, the comment should, if possible, identify the needed statutory change.

Specific issues for commenters to consider. While all comments related to any aspect of section 2222 are welcome, NCUA invites comment on the following issues:

- *Need and purpose of the regulations.* Do the regulations in these categories fulfill current needs? Have industry or other circumstances changed since a regulation was written such that the regulation is no longer necessary? Have there been shifts within the industry or consumer actions that suggest a re-focus of the underlying regulations?

Do any of the regulations in these categories impose burdens not required by their authorizing statutes?

- *Need for statutory change.* Do the statutes impose unnecessary requirements? Are any of the statutory requirements underlying these categories redundant, conflicting or otherwise unduly burdensome?

- *Overreaching approaches/flexibility of the regulatory standards.* Generally, is there a different approach to regulating that NCUA could use that would achieve statutory goals while imposing less burden? Do any of the regulations in these categories or the statutes underlying them impose unnecessarily inflexible requirements?

- *Effect of the regulations on competition.* Do any of the regulations in these categories or the statutes underlying them create competitive disadvantages for credit unions compared to another part of the financial services industry?

- *Reporting, recordkeeping and disclosure requirements.* Do any of the regulations in these categories or the statutes underlying them impose particularly burdensome reporting, recordkeeping or disclosure requirements? Are any of these requirements similar enough in purpose and use so that they could be consolidated? What, if any, of these requirements could be fulfilled electronically to reduce their burden?

- *Consistency and redundancy.* Do any of the regulations in these categories impose inconsistent or redundant regulatory requirements that are not warranted by the circumstances?

- *Clarity.* Are the regulations in these categories and the underlying statutes drafted in clear and easily understood language? Are there specific regulations or underlying statutes that need clarification?

- *Burden on small insured institutions.* NCUA has a particular interest in minimizing burden on small insured credit unions (those with less than \$10 million in assets). NCUA solicits comment on whether any regulations within these categories should be continued without change, amended or rescinded in order to minimize any significant economic impact the regulations may have on a substantial number of small federally-insured credit unions.

Category	Subject	Reg. Cite
V. A. Regulations About Which Burden Reduction Recommendations Are Requested Currently		
1. Applications and Reporting.	Change in Official or Senior Executive Officer in Credit Unions that are Newly Chartered or in Troubled Condition.	12 CFR 701.14.
	Field of Membership/Chartering	12 CFR 701.1; IRPS 03-1.
	Fees Paid by Federal Credit Unions	12 CFR 701.6.
	Conversion of Insured Credit Unions to Mutual Savings Banks	12 CFR part 708a.
	Mergers of Federally-Insured Credit Unions; Voluntary Termination or Conversion of Insured Status.	12 CFR part 708b.
	Applications for Insurance	12 CFR 741.0; 741.3; 741.4; 741.6.
	Conversion to a state-chartered credit union	12 CFR 741.7.
	Purchase of assets and assumption of liabilities	12 CFR 741.8.
	Loans to Members and Lines of Credit to Members	12 CFR 701.21.
	Participation Loans	12 CFR 701.22.
2. Powers and Activities: a. Lending, Leasing and Borrowing.	Borrowed Funds from Natural Persons	12 CFR 701.38.
	Statutory Lien	12 CFR 701.39.
	Leasing	12 CFR part 714.
	Member Business Loans	12 CFR part 723.