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InfoSight News

CUNA Mutual Group Addition to InfoSight

In a new collaboration with CUNA Mutual Group, <u>RISK Alerts & Resources</u> are now available on InfoSight! RISK Alerts from CUNA Mutual Group are written by industry experts and are published just-in-time when risks are most prevalent to make sure credit unions are on top of the most relevant topics. Additional Risk Resources from CUNA Mutual Group provide credit unions with actionable insights and proven risk mitigation guidance to help credit unions stay on top of emerging risks.

Check them out under the Resources tab within InfoSight!

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no InfoSight Newsletter on November 27. Have a safe, happy and filling Turkey Day!



Compliance and Advocacy News & Highlights

Business Info to be Masked in IRS Tax Transcripts

<u>The IRS has announced</u> that starting December 13 it will begin masking sensitive data on business tax transcripts to protect business taxpayers from identity theft. The following information **will be visible** on the new tax transcript:

- Last four digits of any Employer Identification Number listed on the transcript: XX-XXX1234
- Last four digits of any Social Security number or Individual Tax Identification Number listed on the transcript: XXX-XX-1234
- Last four digits of any account or telephone number
- First four characters of the first, and last name for any individual (first three characters if the name has only four letters)
- First four characters of any name on the business name line
- First six characters of the street address, including spaces
- All money amounts, including wage and income, balance due, interest and penalties

For both the individual and business tax transcript, there is space for a Customer File Number. The Customer File Number is an optional 10-digit number (any number other than the taxpayer's SSN or EIN) that can be created, usually by third parties, that allow them to match a transcript to a taxpayer. The Customer File Number field will appear on the transcript when that number is entered on Line 5 of Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, and Form 4506T-EZ.

Source: IRS

Virginia Man Sentenced for PPP Fraud

The Justice Department has announced the sentencing of a man from Virginia for defrauding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Court documents indicate that Tarik Jaafar, of Ashburn, Virginia, conspired with his wife, Monika Magdalena Jaworska, to create four shell companies. These companies conducted no legitimate business and existed solely as a means to execute the scheme to defraud. From April 13 to May 6, Jaafar and Jaworska applied for 18 separate PPP loans in the names of the four shell companies valued at approximately \$6.6 million, falsely claiming, among other things, that the businesses had employees and they needed the loans to pay their employees' salaries. Jaafar and Jaworska fraudulently induced banks to distribute approximately \$1.4 million in loans which they intended to use for their personal benefit.

On June 20, Jaafar and Jaworska were arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport as they attempted to flee to Poland. The majority of the funds were recovered by the banks and by law enforcement. On August 25, Jaafar pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Source: Justice Department

Register Now for Webinar on NCUA's Response to COVID-19

Federally insured credit unions can learn more about the National Credit Union Administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic by participating in a webinar hosted by the agency on Thursday, December 3, beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern.

During the webinar, NCUA staff will also discuss recently issued guidance and regulations, as well as other agency initiatives.

Online registration for this hour-long webinar is now open. Registration is limited to no more than 2,500 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be able to log into the webinar and view it on their computers or mobile devices using the registration link. They should allow pop-ups from this website.

Participants may submit questions in advance to <u>WebinarQuestions@ncua.gov</u> by noon Eastern on Wednesday, December 2. The email's subject line should read "NCUA COVID-19 Update."

Please email technical questions about accessing the webinar to <u>audience.support@on24.com</u>. This webinar will be closed-captioned and archived online approximately three weeks following the live event.

Source: NCUA

Debt Collection Compliance Aid Resource Webpage

Two weeks ago, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) released the Debt Collection Final Rule. With the rule, the Bureau also began releasing compliance aids to assist the financial industry. As the implementation period for the final rule progresses, the Bureau will continue to provide more compliance aids.

To provide more clarity and transparency on how the Bureau provides assistance during the implementation period, the <u>Bureau has developed this resource</u> that provides an overview of the Regulatory Implementation and Guidance (RIG) team at the Bureau, the RIG team's strategy for providing assistance to industry, and instructions for how to find compliance aids related to the Debt Collection Final Rule. It also provides a link to the Bureau's <u>Debt Collection compliance aid</u> resource webpage, your dedicated access point to Debt Collection materials such as compliance aids, supervisory guidance, and any subsequent rules the Bureau publishes regarding debt collection.

Additionally, the <u>Bureau has developed a listserv</u> dedicated to updates about the Debt Collection Rule. Subscribers will receive Bureau emails when additional rules or compliance aid materials related to debt collection are published.

Source: CFPB

Articles of Interest

- <u>CFPB Continuing Payday Rulemaking Despite Likely Biden Shakeup</u>
- <u>A Darker Q4 May Follow the Brighter Q3 for Credit Unions</u>
- <u>CUNA Mutual Acquires ForeverCar, Boosting Digital Capabilities</u>
- Senate Proposes No Funding for NCUA Revolving Loan Fund

CUNA's Advocacy Resources:

- Happenings in Washington
- <u>CUNA Advocacy Issues COVID-19</u>

WOCCU Advocacy Resources:

- <u>Telegraph</u>
- Advocate Blog

Compliance Calendar

- November 26th, 2020: Thanksgiving Day Federal Holiday
- November 26th, 2020: OFAC Cuban Assets Control Regulations
- December 25th, 2020: Christmas Day Federal Holiday
- January 1st, 2021: Annual Updates
- January 1st, 2021: Annual Reg Z Inflation Adjustments Effective Date