



## Compliance eNewsletter

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### InfoSight News

#### InfoSight FAQs (Continued!)

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**Q: How do I view information from other states?**

A: Go under the Resources area in the top navigation and click the **InfoSight Listing by State option**

**Q: How can I view all the information for a topic at one time without opening the orange bars for each section?**

A: Click the View/Print All button in the upper right-side corner (just below the blue navigation bar). This will give you a fully expanded view of all the content. The content can be printed from this screen as well.

**Q: There is so much information on InfoSight. How can I quickly find what I am looking for?**

A: The Search, found in the upper right corner of site (click the magnifying glass icon!) can help pinpoint what you are looking for in InfoSight. We also have an **A-Z Index** under the Resources area in the top navigation which many credit unions find very useful to get them to the right spot.

*Have a question not on the list above? Contact [info@leagueinfosight.com](mailto:info@leagueinfosight.com) for assistance.*

## Compliance and Advocacy News & Highlights

### Biden Administration Takes Steps to Promote Equitable Access to SBA Relief

On Monday, February 22, President Biden announced changes to SBA's coronavirus relief programs to ensure equity.

The White House has issued a [Fact Sheet](#) to announce reforms to build on the success of the Payroll Protection Program by further targeting the program to the smallest businesses and those left behind in previous relief efforts. About \$150 billion of the PPP funds are still available, but the program is currently scheduled to end March 31, 2021.

The reforms announced in the Fact Sheet include:

- Instituting a 14-day period, starting February 24, during which only businesses with fewer than 20 employees can apply for relief through the program.
- Revising the loan calculation formula for sole proprietors and independent contractors to offer more relief and establishing a \$1 billion set aside for businesses in this category without employees and located in low- and moderate-income areas.
- Consistent with a bipartisan bill in Congress, eliminating a restriction that bars small business owners with prior non-fraud felony convictions from the program.
- Eliminating a restriction that bars small business owners who are delinquent on their federal student loans from the program.
- Clarifying that non-citizen small business owners who are lawful U.S. residents may use ITINs to participate in the program.

*Source: SBA/The White House*

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### Bureau and States Sue Libre For Predatory Immigrant Scam

The [CFPB has announced](#) that, in partnership with the attorneys general of Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia, it is suing Libre by Nexus, Inc. and its owners for a predatory immigrant-services scam that traps victims into paying expensive, long-term fees. The CFPB [alleges in the complaint](#) that Libre preys on immigrants, primarily Hispanics, who speak little or no English and are being held in federal detention centers, desperate to return to their families. Libre lures its victims through a series of false and misleading statements about its programs, pressuring them to sign abusive, English-only contracts that bind the immigrants to years of exorbitant monthly payments.

According to the CFPB investigation, Libre's business model preys on detainees and their families desperate to get the detainees out of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers where they have been held, sometimes for months, while awaiting resolution of their immigration cases. In exchange for securing a bond, Libre requires the immigrants to pay a huge upfront fee equal to 25 to 30 percent of the bond plus \$420 per

month to “lease” GPS-tracking ankle monitors until their case is resolved, usually years later. Unlike a fully-paid bond, these fees are never refunded. In the end, the CFPB alleges, the immigrants often end up paying far more in non-refundable Libre fees than they would have paid for their refundable ICE bond.

The complaint also alleges that Libre:

- Coerces vulnerable non-English speakers to sign predatory financial contracts in English
- Deceives consumers about its relationship with immigration authorities
- Strong-arms detainees with false debt collection threats
- Incentivizes its employees to deceive and threaten

In its lawsuit, the CFPB is seeking an injunction, damages or restitution to consumers, disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, and the imposition of civil money penalties.

*Source: CFPB*

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## March 1 Begins National Consumer Protection Week

National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) 2021 is coming up next week, and is a time when the FTC joins with local, state, and national partners to present information and advice on scams, identity theft, and other consumer protection issues. The [FTC has provided a list of the events](#), including shareable consumer tips.

*Source: FTC*

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## Joint-ownership Share Account Coverage Rule

The [NCUA Board has approved a final rule](#) amending the NCUA’s regulation governing the requirements for a share account to be separately insured as a joint account. The final rule provides federally insured credit unions with an alternative method to satisfy the membership card or account signature card requirement. For example, under the final rule, the signature card requirement can be satisfied by the credit union having issued a mechanism for accessing the account, such as a debit card, to each co-owner or evidence of usage of the joint share account by each co-owner. The [NCUA issued a press release](#) about the rule, which will be effective 30 days after Federal Register publication.

In addition, the Board was briefed on the Share Insurance Fund’s performance during the fourth quarter of 2020. The fund's equity ratio was at 1.26 percent, lower than the Board-approved normal operating level of 1.38 percent. Chairman Harper noted that the primary factors contributing most significantly to the continuing decline in the equity ratio—strong growth in insured shares and reduced investment returns—remain and will likely continue in the future. He said, “Any future decision by the Board to assess premiums must be data-driven. History has also shown the importance of building up the resiliency of the Share

Insurance Fund, so it can handle the potential issues related to the pandemic's economic fallout that we know are coming.”

Source: NCUA

## Articles of Interest

- [Scammers Are Scheming as Healthcare.Gov Reopens](#)
- [BitPay Settles with OFAC for Apparent Digital Currency Violations](#)
- [Global Women's Leadership Network to Name New Volunteer Chair](#)
- [Small Florida Credit Union Launches New Loan Program for Small Businesses](#)

## CUNA's Advocacy Resources:

- [Happenings in Washington](#)

## WOCCU Advocacy Resources:

- [Telegraph](#)
- [Advocate Blog](#)

## Compliance Calendar

- March 1st, 2021: Mandatory Use of Updated the Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA)
- March 1st, 2021: March 1, 2021 – HMDA submission deadline
- March 1st, 2021: CFPB – Seasoned Qualified Mortgage Addition
- March 1st, 2021: CFPB – General Qualified Mortgage Loan Amendments
- March 12th, 2021: Regulation D: Reserve Requirements (Final Rule)