For the reasons discussed in the preamble, NCD amends 5 CFR part 10000 as follows:

PART 10000—PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

1. The authority citation for part 10000 continues to read as follows:


2. Amend §10000.2 by revising paragraphs (1) and (3) of the definition for “Requester category” to read as follows:

§10000.2 Definitions.
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Requester category * * * *
(1) Commercial requesters;
* * * * *
(3) All other requesters.
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3. Amend §10000.6 by revising paragraphs (b)(3) and (5) and the first sentence of paragraph (c) introductory text to read as follows:

§10000.6 Responsibility for responding to requests.
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(b) * * *
(3) A brief statement of the reason(s) for the denial, including any FOIA exemption applied in denying the request. The Chief FOIA Officer will indicate, if technically feasible, the amount of information deleted and the exemption under which a deletion is made on the released portion of the record, unless including that indication would harm an interest protected by the exemption;
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(5) A statement of the right to seek dispute resolution services from NCD’s FOIA Public Liaison and the Office of Government Information Services.

(c) Consultation, referral, and coordination. When reviewing records located by the Council in response to a request, the Council shall determine whether another agency of the Federal Government or entity is better able to determine whether the record is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA and, if so, whether it should be released as a matter of discretion. * * * *
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4. Amend §10000.7 by revising paragraph (a), the first sentence of paragraph (b), and the fifth sentence of paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§10000.7 Administrative appeals.
(a) You may appeal an adverse determination related to your FOIA request, or the Council’s failure to respond to your FOIA request within the prescribed time limits, by email at FOIA@ncd.gov, or write to the Executive Director, National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street NW., Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004.

(b) Your appeal must be in writing and must be postmarked or electronically received by the Executive Director within 90 days of the date of the letter denying your request, in whole or in part. * * * 

(c) * * * A requester may also seek dispute resolution services from NCD’s FOIA Public Liaison and OGIS. * * * *

5. Amend §10000.8 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b)(4) to read as follows:

§10000.8 Timeframe for Council’s response to a FOIA request or administrative appeal.
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(b) * * *
(4) The Chief FOIA Officer will decide whether to grant or deny your request for expedited processing and notify the requester within ten calendar days of receipt. * * * *

Dated: December 14, 2016.
Rebecca Cocley,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food and Nutrition Service
7 CFR Part 210
[FNS–2014–0010]
RIN 0584–AE25
Local School Wellness Policy Implementation Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.
ACTION: Correcting amendments.
DATES: This document is effective December 22, 2016. Compliance with this final rule began on August 29, 2016, except as noted in specific regulatory provisions.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Namian, School Program Branch, Policy and Program Development Division, Food and Nutrition Service, 703–305–2590.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Food and Nutrition Service published a final rule in the Federal Register, 81 FR 50151, on July 29, 2016, to expand local school wellness policy requirements consistent with the requirements set forth in section 204 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This document is redesignating 7 CFR 210.30 and 7 CFR 210.31. This document also makes a technical correction in 7 CFR 210.30(b)(1)(iv) to ensure readers clearly understand where to locate the established hiring standards.
List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 210
Children, Commodity School Program, Food assistance programs, Grant programs-health, Grant programs-education, School breakfast and lunch programs, Nutrition, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.
Accordingly, 7 CFR part 210 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 210—NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for part 210 continues to read as follows:


§§ 210.30 and 210.31 [Redesignated as §§ 210.31 and 210.30]

2. Redesignate §§ 210.30 and 210.31 as §§ 210.31 and 210.30, respectively.

§ 210.30 [Amended]

3. In the newly designated § 210.30, paragraph (b)(1)(iv), remove “§ 230.30(b)(1)” and add in its place “§ 210.30(b)(1)”.

Audrey Rowe,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION
12 CFR Part 792
RIN 3133–AD44
Revisions to the Freedom of Information Act Regulation
AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).
ACTION: Interim final rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The NCUA Board (Board) is revising its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulation. The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 amended the FOIA and requires agencies to review their FOIA regulations and issue certain specified amendments by December 27, 2016. Specifically, the regulatory amendments include new procedures for disclosing records under the FOIA, assessing fees, and notifying requestors of options for resolving disputes through the NCUA FOIA Public Liaison and the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration.

DATES: This interim final rule is effective December 22, 2016. Comments must be received on or before January 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (Please send comments by one method only):

- Email: Address to regcomments@ncua.gov. Include “[Your name] Comments on ‘Revisions to the Freedom of Information Act Regulation’” in the email subject line.
- Fax: (703) 518–6319. Use the subject line described above for email.
- Mail: Address to Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314–3428.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail address.

Public Inspection: All public comments are available on the agency’s Web site at http://www.ncua.gov/RegulationsOpinionsLaws/comments as submitted, except as may not be possible for technical reasons. Public comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Paper copies of comments may be inspected in NCUA’s law library at 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, by appointment weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To make an appointment, call (703) 518–6546 or send an email to OGCMail@ncua.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regina Metz, Senior Staff Attorney, or Linda Dent, Associate General Counsel, Administrative Law Section, Office of General Counsel, at 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or telephone: (703) 518–6540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Legal Background and Regulatory Changes

NCUA publishes its FOIA regulations at part 792, subpart A of the agency’s regulations. 12 CFR part 792. NCUA’s current FOIA regulations address: (1) Types of agency records; (2) their availability or exemption from release; (3) procedures for requesting access to records; (4) processing times; (5) fees; (6) appeals; and (7) handling of FOIA requests involving confidential commercial information.

The FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 1 was signed into law by the President on June 30, 2016. The Act consists of several amendments to the FOIA affecting FOIA administration. The Act requires the Board to review NCUA’s FOIA regulations and revise procedures for the disclosure of records, including procedures for engaging in dispute resolution through the FOIA Public Liaison and the OGIS.

Specifically, the Act requires that NCUA must make available to the public “in an electronic format” certain information that it previously only had to make available for copying. The Act amends FOIA exemption 5 to provide that “the deliberative process privilege shall not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested.” In addition, the Act prohibits NCUA from charging certain fees to FOIA requesters if it does not respond to them within 20 business days, unless it provides timely notice that unusual circumstances apply, in which case it can take up to 10 extra days, or more if there are more than 5,000 pages necessary to respond to the request. However, the Act permits NCUA to charge certain fees to FOIA requesters if a court has determined exceptional circumstances exist. Furthermore, the Act requires that NCUA must include in its written FOIA responses the right of requesters to seek assistance from the NCUA FOIA Public Liaison. Moreover, for adverse determinations, the requester will have the right to appeal the initial decision for 90 days (previously 30 days); and the right to seek dispute resolution services from the NCUA FOIA Public Liaison or the OGIS. Accordingly, the Board is making the above required regulatory changes to the FOIA regulation.

II. Regulatory Procedures

A. Interim Final Rule Under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA)

The Board finds that notice-and-comment rulemaking in this instance would be impracticable and unnecessary under the APA because of: (1) The legislative directive for federal agencies to issue interim final regulations; (2) the procedural nature of the Act which affords federal agencies limited discretion in promulgating their rules; and (3) the statutory deadlines imposed by Congress for issuing this regulation. In those circumstances, the Board finds good cause to issue an interim final rule without issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking.

Accordingly, this interim final rule is issued without prior notice. However, the Board invites comments on all aspects of the interim final rule. The interim final rule will become effective immediately upon publication in the Federal Register. The Board will review and consider all comments before issuing a final rule.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 4 the Board has reviewed the interim final rule and determined it does not contain or modify a collection of information subject to the PRA.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act requires NCUA to prepare an analysis to describe any significant economic impact a rule may have on a substantial number of small credit unions (those under $100 million in assets). This interim final rule does not impose any requirements on federally insured credit unions. Therefore, it will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small credit unions and a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. Because this interim final rule would affect few, if any, small entities, the Board certifies that the interim final rule will not have a significant economic impact on small entities.

D. Executive Order 13132

Executive Order 13132 encourages independent regulatory agencies to consider the impact of their actions on state and local interests. In adherence to fundamental federalism principles, NCUA, an independent regulatory agency as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(5), voluntarily complies with the executive order. The interim final rule would not

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1 12 CFR part 792
2 Public Law 114–185, 130 Stat. 538.
have substantial direct effects on the states, on the connection between the national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. NCUA has determined that this interim final rule does not constitute a policy that has federalism implications for purposes of the executive order.


NCUA has determined that this interim final rule would not affect family well-being within the meaning of section 654 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act of 1999.4

F. Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA) provides generally for congressional review of agency rules. A reporting requirement is triggered in instances where the Board issues a final rule as defined by Section 551 of the APA. The Board has submitted this interim final rule to the Office of Management and Budget for it to determine whether it is a “major rule” within the meaning of the relevant sections of SBREFA.

List of Subjects in 12 CFR Part 792

Administrative practice and procedure, Credit unions, Freedom of Information, Information, Privacy, Records, System of records.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on December 15, 2016.

Gerard Poliquin,
Secretary of the Board.

For the reasons stated above, the National Credit Union Administration amends 12 CFR part 792 as follows:

PART 792—REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT, AND BY SUBPOENA; SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

1. In §792.02, revise the introductory text and paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§792.02 What records does NCUA make available to the public for inspection and copying?

Except for records that are exempt from public disclosure under FOIA as amended (5 U.S.C. 552) or are promptly published and copies are available for purchase, NCUA routinely makes the following five types of records available for you to inspect and copy: and in an electronic format:

(d) Copies of all records, regardless of form or format, which have been released after March 31, 1997, in response to a FOIA request and which, because of the nature of their subject matter, NCUA determines have been or are likely to become the subject of subsequent requests; or records that have been requested three (3) or more times; and

5. In §792.11, revise paragraph (a)(5) to read as follows:

§792.11 What kinds of records are exempt from public disclosure?

(a) * * *

(5) Inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda or letters which would not be available by law to a private party in litigation with NCUA. This exemption preserves the existing freedom of NCUA officials and employees to engage in full and frank written or taped communications with each other and with officials and employees of other agencies. It includes, but is not limited to, inter-agency and intra-agency reports, memoranda, letters, correspondence, work papers, and minutes of meetings, as well as staff papers prepared for use within NCUA or in concert with other governmental agencies. In applying this exemption, the NCUA will not withhold records based on the deliberative process privilege if the records were created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested.

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6. In §792.15, revise paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§792.15 How long will it take to process my request?

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(b) * * *

(2) Such alternative time period as mutually agreed by you and the Information Office, when NCUA notifies you that the request cannot be processed in the specified time limit. In such cases, NCUA will make available its FOIA Public Liaison and notify the requester of the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services.

7. In §792.16, revise paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§792.16 What unusual circumstances can delay NCUA’s response?

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(c) If NCUA sends you an extension notice, it will also advise you that you

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can either limit the scope of your request so that it can be processed within the statutory time limit or agree to an alternative time frame for processing your request. In such cases, NCUA will make available its FOIA Public Liaison and notify the requester of the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services.

§ 792.17 What can I do if the time limit passes and I still have not received a response?

(a) If NCUA does not comply with the time limits under § 792.15, or as extended under § 792.16, you do not have to pay search fees; requesters qualifying for free search fees will not have to pay duplication fees. However, if NCUA has extended the time limits under § 792.16 and more than 5,000 pages are necessary to respond to the request, NCUA may charge you search fees (or for requesters qualifying for free search fees, duplication fees), if NCUA has discussed with you via written mail, electronic mail, or telephone (or made not less than 3 good-faith attempts to do so) how you could effectively limit the scope of the request.

(b) You can seek assistance from the FOIA Public Liaison or dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services. You can also file suit against NCUA because you will be deemed to have exhausted your administrative remedies if NCUA fails to comply with the time limits provisions of this subpart. If NCUA can show that exceptional circumstances exist and that it is exercising due diligence in responding to your request, the court may retain jurisdiction and allow NCUA to complete its review of the records. You may have to pay search or duplication fees if a court has determined that exceptional circumstances exist and has extended the time limits for NCUA’s response by a court order. In determining whether exceptional circumstances exist, the court may consider your refusal to modify the scope of your request or arrange an alternative time frame for processing after being given the opportunity to do so by NCUA, when it notifies you of the existence of unusual circumstances as set forth in § 792.16.

§ 792.28 What if I am not satisfied with the response I receive?

If you are not satisfied with NCUA’s response to your request, you can seek dispute resolution services from the FOIA Public Liaison and the Office of Government Information Services, and you can file an administrative appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must be filed within 90 days from receipt of the initial determination (in cases of denials of the entire request or denials of a fee waiver or reduction), or from receipt of any records being made available pursuant to the initial determination (in cases of partial denials). In the response to your initial request, the Freedom of Information Act Officer or the Inspector General (or designee), will notify you that you may appeal any adverse determination to the Office of General Counsel. The General Counsel, or designee, as set forth in this paragraph, will:

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