

loan documents or discounting and financing agreements, may provide for the interest rate or rates to vary from time to time during the repayment period of the loan or agreement.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.8, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1626; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §401(g), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 996.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2016, Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.8, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 96-592, title I, §105, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3438, related to eligibility, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-399 substituted “such rate or rates of interest or discount, and be” for “interest at a rate or rates, and”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

§ 2017. Eligibility

The credit and financial services authorized in this subchapter may be made available to persons who are or become stockholders or members of the bank or associations in the district, and who are—

- (1) bona fide farmers, ranchers, or producers or harvesters of aquatic products;
- (2) persons furnishing to farmers and ranchers farm-related services directly related to their on-farm operating needs; or
- (3) owners of rural homes.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.9, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1626.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2017, Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.9, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 96-592, title I, §106, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3438; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §426, title VIII, §802(d), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1657, 1710; Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §412, title VII, §701, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1004, 1006, related to security, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

§ 2018. Security; terms

(a) Real estate loans

(1) Maximum level of loans

(A) In general

Real estate mortgage loans originated by a Farm Credit Bank, or in which a Farm Credit Bank participates in with a lender that is not a System institution, shall not exceed 85 percent of the appraised value of the real estate security, except as provided for in subparagraphs (C) and (D).

(B) Regulation

The Farm Credit Administration may, by regulation, require that loans not exceed 75 percent of the appraised value of the real estate security.

(C) Guaranteed loans

If the loan is guaranteed by Federal, State, or other governmental agencies, the loan

may not exceed 97 percent of the appraised value of the real estate security, as may be authorized under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration.

(D) Private mortgage insurance

A loan on which private mortgage insurance is obtained may exceed 85 percent of the appraised value of the real estate security to the extent that the loan amount in excess of such 85 percent is covered by the insurance.

(2) Security

All loans originated or participated in by a bank under this section shall be secured by first liens on interests in real estate of such classes as may be prescribed by regulations of the Farm Credit Administration.

(3) Value of security

To adequately secure the loan, the value of security shall be determined by appraisal under standards prescribed by the bank in accordance with regulations of the Farm Credit Administration.

(4) Additional security

Additional security for any loan may be required by the bank to supplement real estate security. Credit factors, other than the ratio between the amount of the loan and the security value, shall be given due consideration.

(b) Intermediate credit

Loans, other than real estate loans, and discounts made under the provisions of this subchapter shall be repayable in not more than 7 years (15 years if made to producers or harvesters of aquatic products) from the time that such are made or discounted by the Farm Credit Bank, except that the Board of Directors, under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration, may approve policies permitting loans, advances, or discounts (other than those made to producers or harvesters of aquatic products) to be repayable in not more than 10 years from the time that such are made or discounted by such bank.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.10, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1627; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §401(h), (i), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 996; Pub. L. 104-105, title II, §§202, 203, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 172.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2018, Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.10, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 96-592, title I, §107, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3438, related to purposes, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a)(1)(A). Pub. L. 104-105, §202(b), substituted “subparagraphs (C) and (D)” for “paragraphs (2) and (3)”.

Subsec. (a)(1)(D). Pub. L. 104-105, §202(a), added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 104-105, §203, struck out heading and text of par. (5). Text read as follows: “Each Farm Credit Bank shall require a financial statement from each borrower at least once every 3 years, or during such shorter period of time as may be required under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration.”

1988—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(h)(1), substituted “prescribed by regulations of” for “approved by”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(h)(2), substituted “under standards” for “under appraisal standards” and “in accordance with regulations of” for “and approved by”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(i), substituted “harvesters of aquatic products from” for “harvester of aquatic products from”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

§ 2019. Purposes for extensions of credit

(a) Agricultural or aquatic purposes

(1) In general

Loans made by a Farm Credit Bank to farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products may be for any agricultural or aquatic purpose and other credit needs of the applicant, including financing for basic processing and marketing directly related to the applicant's operations and those of other eligible farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products, except that the operations of the applicant shall supply some portion of the total processing or marketing for which financing is extended.

(2) Limitation on loans for basic processing and marketing operations

The aggregate of the financing provided by any Farm Credit Bank for basic processing and marketing directly related to the operations of farmers, ranchers, and producers or harvesters of aquatic products, if the operations of the applicant supply less than 20 percent of the total processing or marketing for which financing is extended, shall not exceed 15 percent of the total of all outstanding loans of such bank.

(b) Rural housing financing

(1) In general

Loans and discounts may be made to rural residents for rural housing financing under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration.

(2) Limitations

Rural housing financed under this subchapter shall be for single-family, moderate-priced dwellings and their appurtenances not inconsistent with the general quality and standards of housing existing in, or planned or recommended for, the rural area where it is located, except that a Farm Credit Bank may not at any one time have a total amount of loans outstanding for such rural housing to persons other than farmers or ranchers in amounts exceeding 15 percent of the total of all loans outstanding in such bank.

(3) Rural areas

For rural housing purposes under this section the term “rural areas” shall not be defined to include any city or village having a population in excess of 2,500 inhabitants.

(c) Farm-related services

(1) In general

Loans to persons furnishing farm-related services to farmers and ranchers directly related to their on-farm operating needs may be made for the necessary capital structures and equipment and initial working capital for such services.

(2) Facilities

The banks may own and lease, or lease with option to purchase, to persons eligible for credit under this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter, equipment or facilities needed in the operations of such persons.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.11, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1627; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §401(j), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 996; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1832(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3832; Pub. L. 102-237, title V, §502(a), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1868.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2019, Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.11, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 96-592, title I, §108, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3438, related to services related to borrower's operations, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-237 made technical amendments to headings of subsec. (a) and pars. (1) and (2).

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-624 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, substituted “some portion” for “at least 20 percent, or such larger percent as may be required by the board of directors of the bank under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration,” and added par. (2).

1988—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 100-399 substituted “this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter, equipment or facilities” for “this subchapter, facilities”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-237 effective as if included in the provision of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, to which the amendment relates, see section 1101(b)(4) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as a note under section 1421 of Title 7, Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

§ 2020. Related services

(a) In general

The Farm Credit Banks may provide technical assistance to borrowers, members, and applicants from the bank and associations in the district, including persons obligated on paper discounted by the bank, and may make available to them at their option such financial related services appropriate to their on-farm and aquatic operations as determined to be feasible by the board of directors of the bank, under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration.