

## Federal Reserve System

## § 261a.5

### § 261a.2 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

(a) *Business day* means any day except Saturday, Sunday or a legal Federal holiday.

(b) *Guardian* means the parent of a minor, or the legal guardian of any individual who has been declared to be incompetent due to physical or mental incapacity or age by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) *Individual* means a natural person who is either a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(d) *Maintain* includes maintain, collect, use, or disseminate.

(e) *Record* means any item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual maintained by the Board that contains the individual's name or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a fingerprint, voice print, or photograph.

(f) *Routine use* means, with respect to disclosure of a record, the use of such record for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which it was collected or created.

(g) *System of records* means a group of any records under the control of the Board from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

(h) *You* means an individual making a request under the Privacy Act.

(i) *We* means the Board.

### § 261a.3 Custodian of records; delegations of authority.

(a) *Custodian of records*. The Secretary of the Board is the official custodian of all Board records.

(b) *Delegated authority of the Secretary*. The Secretary of the Board is authorized to—

(1) Respond to requests for access to, accounting of, or amendment of records contained in a system of records, except for requests regarding systems of records maintained by the Board's Office of Inspector General (OIG);

(2) Approve the publication of new systems of records and amend existing

systems of records, except those systems of records exempted pursuant to § 261a.12(b), (c) and (d); and

(3) File any necessary reports related to the Privacy Act.

(c) *Delegated authority of designee*. Any action or determination required or permitted by this part to be done by the Secretary of the Board may be done by a Deputy or Associate Secretary or other responsible employee of the Board who has been duly designated for this purpose by the Secretary.

(d) *Delegated authority of Inspector General*. The Inspector General is authorized to respond to requests for access to, accounting of, or amendment of records contained in a system of records maintained by the OIG.

### § 261a.4 Fees.

(a) *Copies of records*. We will provide you with copies of the records you request under § 261a.5 of this part at the same cost we charge for duplication of records and/or production of computer output under the Board's Rules Regarding Availability of Information, 12 CFR Part 261.

(b) *No fee*. We will not charge you a fee if:

(1) Your total charges are less than \$5, or

(2) You are a Board employee or former employee, or an applicant for employment with the Board, and you request records pertaining to you.

## Subpart B—Procedures for Requests by Individuals to Whom Record Pertains

### § 261a.5 Request for access to records.

(a) *Procedures for making request*. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) or (f) of this section, if you (or your guardian) want to learn of the existence of, or to gain access to, your record in a system of records, you may submit a request in writing to the Secretary of the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

(2) If you request information contained in a system of records maintained by the Board's OIG, you may

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submit the request in writing to the Inspector General, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

(b) *Contents of request.* Except for requests made under paragraph (f) of this section, your written request must include—

(1) A statement that the request is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974;

(2) The name of the system of records you believe contains the record you request, or a concise description of that system of records;

(3) Information necessary to verify your identity pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section; and

(4) Any other information that might assist us in identifying the record you seek (*e.g.*, maiden name, dates of employment, *etc.*).

(c) *Verification of identity.* We will require proof of your identity, and we reserve the right to determine whether the proof you submit is adequate. In general, we will consider the following to be adequate proof of identity:

(1) If you are a current or former Board employee, your Board identification card; or

(2) If you are not a current or former Board employee, either

(i) Two forms of identification, including one photo identification, or

(ii) A notarized statement attesting to your identity.

(d) *Verification of identity not required.* We will not require verification of identity when the records you seek are available to any person under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

(e) *Request for accounting of previous disclosures.* You may request an accounting of previous disclosures of records pertaining to you in a system of records as provided in 5 U.S.C. 552a(c).

(f) *Requests Made by Board Employees.* Unless the Secretary provides and you are notified otherwise, if you are a current or former Board employee, you also may request access to your record in a system of records by appearing in person before or writing directly to the Board office that maintains the record.

### § 261a.6 Board procedures for responding to request for access.

(a) *Compliance with Freedom of Information Act.* We will handle every request made pursuant to § 261a.5 of this part (other than requests submitted under § 261a.5(f) that were granted) as a request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The time limits set forth in paragraph (b) of this section and the fees specified in § 261a.4 of this part will apply to such requests.

(b) *Time for response.* We will acknowledge every request made pursuant to § 261a.5 of this part within 20 business days from receipt of the request and will, where practicable, respond to each request within that 20-day period. When a full response is not practicable within the 20-day period, we will respond as promptly as possible.

(c) *Disclosure.* (1) When we disclose information in response to your request, except for information maintained by the Board's OIG, we will make the information available for inspection and copying during regular business hours at the Board's Freedom of Information Office, or we will mail it to you on your request. For requests made under paragraph § 261a.5(f), you may request that the information be provided orally or in person.

(2) When the information to be disclosed is maintained by the Board's OIG, the OIG will make the information available for inspection and copying or will mail it to you on request.

(3) You may bring with you anyone you choose to see the requested material. All visitors to the Board's buildings must comply with the Board's security procedures.

(d) *Denial of request.* If we deny a request made pursuant to § 261a.5 of this part, we will tell you the reason(s) for denial and the procedures for appealing the denial. If a request made under paragraph § 261a.5(f) is denied, in whole or in part, the Board office that denied your request will simultaneously notify the Secretary of the Board of its action.