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Division Adopts Rules:

Deleting Streamlined Senior Provision, Making Technical Corrections, and Repealing Outdated Sections

On August 20, 1996, the Division filed the following rules in final form:

1. The rule deleting the provision that groups of retired persons and persons at least age 50 were deemed to be an associational group (“streamlined senior provision”).
2. The rule making technical corrections throughout the Division’s WACs to update inaccurate references.
3. The rule repealing:
 - a. WAC 208-440-030 (restricting the offering of gifts, prizes, and premiums).
 - b. WAC 208-418-045 (allowing acceleration of payment of asset assessments).
 - c. WAC Chapters 419-28 (requiring prior approval of satellite facilities) and 419-20 (operations of the Division of Savings and Loans).

Enclosed are copies of the CR-103 forms that were filed for this purpose. These rules take effect on September 20, 1996. If you have any questions about these new rules, please call Parker Cann, Assistant Director, at (360) 902-8778.

Procedures for public records requests are now set forth at WAC 208-12.

Distribution of complete set of rules

We expect that the Code Reviser will reprint the Division's WACs with these rule changes by the end of September. We will distribute a complete, updated set of the WACs to each credit union at that time.

Effect of deletion of senior provision

Only a handful of credit unions received approval to amend their FOM bylaws to include senior groups under the streamlined senior provision. As noted above, this provision will no longer be effective as of September 20, 1996. Credit union members who joined before September 20 under a streamlined senior group may continue their membership in these credit unions, if the FOM bylaws of the credit union provide that "once a member, always a member". However, after September 20, credit unions may not qualify individuals as new members based solely on their membership in a streamlined senior group.

It should be noted that the Division will continue to approve the addition of groups of seniors to a credit union's FOM if the groups meet the standard associational group requirements in WAC Chapter 208-472.