Privacy Impact Assessment for MARS

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About this Document

A Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) is an analysis of how PII is handled to ensure that handling conforms to applicable privacy requirements, determine the privacy risks associated with an information system or activity, and evaluate ways to mitigate privacy risks. A PIA is both an analysis and a formal document detailing the process and the outcome of the analysis.

Program offices and system owners are required to complete a PIA whenever they develop, procure, or use information technology to create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, disclose, or dispose of PII. \(^1\) Completion of a PIA is a precondition for the issuance of an authorization to operate. \(^2\)

A PIA form (and an automatic workflow and streamlined review and approval process) has been developed for consistency and ease of use. The form, and additional guidance about PIAs, is available for NCUA staff on the Privacy team’s intranet site.

The Privacy team is responsible for reviewing and approving PIAs, preparing approved PIAs for publication, and otherwise managing the PIA process.

Basic Information about the System

System Name: MARS

NCUA Office Owner: E&I

System Manager: [Redacted]

Authority

NCUA should only create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, or disclose PII if it has authority to do so, and such authority should be identified in the appropriate notice.

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Authority for the System


Purpose Specification and Use Limitation

NCUA should provide notice of the specific purpose for which PII is collected and should only use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, or disclose PII for a purpose that is explained in the notice and is compatible with the purpose for which the PII was collected, or that is otherwise legally authorized.

Purpose of the System

The Federal Credit Union Act (12 USC 1756) grants NCUA the authority to examine credit unions.

The information collection is used to prepare the annual resource budget (hours) for examination field staff. The primary purpose of the PII is to customize the MARS application to the examiner district, supervisory examiner groups or region when preparing and submitting the annual budget request. In addition the PII is essential to the budget process as it allows for examiner specific budgeting of administrative time which includes training, leave, travel and other non-credit union specific assignments.

Intended Use of the PII Collected

NCUA uses MARS to assess FTE requirements to meet examination program needs.

Sharing of the PII

The MARS application and relevant information is entirely internal to NCUA.

Minimization

NCUA should only create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, or disclose PII that is directly relevant and necessary to accomplish a legally authorized purpose, and should only maintain PII for as long as is necessary to accomplish that purpose.
Types of PII Collected

The Management Automated Resource System (MARS) uses employee names and users IDs to facilitate the collection of budget data. Specifically, the MARS systems accesses the NCUA Security Application and Active Directory for authentication and authorization.

Individual Participation

NCUA should involve the individual in the process of using PII and, to the extent practicable, seek individual consent for the creation, collection, use, processing, storage, maintenance, dissemination, or disclosure of PII. NCUA should also establish procedures to receive and address individuals’ privacy-related complaints and inquiries.

Opportunity for Consent

Due to the nature of this system, there is not an opportunity to ask individuals to consent.

Procedures to Address Individuals’ Privacy Related Complaints and Inquiries

The Privacy team knows that complaints, concerns, and questions from individuals can be a valuable source of input that improves operational models, uses of technology, data collection practices, and privacy safeguards. To facilitate this type of feedback, the Privacy team has established the Privacy Complaint Process to receive and respond to complaints, concerns, and questions from individuals about NCUA’s privacy practices. The process is described on NCUA’s privacy website. The Privacy team appropriately records and tracks complaints, concerns, and questions to ensure prompt remediation.

Quality and Integrity

NCUA should create, collect, use, process, store, maintain, disseminate, or disclose PII with such accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness as is reasonably necessary to ensure fairness to the individual.
Source of the PII

MARS accesses other NCUA systems to obtain relevant PII based upon the user log in to the overall system environment. Specifically, MARS accesses the NCUA Security Application and Active directory to obtain the PII information. MARS does not collect PII from users.

Security

*NCUA should establish administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect PII commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the harm that would result from its unauthorized access, use, modification, loss, destruction, dissemination, or disclosure.*

Safeguards

The PII is saved within NCUA databases and would reflect the overall security of the database. The PII is obtained from NCUA tables, and is then saved again in MARS-specific NCUA tables. In other words, the data originates and remains in the same secure environment.

Transparency

*NCUA should be transparent about information policies and practices with respect to PII, and should provide clear and accessible notice regarding creation, collection, use, processing, storage, maintenance, dissemination, and disclosure of PII.*

Applicable SORN

Due to the nature of this system, a SORN is not required.

Availability of Privacy Notices

The SORN and PIA for the MARS are publicly available on the privacy page of NCUA’s website.
Accountability

NCUA should be accountable for complying with these principles and applicable privacy requirements, and should appropriately monitor, audit, and document compliance. NCUA should also clearly define the roles and responsibilities with respect to PII for all employees and contractors, and should provide appropriate training to all employees and contractors who have access to PII.

Compliance with the Fair Information Privacy Principles

As evidenced by this PIA (and the other information publicly available on the privacy page of NCUA’s website), NCUA is committed to achieving and maintaining compliance with the Fair Information Privacy Principles.

Roles and Responsibilities of NCUA Staff

As detailed in the NCUA Computer Security Rules of Behavior, all NCUA staff are responsible for protecting PII from unauthorized exposure and for reducing the volume and types of PII necessary for program functions. Staff must protect all PII that they handle, process, compile, maintain, store, transmit, or report on in their daily work.

To protect PII, staff must use proper collection, storage, transportation, transmission, and disposal methods, must not access PII beyond what they need to complete their job duties, and must not disclose PII to unauthorized parties. Managers are also responsible for providing their subordinates with context-specific practical guidance about protecting PII.

All NCUA staff are required to review and acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the Rules of Behavior upon gaining access to NCUA’s information systems and associated data.

Failure to protect PII may result in administrative sanctions, and criminal and/or civil penalties.\(^3\)

\(^3\) 5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(3); NCUA Computer Security Rules of Behavior.
Training

Together with the Office of Human Resources, the Privacy team ensures that new employees complete mandatory privacy training, and all existing employees and contractor employees complete privacy refresher training once every fiscal year. NCUA staff electronically certify acceptance of their privacy responsibilities as a part of annual privacy refresher training. The Privacy team keeps auditable records of completion of all mandatory trainings.

Approval

This PIA was approved by or on behalf of the Senior Agency Official for Privacy on 7/11/17.