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National Credit Union Administration

# Privacy Impact Assessment for NCUA Connect

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## PIA for NCUA Connect • FY2019

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## About this Document

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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.<sup>1</sup> Completion of a PIA is a precondition for the issuance of an authorization to operate.<sup>2</sup>

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

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**System Name:** NCUA Connect

**NCUA Office Owner:** OCIO

**System Manager:** [REDACTED]

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<sup>1</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 3501, note; Pub. L. 107-347, § 208(b).

<sup>2</sup> OMB Memorandum M-14-04, *Fiscal Year 2013 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Act and Agency Privacy Management* (2013).



## Authority

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*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.*

### Authority for the System

12 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq.

## Purpose Specification and Use Limitation

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*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 implementation of NCUA Connect is a part of the Business Innovation Division modernization effort and the system will be used to provision identity and access management to the Examination and Supervision System (ESS) - MERIT System, and future Enterprise Solution Modernization Program applications. NCUA Connect is a cloud-based Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) that provides cloud-based identity and access management capability for the ESS - MERIT System and other NCUA applications. NCUA Connect provides a single, uniform framework for managing users and allows for a coherent Identify and Access Management (IAM) strategy

### Intended Use of the PII Collected

NCUA Connect is used for the purpose of carrying out the NCUA's statutorily mandated examination and supervision activities. Specifically, this system is the interface through which authorized users access NCUA's other major examination, supervision, and reporting related systems. It is designed to provide a one-stop entry point for internal and external users, which should enhance user experience, while also streamlining security activities.



## Sharing of the PII

Access to NCUA Connect is restricted to only authorized, named individuals with a need to know, least privileged access is enforced, and the flow of information is restricted (where appropriate). This will initially include NCUA staff, system integrator contractors (with signed Non-Disclosure Agreements), and representatives from North Carolina and Washington State Supervisory Authorities (SSAs) who are on our Integrated Project Teams (IPTs) who will have access only to data associated with credit unions in their states. After full system implementation, the remaining SSAs will have access only to data associated with credit unions in their states. Internal Users will have a unique user ID corresponding to their NCUA email address, external users usernames are their associated email.

## Minimization

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*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 PI Collected

Records in the system contain basic log-in information, including username, password, email address, and role. The system also contains log-in/access records.

## Individual Participation

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*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

Individuals consent to their personally identifiable information being stored in this system.

## 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

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*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

The sources of information in the system are the individual users, or someone acting on their behalf (such as an administrator in their organization, or an NCUA employee or contractor).

## Security

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*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

PII is stored on dedicated secure instance, approved by NCUA's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), within a FedRAMP-authorized commercial Cloud Service Provider's (CSP) Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) hosting environment and accessed only by authorized personnel.

Access is limited to individuals authorized through NIST-compliant Identity, Credential, and Access Management policies and procedures. The records are maintained behind a layered defensive posture consistent with all applicable federal laws and regulations, including OMB Circular A-130 and NIST Special Publications 800-37.

Further, access is restricted to only authorized, named individuals with a need to know, least privileged access is enforced, and the flow of information is restricted (where appropriate). Internal Users will have a unique user ID corresponding to their NCUA email address, external users usernames are their associated email.

## Transparency

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*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

This system is covered by NCUA-21.

### Availability of Privacy Notices

The SORN and PIA for the NCUA Connect are publicly available on [the privacy page of NCUA's website](#).

## Accountability

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*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.<sup>3</sup>

## **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

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<sup>3</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(3); NCUA Computer Security Rules of Behavior.



of annual privacy refresher training. The Privacy team keeps auditable records of completion of all mandatory trainings.

## Approval

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This PIA was approved by or on behalf of the Senior Agency Official for Privacy on 2/28/19.

