

**533.315 Loans.**

1. *General lending power.* A state credit union may loan to a member for a provident or productive purpose.

a. Loans are subject to the conditions contained in [this section](#) and in the bylaws.

b. A loan may be repaid by the borrower, in whole or in part, any day the office of the state credit union is open for business.

c. A loan shall be made pursuant to an application with supportive credit information.

d. The superintendent may adopt rules requiring periodic updating of credit or financial information for all loans or for classes of loans designated in the rules.

2. *Aggregate lending to one member.* A state credit union shall not lend in the aggregate to a member more than ten percent of its member savings.

3. *Lending to a credit union director.* A director of a state credit union may borrow from that state credit union under the provisions of [this chapter](#), but the rates, terms, and conditions of a loan or line of credit either made to or endorsed or guaranteed by the director shall not be more favorable than the rates, terms, or conditions of comparable existing loans or lines of credit provided to other members. The aggregate amount of all director loans and lines of credit shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the assets of the state credit union.

4. *Loans on real property.*

a. A state credit union may make permanent loans, construction loans, combined construction and permanent loans, or second mortgage loans secured by liens on real property, as authorized by rules adopted by the superintendent. The rules shall contain provisions as necessary to ensure the safety and soundness of these loans, and to ensure full and fair disclosure to borrowers of the effects of provisions in agreements for these loans, including provisions permitting change or adjustment of any terms of a loan, provisions permitting, requiring, or prohibiting repayment of a loan on a basis other than of equal periodic installments of interest plus principal over a fixed term, provisions imposing penalties for a borrower's noncompliance with requirements of a loan agreement, or provisions allowing or requiring a borrower to choose from alternative courses of action at any time during the effectiveness of a loan agreement.

b. (1) A state credit union may include in the loan documents signed by the borrower a provision requiring the borrower to pay the state credit union each month in addition to interest and principal under the note an amount equal to one-twelfth of the estimated annual real estate taxes, special assessments, hazard insurance premium, mortgage insurance premium, or any other payment agreed to by the borrower and the state credit union in order to better secure the loan. The state credit union shall be deemed to be acting in a fiduciary capacity with respect to these funds.

(2) A state credit union receiving funds in escrow pursuant to an escrow agreement executed on or after July 1, 1982, in connection with a loan as defined in [section 535.8, subsection 1](#), shall pay interest to the borrower on those funds, calculated on a daily basis, at the rate the state credit union pays to its members on ordinary savings deposits.

(3) A state credit union that maintains an escrow account in connection with any loan authorized by [this subsection](#), whether or not the mortgage has been assigned to a third person, shall each year deliver to the mortgagor a written annual accounting of all transactions made with respect to the loan and escrow account.

c. A state credit union that obtains a report or opinion by an attorney or from another mortgage lender relating to defects in or liens or encumbrances on the title to real property, the unmarketability of the title to real property, or the invalidity or unenforceability of liens or encumbrances on real property, shall provide a copy of the report or opinion to the mortgagor and the mortgagor's attorney.

5. *Escrow reports.* A state credit union may act as an escrow agent with respect to real property that is mortgaged to the state credit union, and may receive funds and make disbursements from escrowed funds in that capacity. The state credit union shall be deemed to be acting in a fiduciary capacity with respect to escrowed funds. A state credit union that maintains an escrow account, whether or not a mortgage has been assigned to a third person, shall deliver to the mortgagor a written summary of all transactions made with

respect to the loan and escrow accounts during each calendar year. However, the mortgagor and mortgagee may, by mutual agreement, select a fiscal year reporting period other than the calendar year. The summary shall be delivered or mailed not later than thirty days following the year to which the disclosure relates. The summary shall contain all of the following information:

- a. The name and address of the mortgagee.
- b. The name and address of the mortgagor.
- c. A summary of escrow account activity during the year as follows:
  - (1) The balance of the escrow account at the beginning of the year.
  - (2) The aggregate amount of deposits to the escrow account during the year.
  - (3) The aggregate amount of withdrawals from the escrow account for each of the following categories:
    - (a) Payments against loan principal.
    - (b) Payments against interest.
    - (c) Payments against real estate taxes.
    - (d) Payments for real property insurance premiums.
    - (e) All other withdrawals.
  - (4) The balance of the escrow account at the end of the year.
- d. A summary of loan principal for the year as follows:
  - (1) The amount of principal outstanding at the beginning of the year.
  - (2) The aggregate amount of payments against principal during the year.
  - (3) The amount of principal outstanding at the end of the year.
6. *Other loans.* Loans that are not secured by real property shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Loans to any one member that in the aggregate exceed the unsecured loan limit established by the board of directors of a state credit union shall be secured by one or more cosigners or guarantors, or by a first lien on collateral having a value that is approximately equal to the amount in excess of such unsecured loan limit. Every cosigner or guarantor shall furnish the state credit union with evidence of financial responsibility.
  - b. [This subsection](#) shall not be deemed to preclude a credit committee or loan officer from requiring security for any loan.
  - c. A state credit union may make loans according to any or all of the following:
    - (1) Loans insured under the provisions of 20 U.S.C. §1071 – 1087 or similar state programs.
    - (2) Loans insured by the federal housing administration under 12 U.S.C. §1703.
    - (3) Loans to families of low or moderate income as a part of programs authorized in [chapter 16](#).
  - d. The restrictions and limitations contained in [this subsection](#) do not apply to loans made to a member credit union by a corporate central credit union.
7. *Loan renewals and extensions.* [This section](#) shall not prevent the renewal or extension of loans.
8. *Penalties.* The superintendent may impose a penalty on a state credit union for each loan made in violation of [this section](#). If a state credit union, after notice in writing, and opportunity for hearing, fails to satisfactorily resolve the matter within sixty days from receipt of such notice, the superintendent may impose a penalty against such state credit union in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars per day per violation for each day the violation remains unresolved.
9. *Consumer credit code.*
  - a. The provisions of the Iowa consumer credit code, [chapter 537](#), shall apply to consumer loans made by a state credit union, and a provision of that chapter shall supersede any conflicting provision of [this chapter](#) with respect to a consumer loan.
  - b. Notwithstanding paragraph “a”, a state credit union may offer voluntary debt cancellation coverage, whether insurance or debt waiver, to members. The amount charged for the coverage shall be included in the amount financed, as defined in [section 537.1301](#). However, the charge for such coverage may be excluded from the finance charge under the federal Truth in Lending Act as defined in [section 537.1302](#).
10. *Early loan repayment.* If a member elects to repay a loan secured by a mortgage or

deed of trust upon real property that is a single-family or a two-family dwelling or agricultural land at a date earlier than is required by the terms of the loan, the state credit union shall be governed by [section 535.9](#).

11. *Interest on prepayment.* Real estate loans on one-family to four-family dwellings may be repaid in part or in full at any time, except that a state credit union may charge not to exceed six months' advance interest on that part of the aggregate amount of all prepayments made on such loan in any twelve-month period which exceeds twenty percent of the original principal amount of the loan; and may charge any negotiated rate on other loans. [This subsection](#), however, does not authorize a state credit union to charge any advance interest or prepayment penalty where prohibited by [section 535.9](#).

[2007 Acts, ch 174, §46; 2011 Acts, ch 34, §126](#)

Referred to in [§535B.11](#)