

Chapter DFI-CU 71

LEASING OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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DFI-CU 71.01 Purpose and scope. The purpose of this chapter is to permit Wisconsin-chartered credit unions to engage in the financing of leased personal property for members.

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DFI-CU 71.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

(1) “Full-payout lease” means a lease from which the lessor can reasonably expect to realize a return of its full investment in the leased property plus the estimated cost of financing the property over the term of the lease from any of the following:

- (a) Rentals.
- (b) Estimated tax benefits if applicable.

(c) The estimated residual value of the property at the expiration of the initial term of the lease, provided any unguaranteed portion of the estimated residual value relied upon by the credit union to yield a full return under this subsection does not exceed 25% of the original cost of the property to the lessor.

(2) “Net lease” means a lease under which the credit union will not, directly or indirectly, provide or be obligated to provide for any of the following:

- (a) The servicing, repair, or maintenance of the leased property during the lease term.
- (b) The purchasing of parts and accessories for the leased property, except that improvements and additions to the leased property may be leased to the lessee upon its request in accordance with the full-payout requirements of this chapter.
- (c) The loan of replacement or substitute property while the leased property is being serviced.
- (d) The purchasing of insurance for the lessee, except where the lessee has failed in its contractual obligation to purchase or maintain the required insurance.
- (e) The renewal of any license or registration for the property unless the renewal by the credit union is clearly necessary to protect its interest as an owner or financier of the property.

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DFI-CU 71.03 Authority to lease personal property. Subject to the limitations in this chapter and provided the lease is a net, full-payout lease representing a noncancelable obligation of the lessee, notwithstanding the possible early termination of that lease, a credit union may do any of the following:

- (1) Become the legal or beneficial owner and lessor of spe-

cific personal property or otherwise acquire such property at the request of the lessee who wishes to lease it from the credit union.

(2) Become the owner and lessor of personal property by purchasing the property from another lessor in connection with its purchase of the related lease.

(3) Incur obligations incidental to its position as the legal or beneficial owner and lessor of the leased property.

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DFI-CU 71.04 Recovery in the event of default. If, in good faith, a credit union determines that there has been an unanticipated change in conditions which threatens its financial position by significantly increasing its exposure to loss, the credit union may do any of the following:

(1) As the owner and lessor under a net, full-payout, lease, take reasonable and appropriate action to salvage or protect the value of the property or its interests arising under the lease.

(2) As the assignee of a lessor’s interest in a lease, become the owner and lessor of the leased property pursuant to its contractual right, or take any reasonable and appropriate action to salvage or protect the value of the property or its interests arising under the lease.

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DFI-CU 71.05 Application of other laws. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to be in conflict with the duties, liabilities and standards imposed by the Consumer Leasing Act of 1976, 15 USC 1667 et. seq. or the Wisconsin Consumer Act, chs. 421 to 427, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, January, 1992, No. 433, eff. 2-1-92.

DFI-CU 71.06 Limitation on leasing concentrations. Leases permissible under this chapter are subject to the limitation on obligations under s. 186.098 (5), Stats., and Part 701.21 (h), CFR.

Note: In operating under this chapter it is anticipated that credit unions will estimate the total cost of financing the property over the term of the lease to reflect, among other factors, the term of the lease, the modes of financing available to the lessor, the credit rating of each lessor and lessee involved in the transaction and prevailing rates in the money and capital markets. Where the calculation of the cost of financing according to this formula is not reasonably determinable, a lease may be considered to have met the test for recovering the cost financing if the credit union’s yield from the lease is equivalent to what the yield would be on a similar loan. In all cases, both the estimated residual value of the property and that portion of the estimated residual value relied upon by the lessor to satisfy the requirements of a full-payout lease must be reasonable in light of the nature of the leased property and all relevant circumstances so that realization of the lessor’s full investment plus the cost of financing the property primarily depends on the creditworthiness of the lessee and any guarantor of the residual value, and not on the residual market value of the leased item.

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