

Volunteer/Intern Application Please Print Clearly

Check one:VolunteerIntern
Name:
Days and hours available to volunteer: Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Do you expect your availability to remain consistent for the next six months? Yes No If not, please explain:
Please state your interest in volunteering/interning with WACOSA.
What qualities do you believe you possess to fulfill the volunteer/intern position you are seeking?
Have you volunteered/interned for WACOSA before?YesNo If yes, please describe and give the name of supervisor:
Internship Position Information: School: Academic program: School contact/instructor: Name:Phone number: () Supervisor qualifications: Projected start date:End date: Total number of hours:
Outcome to be achieved:

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Educational Background:	
Work / Volunteer Experience:	
Special Skills / Interests:	
References: Please list at least one work/volunteer reference, if whenever possible.	possible. Also, please use daytime phone numbers
Name: Pho	
How do you know this person?	
How long have you known him/her?	
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How long have you known him/her?	
I authorize WACOSA to contact the above references. I c best of my knowledge. I also understand that all informat will remain confidential.	ertify that the above information is true and verifiable to the tion contained within this application and its attachments
Signature:	Date:

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please Print)	Account Number: 101-107534
Applicant Name: (First Middle Last)	Current Address: (street address)
Other Name(s) Used: (like Maiden)	City: State: Zip:
Gender: *	Former Address: (1)
Social Security Number:*	City: State: Zip:
Driver's License Number.: State:	Former Address: (2)
Date of Birth: * Place of Birth: (City, State, Country)	City: State: Zip:
* This information will be used for purposes of background screening only	and will not be used in making any employment decisions.
Employer ("the Company") may obtain information about you from a consubject of a "consumer report" and/or an "investigative consumer report" personal characteristics, and/or mode of living, and which can involve personal references, social networking (i.e. Facebook, Twitter), drug screecive any criminal record information pertaining to you which may be incredit reports will only be requested where such information is substant applying. These reports may be obtained at any time after receipt of you have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time any investigative consumer report and to request a copy of your report. Investigative consumer report and to request a copy of your report. Investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employed this disclosure and authorization is all-encompassing, however	workers compensation records, credit bureau files, employment references, reening, any educational and licensing institution or military branch and to in the files of any federal, state or local criminal justice agency in any state. It is the files of any federal, state or local criminal justice agency in any state. It is is given a the files and responsibilities of the position for which you are are signed authorization and, if you are hired, throughout your employment. Interviews, except in California where that term means any consumer report. In after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of ployment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history 10-800-3774 www.infomart-usa.com or another outside organization. The replication is all manner of the course of your employment to the extent permitted by right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative
requested by Employer by contacting the consumer reporting agency idename, address and telephone number of the nearest unit of the consumprovide within 5 days.	entified directly above. You may also contact the Company to request the ner reporting agency designated to handle inquiries, which Employer shall
if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the	
secured records is available to you upon request.	edies available should you suspect or find that Employer has not maintained
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Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or employees only: Please chois obtained by the Company.	eck this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one
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Account Number: 101-1078	Applicant Name: (First Middle Last)	Account Number: 101-1075
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I acknowledge receipt of the DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" at any time after receipt of this Acknowledgement and Authorization and, if I am hired, throughout my employment. I understand that, except in California, InfoMart, 1582 Terrell Mill Road, Marietta, GA 30067 800.800.3774 www.infomart-usa.com, and its agents, and/or another outside organization acting on behalf of Employer, and/or Employer itself may rely on this authorization to order additional consumer reports, including investigative consumer reports, from time to time during my employment, as deemed necessary for employment purposes and as allowed by law. I also authorize the following agencies and entities to disclose to InfoMart and its agents, and/or another outside organization acting on behalf of Employer, and/or Employer itself, all information about or concerning me, including, but not limited to: my past or present employers; learning institutions, including colleges and universities; law enforcement and all other federal, state and local agencies; federal, state and local courts; the military; credit bureaus; insurance companies; testing facilities; motor vehicle records agencies; all other private and public sector repositories of information; and any other person, organization, or agency with any information about or concerning me. The information that can be disclosed includes, but is not limited to, information concerning my employment history, earnings history, education, credit history, motor vehicle history, criminal history, military service, drug testing results, and professional credentials and licenses. I agree that a facsimile ("fax") or photographic copy of this Acknowledgement and Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

New York applicants or employees only: By signing below,	you also acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of	the New York Correction Law.
California applicants or employees only: By signing below, INVESTIGATION AND CREDIT CHECKS PURSUANT TO CA investigative consumer report or consumer credit report if one a copy under California law.	ALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you	would like to receive a copy of an
APPLICANT: Signature:	Date:/ /	InfoMart
Print Name:		Fax BOTH pages to: (770) 984-8997

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSED FACILITIES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGENCIES

BACKGROUND STUDY PRIVACY NOTICE

Because the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting that you provide private information about yourself, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act requires that you be informed of the following:

- 1. Purpose and intended use of the information: Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C, requires the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct background studies on individuals providing direct contact services to people receiving services from facilities and agencies licensed by DHS. The background studies are to be completed according to the requirements in Minnesota Statues, chapter 245C. The information requested will be used to perform a background study of you that will include at least a review of criminal conviction records held by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and records of substantiated maltreatment of vulnerable adults and children. DHS may also later require you to submit additional information and/or your fingerprints if necessary to complete your background study. For all individuals who are subject to background studies by DHS, the corrections system will report new criminal convictions for disqualifying crimes to DHS. County agencies and the Minnesota Department of Health report substantiated findings of maltreatment of minors and vulnerable adults to DHS.
- 2. Whether you may refuse or are legally required to provide the information: Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C, states that the individual who is the subject of a study must provide sufficient information to ensure an accurate background study.
- 3. Known consequences that may arise from supplying the information: Individuals who have histories with the characteristics identified in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C, will be disqualified from positions allowing direct contact with persons receiving services. Health-related licensing boards will make a determination whether to impose disciplinary or corrective action on individuals regulated by health-related licensing boards who have been determined to be responsible for substantiated maltreatment. Individuals who do not have disqualifying characteristics will not be disqualified.
- 4. Known consequences that will arise from refusing to supply the requested information: Only items identified as "optional" may be left blank. Refusal to provide the information necessary to ensure an accurate and complete background study will result in your disqualification and an order to the agency or facility to remove you from any position allowing direct contact to persons receiving services.
- 5. Identification of other agencies or entities authorized to receive this information: The information you provide will be shared with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. If DHS has reasonable cause to believe that other agencies may have information pertinent to a disqualification, the information may also be shared with county attorneys, county sheriffs, courts, county agencies, local police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Attorney General, agencies with criminal record information systems in other states, and juvenile courts. Background study results may be shared with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General, non-licensed personal care provider organizations, and health-related licensing boards. If you have a disqualifying characteristic, the facility will be told only that you are disqualified and will not be told what caused your disqualification, unless you were disqualified for refusing to cooperate with the background study or for serious and/or recurring maltreatment of a minor or vulnerable adult. The information about you received as part of a background study is classified as private data and, except for the agencies noted, cannot be shared without your consent.

All users of consumer reports must comply with all applicable regulations. Information about applicable regulations currently in effect can be found at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's website, www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

NOTICE TO USERS OF CONSUMER REPORTS: OBLIGATIONS OF USERS UNDER THE FCRA

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), 15 U.S.C. 1681-1681y, requires that this notice be provided to inform users of consumer reports of their legal obligations. State law may impose additional requirements. The text of the FCRA is set forth in full at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) website at www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore. At the end of this document is a list of United States Code citations for the FCRA. Other information about user duties is also available at the CFPB's website. Users must consult the relevant provisions of the FCRA for details about their obligations under the FCRA.

The first section of this summary sets forth the responsibilities imposed by the FCRA on all users of consumer reports. The subsequent sections discuss the duties of users of reports that contain specific types of information, or that are used for certain purposes, and the legal consequences of violations. If you are a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency (CRA), you have additional obligations and will receive a separate notice from the CRA describing your duties as a furnisher.

I. OBLIGATIONS OF ALL USERS OF CONSUMER REPORTS

A. <u>Users Must Have a Permissible Purpose</u>

Congress has limited the use of consumer reports to protect consumers' privacy. All users must have a permissible purpose under the FCRA to obtain a consumer report. Section 604 contains a list of the permissible purposes under the law. These are:

- As ordered by a court or a federal grand jury subpoena. Section 604(a)(1)
- As instructed by the consumer in writing. Section 604(a)(2)
- For the extension of credit as a result of an application from a consumer, or the review or collection of a consumer's account. Section 604(a)(3)(A)
- For employment purposes, including hiring and promotion decisions, where the consumer has given written permission. Sections 604(a)(3)(B) and 604(b)
- For the underwriting of insurance as a result of an application from a consumer. Section 604(a)(3)(C)
- When there is a legitimate business need, in connection with a business transaction that is <u>initiated</u> by the consumer. Section 604(a)(3)(F)(i)
- To review a consumer's account to determine whether the consumer continues to meet the terms of the account. Section 604(a)(3)(F)(ii)
- To determine a consumer's eligibility for a license or other benefit granted by a governmental instrumentality required by law to consider an applicant's financial responsibility or status. <u>Section</u> 604(a)(3)(D)
- For use by a potential investor or servicer, or current insurer, in a valuation or assessment of the credit or prepayment risks associated with an existing credit obligation. Section 604(a)(3)(E)
- For use by state and local officials in connection with the determination of child support payments, or modifications and enforcement thereof. Sections 604(a)(4) and 604(a)(5)

In addition, creditors and insurers may obtain certain consumer report information for the purpose of making "prescreened" unsolicited offers of credit or insurance. Section 604(c). The particular obligations of users of "prescreened" information are described in Section VII below.

B. Users Must Provide Certifications

Section 604(f) prohibits any person from obtaining a consumer report from a consumer reporting agency (CRA) unless the person has certified to the CRA the permissible purpose(s) for which the report is being obtained and certifies that the report will not be used for any other purpose.

C. <u>Users Must Notify Consumers When Adverse Actions Are Taken</u>

Para información en español, visite www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment or to take another adverse action against you must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- You have the right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
 - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
 - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
 - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
 - you are on public assistance;
 - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for additional information.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score. Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed

or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights. For more information, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:

- 1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates.
- b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:
- 2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:
- a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks
- b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act
- c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations
- d. Federal Credit Unions
- 3. Air carriers
- 4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board
- 5. Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921
- 6. Small Business Investment Companies
- 7. Brokers and Dealers
- 8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations
- 9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above

CONTACT:

- a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552
- b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
- a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050
- b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480
- c. FDIC Consumer Response Center 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11 Kansas City, MO 64106
- d. National Credit Union Administration
 Office of Consumer Protection (OCP)
 Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO)
 1775 Duke Street
 Alexandria, VA 22314
 Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings
 Aviation Consumer Protection Division
 Department of Transportation

Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board
Department of Transportation
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor

Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, SW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416
Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F St NE Washington, DC 20549
Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090

FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357

The term "adverse action" is defined very broadly by Section 603. "Adverse actions" include all business, credit, and employment actions affecting consumers that can be considered to have a negative impact as defined by Section 603(k) of the FCRA – such as denying or canceling credit or insurance, or denying employment or promotion. No adverse action occurs in a credit transaction where the creditor makes a counteroffer that is accepted by the consumer.

1. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From a CRA

If a user takes any type of adverse action as defined by the FCRA that is based at least in part on information contained in a consumer report, Section 615(a) requires the user to notify the consumer. The notification may be done in writing, orally, or by electronic means. It must include the following:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the CRA (including a toll-free telephone number, if it is a nationwide CRA) that provided the report.
- A statement that the CRA did not make the adverse decision and is not able to explain why the decision was made.
- A statement setting forth the consumer's right to obtain a free disclosure of the consumer's file from the CRA if the consumer makes a request within 60 days.
- A statement setting forth the consumer's right to dispute directly with the CRA the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by the CRA.

2. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From Third Parties Who Are Not Consumer Reporting Agencies

If a person denies (or increases the charge for) credit for personal, family, or household purposes based either wholly or partly upon information from a person other than a CRA, and the information is the type of consumer information covered by the FCRA, Section 615(b)(1) requires that the user clearly and accurately disclose to the consumer his or her right to be told the nature of the information that was relied upon if the consumer makes a written request within 60 days of notification. The user must provide the disclosure within a reasonable period of time following the consumer's written request.

3. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From Affiliates

If a person takes an adverse action involving insurance, employment, or a credit transaction initiated by the consumer, based on information of the type covered by the FCRA, and this information was obtained from an entity affiliated with the user of the information by common ownership or control, Section 615(b)(2) requires the user to notify the consumer of the adverse action. The notice must inform the consumer that he or she may obtain a disclosure of the nature of the information relied upon by making a written request within 60 days of receiving the adverse action notice. If the consumer makes such a request, the user must disclose the nature of the information not later than 30 days after receiving the request. If consumer report information is shared among affiliates and then used for an adverse action, the user must make an adverse action disclosure as set forth in I.C.1 above.

D. <u>Users Have Obligations When Fraud and Active Duty Military Alerts are in Files</u>

When a consumer has placed a fraud alert, including one relating to identify theft, or an active duty military alert with a nationwide consumer reporting agency as defined in Section 603(p) and resellers, Section 605A(h) imposes limitations on users of reports obtained from the consumer reporting agency in certain circumstances, including the establishment of a new credit plan and the issuance of additional credit cards. For initial fraud alerts and active duty alerts, the user must have reasonable policies and procedures in place to form a belief that the user knows the identity of the applicant or contact the consumer at a telephone number specified by the consumer; in the case of extended fraud alerts, the user must contact the consumer in accordance with the contact information provided in the consumer's alert.

E. <u>Users Have Obligations When Notified of an Address Discrepancy</u>

Section 605(h) requires nationwide CRAs, as defined in Section 603(p), to notify users that request reports when the address for a consumer provided by the user in requesting the report is substantially different from the addresses in the consumer's file. When this occurs, users must comply with regulations specifying the procedures to be followed.

Federal regulations are available at www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

F. <u>Users Have Obligations When Disposing of Records</u>

Section 628 requires that all users of consumer report information have in place procedures to properly dispose of records containing this information. Federal regulations are available at www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

II. CREDITORS MUST MAKE ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

If a person uses a consumer report in connection with an application for, or a grant, extension, or provision of, credit to a consumer on material terms that are materially less favorable than the most favorable terms available to a substantial proportion of consumers from or through that person, based in whole or in part on a consumer report, the person must provide a risk-based pricing notice to the consumer in accordance with regulations prescribed by the CFPR.

Section 609(g) requires a disclosure by all persons that make or arrange loans secured by residential real property (one to four units) and that use credit scores. These persons must provide credit scores and other information about credit scores to applicants, including the disclosure set forth in Section 609(g)(1)(D) ("Notice to the Home Loan Applicant").

III. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS WHEN CONSUMER REPORTS ARE OBTAINED FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES

A. Employment Other Than in the Trucking Industry

If the information from a CRA is used for employment purposes, the user has specific duties, which are set forth in Section 604(b) of the FCRA. The user must:

- Make a clear and conspicuous written disclosure to the consumer before the report is obtained, in a document that consists solely of the disclosure, that a consumer report may be obtained.
- Obtain from the consumer prior written authorization. Authorization to access reports during the term of employment may be obtained at the time of employment.
- Certify to the CRA that the above steps have been followed, that the information being obtained will not be used in violation of any federal or state equal opportunity law or regulation, and that, if any adverse action is to be taken based on the consumer report, a copy of the report and a summary of the consumer's rights will be provided to the consumer.
- **Before** taking an adverse action, the user must provide a copy of the report to the consumer as well as the summary of consumer's rights (The user should receive this summary from the CRA.) A Section 615(a) adverse action notice should be sent after the adverse action is taken.

An adverse action notice also is required in employment situations if credit information (other than transactions and experience data) obtained from an affiliate is used to deny employment. Section 615(b)(2).

The procedures for investigative consumer reports and employee misconduct investigations are set forth below.

B. Employment in the Trucking Industry

Special rules apply for truck drivers where the only interaction between the consumer and the potential employer is by mail, telephone, or computer. In this case, the consumer may provide consent orally or electronically, and an adverse action may be made orally, in writing, or electronically. The consumer may obtain a copy of any report relied upon by the trucking company by contacting the company.

IV. OBLIGATIONS WHEN INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ARE USED

Investigative consumer reports are a special type of consumer report in which information about a consumer's character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living is obtained through personal interviews by an entity or person that is a consumer reporting agency. Consumers who are the subjects of such reports are given special rights under the FCRA. If a user intends to obtain an investigative consumer report, Section 606 requires the following:

- The user must disclose to the consumer that an investigative consumer report may be obtained. This must be done in a written disclosure that is mailed, or otherwise delivered, to the consumer at some time before or not later than three days after the date on which the report was first requested. The disclosure must include a statement informing the consumer of his or her right to request additional disclosures of the nature and scope of the investigation as described below, and the summary of consumer rights required by Section 609 of the FCRA. (The summary of consumer rights will be provided by the CRA that conducts the investigation.)
- The user must certify to the CRA that the disclosures set forth above have been made and that the user will make the disclosure described below.
- Upon the written request of a consumer made within a reasonable period of time after the disclosures required above, the user must make a complete disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation. This must be made in a written statement that is mailed or otherwise delivered, to the consumer no later than five days after the date on which the request was received from the consumer or the report was first requested, whichever is later in time.

V. SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYMEE INVESTIGATIONS

Section 603(x) provides special procedures for investigations of suspected misconduct by an employee or for compliance with Federal, state or local laws and regulations or the rules of a self-regulatory organization, and compliance with written policies of the employer. These investigations are not treated as consumer reports so long as the employer or its agent complies with the procedures set forth in Section 603(x), and a summary describing the nature and scope of the inquiry is made to the employee if an adverse action is taken based on the investigation.

VI. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

Section 604(g) limits the use of medical information obtained from consumer reporting agencies (other than payment information that appears in a coded form that does not identify the medical provider). If the information is to be used for an insurance transaction, the consumer must give consent to the user of the report or the information must be coded. If the report is to be used for employment purposes – or in connection with a credit transaction (except as provided in regulations) the consumer must provide specific written consent and the medical information must be relevant. Any user who receives medical information shall not disclose the information to any other person (except where necessary to carry out the purpose for which the information was disclosed, or a permitted by statute, regulation, or order).

VII. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS OF "PRESCREENED" LISTS

The FCRA permits creditors and insurers to obtain limited consumer report information for use in connection with unsolicited offers of credit or insurance under certain circumstances. Sections 603(1), 604(c), 604(e), and 615(d). This practice is known as "prescreening" and typically involves obtaining from a CRA a list of consumers who meet certain preestablished criteria. If any person intends to use prescreened lists, that person must (1) before the offer is made, establish the criteria that will be relied upon to make the offer and to grant credit or insurance, and (2) maintain such criteria on file for a three-year period beginning on the date on which the offer is made to each consumer. In addition, any user must provide with each written solicitation a clear and conspicuous statement that:

- Information contained in a consumer's CRA file was used in connection with the transaction.
- The consumer received the offer because he or she satisfied the criteria for credit worthiness or insurability used to screen for the offer.
- Credit or insurance may not be extended if, after the consumer responds, it is determined that the consumer does not meet the criteria used for screening or any applicable criteria bearing on credit worthiness or insurability, or the consumer does not furnish required collateral.
- The consumer may prohibit the use of information in his or her file in connection with future prescreened offers of credit or insurance by contacting the notification system established by the CRA that provided the report. The statement must include the address and toll-free telephone number of the appropriate notification system.

In addition, the CFPB has established the format, type size, and manner of the disclosure required by Section 615(d), with which users must comply. The relevant regulation is 12 CFR 1022.54.

VIII. OBLIGATIONS OF RESELLERS

A. Disclosure and Certification Requirements

Section 607(e) requires any person who obtains a consumer report for resale to take the following steps:

- Disclose the identity of the end-user to the source CRA.
- Identify to the source CRA each permissible purpose for which the report will be furnished to the end-user.
- Establish and follow reasonable procedures to ensure that reports are resold only for permissible purposes, including procedures to obtain:
- (1) the identify of all end-users;
- (2) certifications from all users of each purpose for which reports will be used; and
- (3) certifications that reports will not be used for any purpose other than the purpose(s) specified to the reseller. Resellers must make reasonable efforts to verify this information before selling the report.

B. Reinvestigations by Resellers

Under Section 611(f), if a consumer disputes the accuracy or completeness of information in a report prepared by a reseller, the reseller must determine whether this is a result of an action or omission on its part and, if so, correct or delete the information. If not, the reseller must send the dispute to the source CRA for reinvestigation. When any CRA notifies the reseller of the results of an investigation, the reseller must immediately convey the information to the consumer.

C. Fraud Alerts and Resellers

Section 605A(f) requires resellers who receive fraud alerts or active duty alerts from another consumer reporting agency to include these in their reports.

IX. LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FCRA

Failure to comply with the FCRA can result in state government or federal government enforcement actions, as well as private lawsuits. <u>Sections 616, 617, and 621</u>. In addition, any person who knowingly and willfully obtains a consumer report under false pretenses may face criminal prosecution. <u>Section 619</u>.

The CFPB's website, <u>www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</u>, has more information about the FCRA, including publications for businesses and the full text of the FCRA.

Citations for FCRA sections in the U.S. Code, 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.:

Section Section Section	603	15	U.S.C. U.S.C. U.S.C.	1681a
Section	605	15	U.S.C.	1681c
Section	605A	15	U.S.C.	1681c-A
Section	605B	15	U.S.C.	1681c-B
Section	606	15	U.S.C.	1681d
Section	607	15	U.S.C.	1681e
Section	608	15	U.S.C.	1681f
Section	609	15	U.S.C.	1681g
Section	610	15	U.S.C.	1681h
Section	611	15	U.S.C.	1681i
Section	612	15	U.S.C.	1681j
Section	613	15	U.S.C.	1681k

Section 614	15 U.S.C. 1681
Section 615	15 U.S.C. 1681m
Section 616	15 U.S.C. 1681n
Section 617	15 U.S.C. 1681o
Section 618	15 U.S.C. 1681p
Section 619	15 U.S.C. 1681q
Section 620	15 U.S.C. 1681r
Section 621	15 U.S.C. 1681s
Section 622	15 U.S.C. 1681s-1
Section 623	15 U.S.C. 1681s-2
Section 624	15 U.S.C. 1681t
Section 625	15 U.S.C. 1681u
Section 626	15 U.S.C. 1681v
Section 627	15 U.S.C. 1681w
Section 628	15 U.S.C. 1681x
Section 629	15 U.S.C. 1681y

Para informacion en espanol, visite www.consumer.gov/idtheft o escribe a la FTC, Consumer Response Center, Room 130-B, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20580.

Remedying the Effects of Identity Theft

You are receiving this information because you have notified a consumer reporting agency that you believe that you are a victim of identity theft. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name, Social Security number, date of birth, or other identifying information, without authority, to commit fraud. For example, someone may have committed identity theft by using your personal information to open a credit card account or get a loan in your name. For more information, visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft or write to: FTC, Consumer Response Center, Room 130-B, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20580.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) gives you specific rights when you are, or believe that you are, the victim of identity theft. Here is a brief summary of the rights designed to help you recover from identity theft.

- 1. You have the right to ask that nationwide consumer reporting agencies place "fraud alerts" in your file to let potential creditors and others know that you may be a victim of identity theft. A fraud alert can make it more difficult for someone to get credit in your name because it tells creditors to follow certain procedures to protect you. It also may delay your ability to obtain credit. You may place a fraud alert in your file by calling just one of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. As soon as that agency processes your fraud alert, it will notify the other two, which then also must place fraud alerts in your file.
 - Equifax: 1-800-XXX-XXXX; <u>www.equifax.com</u>
 - Experian: 1-800-XXX-XXXX; <u>www.experian.com</u>
 - TransUnion: 1-800-XXX-XXXX; www.transunion.com

An <u>initial fraud alert</u> stays in your file for at least 90 days. An <u>extended alert</u> stays in your file for seven years. To place either of these alerts, a consumer reporting agency will require you to provide appropriate proof of your identity, which may include your Social Security number. If you ask for an extended alert, you will have to provide an *identity theft report*. An *identity theft report* includes a copy of a report you have filed with a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, and additional information a consumer reporting agency may require you to submit. For more detailed information about the *identity theft report*, visit <u>www.consumer.gov/idtheft</u>.

2. You have the right to free copies of the information in your file (your "file disclosure"). An initial fraud alert entitles you to a copy of all the information in your file at each of the three nationwide agencies, and an extended alert entitles you to two free file disclosures in a 12-month period following the placing of the alert. These additional disclosures may help you detect signs of fraud, for example, whether fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name or whether someone has reported a change in your address. Once a year, you also have the right to a free copy of the information in your file

at any consumer reporting agency, if you believe it has inaccurate information due to fraud, such as identity theft. You also have the ability to obtain additional free file disclosures under other provisions of the FCRA. See www.ftc.gov/credit.

- 3. You have the right to obtain documents relating to fraudulent transactions made or accounts opened using your personal information. A creditor or other business must give you copies of applications and other business records relating to transactions and accounts that resulted from the theft of your identity, if you ask for them in writing. A business may ask you for proof of your identity, a police report, and an affidavit before giving you the documents. It also may specify an address for you to send your request. Under certain circumstances, a business can refuse to provide you with these documents. See www.consumer.gov/idtheft.
- **4.** You have the right to obtain information from a debt collector. If you ask, a debt collector must provide you with certain information about the debt you believe was incurred in your name by an identity thief like the name of the creditor and the amount of the debt.
- 5. If you believe information in your file results from identity theft, you have the right to ask that a consumer reporting agency block that information from your file. An identity thief may run up bills in your name and not pay them. Information about the unpaid bills may appear on your consumer report. Should you decide to ask a consumer reporting agency to block the reporting of this information, you must identify the information to block, and provide the consumer reporting agency with proof of your identity and a copy of your *identity theft report*. The consumer reporting agency can refuse or cancel your request for a block if, for example, you don't provide the necessary documentation, or where the block results from an error or a material misrepresentation of fact made by you. If the agency declines or rescinds the block, it must notify you. Once a debt resulting from identity theft has been blocked, a person or business with notice of the block may not sell, transfer, or place the debt for collection.
- 6. You also may prevent businesses from reporting information about you to consumer reporting agencies if you believe the information is a result of identity theft. To do so, you must send your request to the address specified by the business that reports the information to the consumer reporting agency. The business will expect you to identify what information you do not want reported and to provide an *identity theft report*.

To learn more about identity theft and how to deal with its consequences, visit www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or write to the FTC. You may have additional rights under state law. For more information, contact your local consumer protection agency or your state attorney general.

In addition to the new rights and procedures to help consumers deal with the effects of identity theft, the FCRA has many other important consumer protections. They are described in more detail at www.ftc.gov/credit.