# Military Lending Act: More than the 36% Cap

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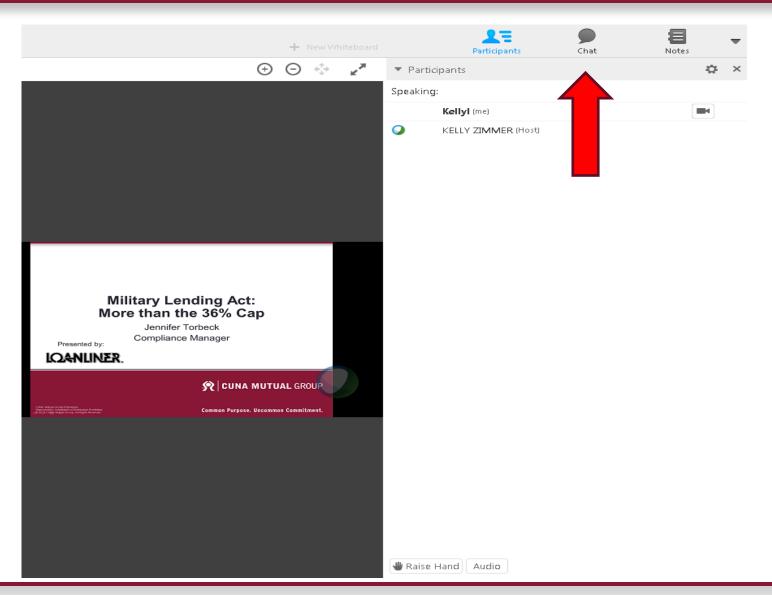


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## **Webinar Basics**



## Objectives

#### At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Recognize the new Military Lending Act requirements and their impact.
- Recall the date on which compliance with the new requirements is mandatory.
- Prepare to make changes in your lending functions to comply with the new requirements.

## What is the Military Lending Act (MLA)?

The MLA has been in effect since 2007 to protect our service men and women from predatory credit practices.

The Department of Defense recently expanded the scope of the MLA to cover more types of consumer credit. The rule limits the Military Annual Percentage Rate (MAPR) on a covered loan to 36%, but there are many other impacts of the rule.



## Why do we need to be concerned with MLA?



Members of the military can lose their security clearances for accumulating large amounts of personal debt or falling behind in payments.

Creditors face severe consequences for violating MLA:

- Contract is void from inception
- Fine and/or imprisonment for knowing violation
- Civil liability
- CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs
- Reputational harm

## When is compliance required?

October 3, 2016 for open-end and closed-end consumer credit

October 3, 2017 for credit cards

The rule applies to credit extended on or after these dates.

#### Which consumer loans are covered?



## **Existing Rule**

Definition of "consumer credit" only covers:

- Closed-end payday loans with terms of 91 days or less >\$2,000
- Closed-end vehicle title loans with term of 181 days or less
  - Closed-end tax refund anticipation loans



#### **Amended Rule**

Definition of "consumer credit" is consistent with Regulation Z:

Credit offered or extended to a covered borrower primarily for personal, family or household purposes, and that is:

- 1. Subject to a finance charge, or
- 2. Payable by a written agreement in more than four installments

**EXCLUDES**: residential mortgages, purchase money credit secured by motor vehicle or personal property, credit exempt from Regulation Z

#### Who is covered?

#### "Covered Borrower" means:

 a member of the armed forces who is on active duty, or active guard or reserve duty, at the time credit is extended ("covered member")

• a dependent of a covered member, at the time credit is

extended



#### How do we determine who is covered?

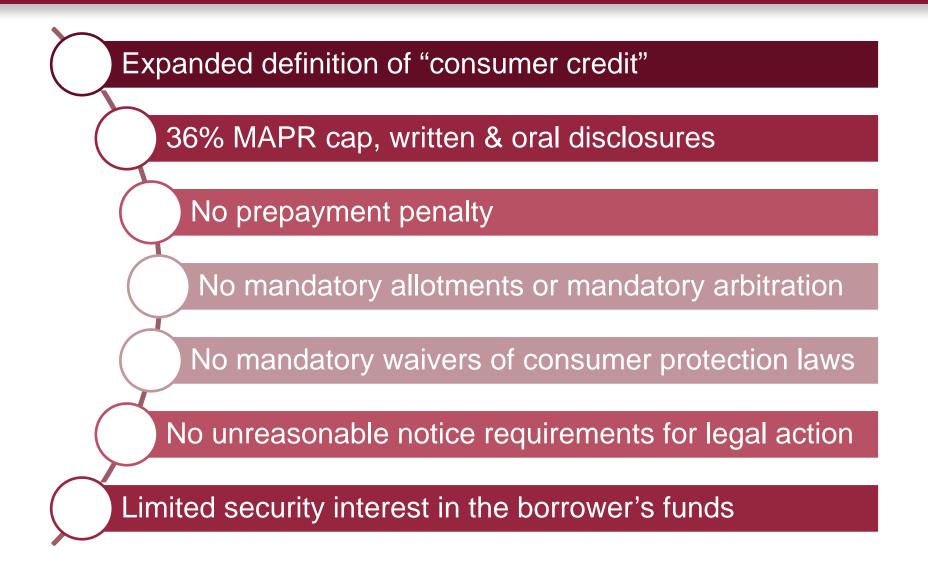
## New Safe Harbor

- Credit Union can use information either
  - ✓ (1) directly or indirectly from MLA database; or
  - ✓ (2) in a consumer report from a nationwide consumer reporting agency (or reseller)
- Legally conclusive determination if credit union maintains record of info obtained

## **Timing**

- When consumer initiates transaction or up to 30 days prior;
- At application or up to 30 days prior;
- When the creditor develops or processes a firm offer of credit (as long as the consumer responds within 60 days of the offer being provided)

#### 2015 Final Rule's Effects



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## Military Annual Percentage Rate Calculation (MAPR)



MAPR cannot exceed 36%.

The calculation includes any charge that is a "finance charge" under Regulation Z, premiums for credit insurance, fees for debt cancellation contracts, and fees for "credit-related ancillary products".

## MAPR Calculation Examples



**The Popes** 

Keith and Cheryl are married and have a son named Ben. Keith is a member of the Army National Guard serving on Active Duty.

Keith and Cheryl are applying for consumer loans with their local credit union.

## MAPR Calculation Example #1

Keith and Cheryl apply to refinance a loan secured by their car.



MAPR: 13.3765%

## MAPR Calculation Example #2

- Closed-end vehicle refinance loan
- \$15,000 loan amount, 60 month term

- 10% interest rate
- \$50 loan administration fee
- - Life, Disability & Involuntary Unemployment debt protection: \$5.75 per \$1,000
  - Mechanical Repair Coverage: \$2,000

MAPR = 23.0636%

## MAPR Calculation Example #3

## Cheryl and Keith apply for a personal loan to consolidate existing debts.

\$500 loan amount 12 month term 18% interest rate \$50 loan administration fee

MAPR = 36.8129%

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