

## **Customer FCRA Information Packet**

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At First Advantage, we are committed to your success.

An important part of our your employment screening program involves compliance with various state and federal laws, which is why we are enclosing information regarding the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). While we are happy to provide you with this information, it is your responsibility to comply with applicable law and to understand how the FCRA and other applicable laws pertain to your pre-employment screening program. You should consult your legal counsel regarding your legal obligations and the sufficiency of any form of consent you use.

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We hope you find this information helpful. Again, feel free to contact our Client Services department or your account representative if you have any questions about this Information Packet.

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# IMPORTANT FCRA COMPLIANCE INFORMATION FOR FIRST ADVANTAGE CLIENTS

In order to help you maintain compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), please note the following:

- A. *Prior* to ordering a background report, you must (i) provide a disclosure in a separate document from the employment application to the applicant/employee that a consumer report is being ordered, and (ii) obtain a written authorization from the applicant/employee. State law may also impose additional requirements.
- B. When considering taking adverse employment action (including, but not limited to, terminating employment, or denying employment or promotion, etc.) The FCRA has specific requirements you must follow, including:
  - 1. If you intend to take or are considering taking adverse action based on consumer report information (such as criminal records checks, credit checks, employment verifications, etc.) provided by First Advantage, you must first notify the individual before taking such action. A sample pre-adverse action letter is enclosed for your convenience. With the pre-adverse action letter, the employer must provide the individual with a copy of the Summary of Your Rights document(s) (federal in all cases and state specific as applicable) and a copy of the consumer report provided by First Advantage. The letter must include First Advantage's contact information and a notice that the applicant/employee may dispute the accuracy or completeness of information in his/her report.
  - 2. The employer must then <u>wait</u> a "reasonable period" of time to allow the applicant/employee to dispute any information in the report. The Federal Trade Commission has opined that 5 business days is generally reasonable.

After the waiting period expires and if there is no dispute, you can take adverse action. A sample final adverse action letter is enclosed. To be in compliance with FCRA guidelines, it is imperative that your communication includes First Advantage's name, toll-free phone number, and address, as well as a statement that First Advantage did not participate in the adverse decision and cannot provide specific reasons as to why the decision was made.

C. Some states, such as New York, also requires specific notices to be sent to applicants anytime negative criminal information appears on a report, regardless of whether you will be taking adverse action.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring your organization is in compliance with the FCRA. Please contact our Client Services department if you have any questions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For example, New Jersey, Washington and Massachusetts all have additional state law requirements.

## BACKGROUND DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION - Sample

The following are sample forms you may want to consider using as your disclosure and applicant authorization for background verifications. Prior to ordering a background report, you must (i) provide notification to the applicant/employee that a consumer report is being ordered and (ii) obtain the applicant's written authorization. We strongly urge you to consult your legal counsel regarding any questions you may have concerning this information and your compliance with the law.

In California, you must include a check box allowing the individual to request a full copy of his/her credit report and/or consumer report. You must include a reference to First Advantage's privacy policy URL with our contact information. In addition, you must include a separate disclosure that explains how an individual may obtain a copy of their report. We have provided a sample of this form for California residents.

In Minnesota and Oklahoma, you must include a check box indicating the applicant has the right to receive a free copy of their consumer report.

In Oregon, if you are requesting credit history, you must state the reasons you are requesting such information (i.e., how that information is related to the position).

In New York, you must provide a copy of Article 23-A of the New York Correction Act with the disclosure form.

In Washington, there are many other state law compliance requirements you should be aware of; thus we strongly urge you to consult with your legal counsel regarding these obligations.

#### DISCLOSURE

## [IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING AUTHORIZATION]

## DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

**[Employer]** ("the Company") may obtain information about you for employment purposes from a third party consumer reporting agency. Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" and/or an "investigative consumer report" which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living, and which can involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates. These reports may contain information regarding your credit history, criminal history, social security verification, motor vehicle records ("driving records"), verification of your education or employment history, or other background checks. Credit history will only be requested where such information is related to the duties and responsibilities of the position for which you are applying. You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report and a copy of any report about you. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history conducted by First Advantage Background Services Corp. ("First Advantage"), P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348,1-800-845-6004. The scope of this notice and authorization is all-encompassing, however, allowing the Company to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports and investigative consumer reports now and throughout the course of your employment to the extent permitted by law. As a result, you should carefully consider whether to exercise your right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report.

#### 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" by the Company at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my employment, if applicable. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by First Advantage P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-845-6004, another outside organization acting on behalf of the Company, and/or the Company itself. Their Privacy Policy can be reviewed at <a href="http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/">http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/</a>. I agree that a facsimile ("fax"), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

New York applicants or employees only: York Correction Law.	By signing below, you also a	acknowledge receipt of Article 23-A of the New			
Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or emp	Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or employees only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a				
consumer report at no charge if one is obtained	<del></del>				
California applicants or employees only: By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report at no charge if one is obtained by the Company whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law. □					
Washington State applicants or employees only:					
You also have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a written summary of your rights and remedies under the Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act.					
Last Name	First	Middle			
Signature:  ** If you will be requesting driving records, w	e recommend that you have	Date: this form notarized.			

New York and Maine applicants or employees only: You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by the Company by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly. You may also contact the Company to request the name, address and telephone number of the nearest unit of the consumer reporting agency designated to handle inquiries, which the Company shall provide within 5 days.

consumer report, unless y	ou nave made prior arrangements	s for First Advantage	e to do so on your be	enair. Account Number:
Consumer Informati	on			
Last Name		First	Mi	ddle
Other Names/Alias			<u> </u>	<del></del>
Social Security* #			Date of E	Birth*
Driver's License#		State	of Driver's Li	cense*
Present Address	-		Phone	Number
	ty/State/Zip			
	Former Employer		Position	Dates of Employment

Employer please note: If a Minnesota or Oklahoma consumer checks "YES" regarding the consumer report, or if a California consumer checks "YES" regarding the credit report (and you do request a credit report), please fax this form to your First Advantage service center. If consumer checks "YES" regarding the full consumer report, and consumer resides in California, you will need to provide the individual with a copy of their

<sup>\*</sup>This information will be used for background screening purposes only and will not be used as hiring criteria

# NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW

**[Employer]** (the "Company") intends to obtain information about you for employment screening purposes from a consumer reporting agency. Thus, you can expect to be the subject of "investigative consumer reports" and "consumer credit reports" obtained for employment purposes. Such reports may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. With respect to any investigative consumer report from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("ICRA"), the Company may investigate the information contained in your employment application and other background information about you, including but not limited to obtaining a criminal record report, verifying references, work history, your social security number, your educational achievements, licensure, and certifications, your driving record, and other information about you, and interviewing people who are knowledgeable about you. The results of this report may be used as a factor in making employment decisions. The source of any investigative consumer report (as that term is defined under California law) will be First Advantage Background Services Corp. P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348, 1-800-845-6004. Their Privacy Policy can be reviewed at http://www.fadv.com/privacy-policy/. The source of any credit report will be **[Credit Bureau Name, Address. Toll-free number]**. The Company agrees to provide you with a copy of an investigative consumer report when required to do so under California law.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to find out from an ICRA what is in the ICRA's file on you with proper identification, as follows:

In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You also may request a copy of the information in person. The ICRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file.

A summary of all information contained in the ICRA's file on you that is required to be provided by the California Civil Code will be provided to you via telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure, and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by or charged directly to you.

By requesting a copy be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. ICRAs complying with requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRAs.

"Proper Identification" includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.

### **Notice Regarding Credit Checks:**

Pursuant to Section 1024.5 of the California Labor Code, the Company informs you that it may obtain a credit report about you from the above named entity, because you are seeking to work in the following position:

**SAMPLE CALIFORNIA SUMMARY OF RIGHTS:** As the employer or user of consumer reports, it is your responsibility to comply with all of the relevant federal, state and local laws governing this area. We strongly recommend that prior to use, you consult with an attorney.

## **CALIFORNIA**

## A Summary of Your Rights Under California Law

Under California law, you are entitled, upon presentation of proper identification(\*), to find out from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("CRA") what is in your file, as follows:

- 1. In person, by visual inspection of your file during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. The CRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the CRA to discuss your file in such person's presence.
- 2. By obtaining a summary of it via telephone call, if you have made a written request, with proper identification, for telephone disclosure and the toll charge, if any, for the telephone call is prepaid by you or charged directly to you; or
- 3. By requesting in writing, with proper identification, that a copy of it be sent to a specified addressee by certified mail. The CRA complying with such requests for certified mailings shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the investigative CRAs.

The CRA may not charge you more than the actual copying costs for providing you with a copy of your file. The CRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you. The CRA and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. If you choose to visually inspect the file under option 1 above this written explanation will be provided whenever the file is provided to you.

<sup>(\*)</sup> The term "proper identification" as used above shall mean that information generally deemed sufficient to identify a person. Such information includes documents such as a valid driver's license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if the consumer is unable to reasonably identify himself with the information described herein, may an investigative CRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

### MUESTRA DEL SUMARIO DE LOS DERECHOS BAJO LA LEY DEL ESTADO DE CALIFORNIA:

Como empleador o como usuario del reporte del consumidor, es su responsabilidad cumplir con todas las leyes Federales, Estatales y Locales que gobiernan esta área. Le recomendamos firmemente que antes de usarlo por favor consulte con un abogado.

#### ESTADO DE CALIFORNIA

Una muestra de sus derechos bajo las leyes del Estado de California.

Bajo las leyes del Estado de California, usted tiene derecho, presentando previamente la identificación correcta (\*), a que un investigador de la Agencia de Reporte del Consumidor ("CRA") le suministre la información que está en su archivo y esto se hace de la siguiente manera:

- 1. La inspección visual de su archivo se hace en persona, durante horas hábiles y se debe solicitar, presentando en un período razonable, una notificación previa a su visita. Usted puede venir acompañado de la persona que usted desee, la cual debe presentar identificación personal válida. El CRA puede pedirle por escrito permiso para que el CRA pueda discutir su archivo en presencia de dicho acompañante.
- 2. Si desea obtener la información del sumario vía telefónica y usted la ha requerido por escrito y acompañada de la identificación correcta, el costo de la llamada estará bajo su responsabilidad, ya sea que esta sea prepagada o que se le cargue a usted directamente.
- 3. Si usted pide por escrito que le envíen una copia por correo, a la dirección que usted indique, usted debe presentar previamente la identificación correcta y esta le será enviada por correo certificado. Si el CRA accede a dicho requerimiento de envío por correo certificado, el CRA no se hace responsable por la revelación de la información a terceras personas, causado por el mal manejo del correo después de que este haya salido de las instalaciones del CRA.

El CRA no le cobrará mas de lo que actualmente se cobra por dar una copia de su archivo personal. El CRA cuenta con personal entrenado para explicar cualquier información que se suministre. El CRA explicará por escrito cualquier información codificada contenida en sus archivos personales.

Si usted elige la inspección visual del archivo bajo la opción 1 arriba mencionada, esta explicación por escrito se proveerá cuando el archivo le sea entregado.

(\*) El término de IDENTIFICACIÓN CORRECTA, significa generalmente que la identificación suministrada se considera suficiente y veraz para reconocer a una persona. Tal información incluye documentos tales como la Licencia de Conducir, Número del Seguro Social, Tarjeta Militar y Tarjetas de Crédito.

Solamente, si el consumidor no se puede identificar correctamente con alguna de las opciones anteriores, entonces el investigador del CRA pedirá información adicional relacionada con su empleo o su historia personal o familiar para verificar su identidad.

## NOTICE REGARDING CREDIT CHECKS PER VERMONT LAW

Pursuant to Vermont Act No. 154 (S. 95), the Company informs you that it may obtain a credit report about you, for the following reason(s):
[_] The information is required by state or federal law or regulation;
[_] You seek to be/are employed in a position that involves access to "confidential financial information" (defined as "sensitive financial information of commercial value that a customer or client of the employer gives explicit authorization for the employer to obtain, process, and store and that the employer entrusts only to managers or employees as a necessary function of their job duties");
[_] The Company is a financial institution as defined in 8 V.S.A. §11101(32) or a credit union as defined in 8 V.S.A. §30101(5);
[_] You seek to be/are employed in a position as a law enforcement officer, emergency medical personnel of firefighter as these terms are respectively defines in 20 V.S.A. §2358, 24 V.S.A. §2651(6) and 20 V.S.A. §3151(3)
[_] You seek to be/are employed in a position that requires a financial fiduciary responsibility to the Company or a Company's clients, including the authority to issue payments, collect debts, transfer money or enter into contracts;
[_] You seek to be/are employed in a position that involves access to the Company's payroll information;
[_] The Company can demonstrate that credit information is a valid and reliable predictor of employee performance in the your specific position of employment;
[_] The Company will not obtain a consumer credit report on you.

## **ADVERSE ACTION LETTERS**

The following are sample forms you may use for your adverse action process. Adverse Action is considered any adverse employment decision including a denial of benefits, such as denial of job, promotion, or dismissal or any decision that adversely affects an employee or applicant.

When considering taking adverse employment action (including, but not limited to, terminating employment, or denying employment or promotion, etc.) The FCRA has specific requirements you must follow, including:

#### Pre-Adverse Action

First, if you intend to take adverse action based on consumer report information (such as criminal records checks, credit checks, employment verifications, etc.) provided by First Advantage, you must first notify the individual. A sample preadverse action letter is enclosed for your convenience. With the pre-adverse action letter, the employer must provide the individual with a copy of the Summary of Your Rights document(s) and a copy of the consumer report provided by First Advantage. The letter must include First Advantage's contact information and a notice that the applicant/employee may dispute the accuracy or completeness of information in his/her report. In New Jersey, Washington, and Massachusetts, you must also provide a copy of those specific state law rights.

## Waiting Period

The employer must then <u>wait</u> a "reasonable period" of time to allow the applicant/employee to dispute any information in the report. The Federal Trade Commission has opined that 5 business days is generally reasonable.

#### Adverse Action

After the waiting period expires and if there is no dispute, you can take adverse action. A sample final adverse action letter is enclosed. To be in compliance with FCRA guidelines, it is imperative that your communication includes First Advantage's name, toll-free phone number, and address, as well a statement that First Advantage did not in any way participate in the decision not to hire you to work for (Company Name) and is unable to provide you with specific reasons as to why we are choosing not to consider you for employment with (Company Name).

We strongly urge you to consult your legal counsel regarding any questions you may have concerning this information and your compliance with the law.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring your organization is in compliance with the FCRA. Please contact our Client Services department if you have any questions.

## **Sample Pre-Adverse Action Letter**

## PRE-ADVERSE ACTION LETTER

Information we received in a Consumer Report obtained from First Advantage Background Services Corp. ("First Advantage") **may** adversely affect your employment status with COMPANY NAME.

First Advantage did not participate in any employment decision at COMPANY NAME and will be unable to provide you with specific reasons as to why COMPANY NAME may choose to take an adverse employment action.

Enclosed is a copy of the report and a copy of your rights under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and relevant state laws. You have the right to dispute with First Advantage the accuracy or completeness of any information contained in the Consumer Report. You may contact First Advantage at:

First Advantage Background Services Corp. Consumer Center P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348 (800) 845-6004

We will evaluate the information in your report on an individualized case-by-case basis in accordance with the law and EEOC guidance. If you believe that there is additional information that may help us better evaluate your fitness for this position, please contact me immediately at [Company Information] If we do not hear from you within 5 business days, we will make our determination based on the information currently available to us.

Sincerely,

#### **COMPANY NAME**

#### **Enclosures:**

Background Report
Summary of Rights
Applicable State Law Rights (MA, NJ, WA, NY)

## **Sample Final Adverse Action Letter**

#### FINAL ADVERSE ACTION LETTER

Thank you for your interest in COMPANY NAME.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer you employment at this time. Our decision was based in whole or in part on information about you contained in a Consumer Report received from First Advantage Background Services Corp. ("First Advantage"). First Advantage did not in any way participate in the decision to deny your employment and cannot give you specific reasons why your employment was denied.

You have the right to obtain a free copy of the consumer report if you request it from First Advantage within 60 days of your receipt of this letter. (Please note that we sent you a copy of this report with our earlier letter.) You also have the right to dispute the completeness or accuracy of any information contained in the report by contacting First Advantage directly.

You may contact First Advantage at:

First Advantage Background Services Corp. Consumer Center P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348 (800) 845-6004

Massachusetts applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the report referenced above is a credit report): You have the right to obtain a free copy of your credit report within sixty days from the consumer credit reporting agency which has been identified on this notice. The consumer credit reporting agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information on your credit report. Each calendar year you are entitled to receive, upon request, one free consumer report. You have the right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the consumer credit reporting agency directly. If you have notified a consumer credit reporting agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the agency must then, within thirty business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee for this service. If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a letter to the consumer credit reporting agency, to be kept in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The consumer credit reporting agency must include your statement about the disputed information in a report it issues about you.

California applicants or employees only (this section applies only if the report referenced above is a credit report): You have the right to obtain a free copy of your credit report within 60 days from the consumer credit reporting agency which has been identified on this notice and from any other consumer credit reporting agency which compiles and maintains files on

consumers on a nationwide basis. Under California law, you also have the right to dispute with the consumer reporting agency the accuracy or completeness of any information in the report.
We wish you the best of luck in your job search. Again, thank you for your interest in COMPANY NAME.
Very truly yours,
COMPANY NAME

## Custom Pre-Adverse Letter (Body) - Including Article 23-A

Dear (Applicant's first name, last name)

We have recently requested a background report on you. Information contained in this report (enclosed herewith, including a summary of your rights under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and relevant state laws) may adversely affect your employment status. The background report was prepared by:

First Advantage Background Services Corp. Consumer Center P.O. Box 105292 Atlanta, GA 30348 (800) 845-6004

You have the right to obtain a free disclosure of your file from First Advantage Background Services Corp. ("First Advantage"), within 60 days of the date of this letter. You also have the right to dispute directly with First Advantage's Consumer Dispute line at (800) 845-6004 the accuracy or completeness of any of the information provided by First Advantage.

Sincerely,

<u>Customer's Name</u>

<u>Human Resources Department</u>

#### **NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW ARTICLE 23-A**

## LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

- **SS 750**. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, board or commission.
- (2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.
- (3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.
- (4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.
- (5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.
- **SS 751.** Applicability. The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.
- **SS 752**. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited. No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:
- (1) there is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or

- (2) the issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.
- **SS 753**. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.
- **1.** In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:
- (a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.
- **(b)** The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.
- **(c)** The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.
- (d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.
- (f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.
- **(g)** Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.
- **(h)** The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.
- **2.** In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.
- **SS 754**. Written statement upon denial of license or employment. At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.
- **SS 755**. Enforcement. 1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.
- 2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.

## **REQUIRED NOTICES**

Enclosed are the following notices we believe may assist you with your compliance under the law:

• A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, prepared by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

This document **MUST BE PROVIDED** to any applicant or employee **BEFORE YOU TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST THEM** based in whole or in part on a consumer report (such as a background verification). Adverse Action is considered any denial of benefits, such as denial of job, promotion, or dismissal, etc.

Notice to Users of Consumer Reports

This notice details many of your obligations under the FCRA and was prepared by the CFPB.

We are also enclosing state law notices for New Jersey and Washington.

Para informacion en espanol, 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 identity 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 <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a> 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 <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a> 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 <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a>.
- 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.
- I dentity 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:	CONTACT:
Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates.	a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552
b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list, in addition to the CFPB:	b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
To the extent not included in item 1 above:     National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks	a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050
<ul> <li>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</li> <li>c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations</li> <li>d. Federal Credit Unions</li> </ul>	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
3. Air carriers	Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings Aviation Consumer Protection Division Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590
4. Creditors Subject to Surface Transportation Board	Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20423
Creditors Subject to Packers and Stockyards Act	Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor
6. Small Business Investment Companies	Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, SW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20416
7. Brokers and Dealers	Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549
Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations	Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090
Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed     Above	FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates or Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357

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 <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a>. 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. Users Must Have a Permissible Purpose

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. <u>Section</u> 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)
- $\bullet$  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. Section 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.** <u>Users Must Provide Certifications</u>

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>

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. Users Have Obligations When Fraud and Active Duty Military Alerts are in Files

When a consumer has placed a fraud alert, including one relating to identity 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. Users Have Obligations When Notified of an Address Discrepancy

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 have been issued that cover disposal.

#### 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 CFPB.

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. <u>Section 615(b)(2)</u>.

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 EMPLOYEE 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 federal 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 Please note: Nothing contained herein should be construed as legal advice or guidance. Employers should consult their own counsel about their compliance responsibilities under the FCRA and applicable state law. First Advantage expressly disclaims any warranties or responsibility or damages associated with or arising out of information provided herein

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 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 regulation is 12 CFR 1022.54.

#### **VIII. OBLIGATIONS OF RESELLERS**

### A. <u>Disclosure and Certification Requirements</u>

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 identity 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. § 1618 et seq.:

Section 602	15 U.S.C. 1681	Section 615	15 U.S.C. 1681m
Section 603	15 U.S.C. 1681a	Section 616	15 U.S.C. 1681n
Section 604	15 U.S.C. 1681b	Section 617	15 U.S.C. 1681o
Section 605	15 U.S.C. 1681c	Section 618	15 U.S.C. 1681p
Section 605A	15 U.S.C. 1681cA	Section 619	15 U.S.C. 1681q
Section 605B	15 U.S.C. 1681cB	Section 620	15 U.S.C. 1681r
Section 606	15 U.S.C. 1681d	Section 621	15 U.S.C. 1681s
Section 607	15 U.S.C. 1681e	Section 622	15 U.S.C. 1681s-1
Section 608	15 U.S.C. 1681f	Section 623	15 U.S.C. 1681s-2
Section 609	15 U.S.C. 1681g	Section 624	15 U.S.C. 1681t
Section 610	15 U.S.C. 1681h	Section 625	15 U.S.C. 1681u
Section 611	15 U.S.C. 1681i	Section 626	15 U.S.C. 1681v
Section 612	15 U.S.C. 1681j	Section 627	15 U.S.C. 1681w
Section 613	15 U.S.C. 1681k	Section 628	15 U.S.C. 1681x
Section 614	15 U.S.C. 1681I	Section 629	15 U.S.C. 1681y

# New Jersey State Addendum to A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

## For residents of New Jersey:

## A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

The state of New Jersey Fair Credit Reporting Act (NJFCRA) is designed to promote accuracy, fairness, consumer confidentiality and the proper use of credit data by each consumer reporting agency ("CRA") in accordance with the requirements of the NJFCRA.

The NJFCRA is modeled after the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The same rights are provided under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and you have received A Summary of Your Rights Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can find the complete text of the NJFCRA at the Division of Consumer Affairs, Department of Law and Public Safety.

For questions or concerns regarding the NJFCRA, please contact:

Division of Consumer Affairs
Department of Law and Public Safety
124 Halsey Street
Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: 973-504-6200

# Washington State Addendum to A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

## For residents of Washington State:

## A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

The State of Washington Fair Credit Reporting Act (WFCRA) is designed to promote accuracy, fairness, consumer confidentiality and the proper use of credit data by each consumer reporting agency ("CRA") in accordance with the requirements of the WFCRA.

The WFCRA is modeled after the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. Generally, the same rights are provided under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and you have received A Summary of Your Rights Under the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can get the complete text of WFCRA RCW 19.182, from the Washington Code Revisors Office, P. O. Box 40551, Olympia, WA 98504.

Note, however, that under the WFCRA, consumer reports addressing an applicant's or employee's credit may not be procured for employment purposes unless (1) that information is substantially job related and the employer's reasons for the use of such information are disclosed to the consumer in writing or (2) that information is otherwise required by law.

A consumer who is a resident of the state may elect to place a security freeze on his or her credit report by making a request in writing by certified mail to a consumer reporting agency.

Individuals may bring a legal action in court to assert their rights under the WFCRA. The applicable statute of limitations is specified in Wash. Stat. § 19.182.120 and is generally two years from the date the cause of action accrued. Consumers who prevail on claims to enforce the WCFRA may obtain actual damages, monetary penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and other relief.

For questions or concerns regarding the WFCRA, please contact:

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