# DE LA SALLE CREDIT COOPERATIVE PRIMER ON MEMBERSHIP & LOANS

# **Our Vision:**

To be the leading provider of all financial needs of the Lasallian community

# **Our Mission:**

- 1. To inculcate a culture of thrift and assist members to attain financial stability through periodic savings and financial discipline among members.
- To promote the upliftment of the quality of life of its members through mutual and cooperative programs.
- 3. To ensure financial and organizational stability through good governance and prudent management of financial, human and other resources guided by the Lasallian values.
- To continually expand and improve services to members through the use of modern technology and availment of external resources.
- 5. To lead in the integration of cooperative organizations among the Lasallian institution in the Philippines.
- To continually support or work on programs and activities that address pressing socio-economic needs of the community.

## **CORE VALUES:**

As steward of resources entrusted on us, our cooperative is founded on its commitment to efficiency and financial growth for service to members and the community at large.

# **Brief Historical Background :**

The De La Salle Credit Cooperative was established in September 1963 by fifteen original cooperators from the faculty of De La Salle College. There were twenty-eight original members who paid an entrance fee of P1.00 totaling P28.00 and initial fixed deposit of P20.00 each totaling P560.00.

As of December 2014 membership have grown to 3,786 members with a total subscribed share capital of 144,438,800.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

 The membership of this Cooperative is open to all bonafide employees of De La Salle University (Taft Campus and Science Technology Complex), De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, De La Salle-Zobel, De La Salle UniversityDasmariñas, De La Salle-Health Sciences Institute, De La Salle Araneta University, De La Salle Credit Cooperative, De La Salle Philippines, and other affiliates of DLSU. These are employees, who can make use of its services, are in agreement with its purposes and its by-laws. Members who have retired may opt to continue membership in the Cooperative.

- 2. An application form shall be filled out and sent to the Board through the Treasurer.
- The applicant must attach to the application form a Certificate of Employment from their employer-school, indicating date of permanent employment, position and present salary.
- 4. Once approved, the applicant must pay the membership fee of P100.00 and the first installment of his/her share capital.

**MONTHLY PAYMENT OF SHARE CAPITAL.** A member shall determine the amount but it should not be less than One hundred (P100) PESOS per payday.

MODE OF PAYMENT OF SHARE CAPITAL/SAVINGS

**DEPOSIT.** This is done through salary deductions or lump sum payment.

**MEMBER'S TOTAL SHARE CAPITAL.** A member shall subscribe a minimum of five Hundred (500) Shares with a total value of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000).

**MEMBER'S SAVINGS DEPOSIT.** Payments made by a member in excess of his/her share capital will be considered as his/her savings.

**MEMBER'S RETIREMENT SAVINGS.** A member can save up to a maximum of Php10,000 every payday through salary deduction only. This is not withdrawable.

**WITHDRAWALS FROM SAVINGS DEPOSIT.** As a general rule, only three withdrawals are allowed within a year. Service fee is P10 per withdrawal.

1. To assist the members to better manage their funds, minimum limits are set for the withdrawals:

First (1<sup>st</sup>) Withdrawal – Not less than P1,000 Second(2<sup>nd</sup>)Withdrawal – Not less than P2,000 Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Withdrawal – Not less than P3,000

- Fourth and Fifth withdrawals may be granted for the following reasons: for children's tuition fees, hospitalization and medical expenses for immediate family members, death expenses and other unforeseen expenses due to calamities.
- 3. Service fees for the  $4^{\text{th}}$  and  $5^{\text{th}}$  withdrawals are P40 and P50 respectively.

4. The minimum limits set for the fourth and fifth withdrawals are:

## Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Withdrawal –Not less than P3,000 Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Withdrawal –Not less than P4,000

- 5. Justification letters should be attached to the requests for the fourth and fifth withdrawals, for approval by the General Manager.
- 6. A minimum balance of P5,000 will be required of all savings deposits. Savings Deposit below P5,000 will not earn interest

**FIRST LOAN.** The following requirements are a MUST before a new member can avail of any loan:

- 1. Payment of P100.00 membership fee;
- 2. Attendance of the educational seminar for new members;
- 3. Three (3) months residency,
- Payment of at least 10% of subscribed capital stock or P5,000 for the availment of a regular and/or emergency loan;
- Payment of 60% of subscribed capital stock or P30,000 for the availment of all the other unsecured loan.

**AMOUNT OF REGULAR LOAN.** The maximum loanable amount is Php225,000 plus 75% of monthly salary, subject to the share capital, savings deposit, and co-maker requirements.

The limits of loanable amount for regular loan for members whose membership in the cooperative ranges from one (1) to ten (10) years will be covered by the following guidelines:

Years of		Maximum Loanab			able Amount	
Membership		No Co-Maker		One Co-Maker		Two Co-Makers
1-3 Years	Ρ	50,000	P	51,000 - 100,000	Ρ	101,000 - 150,000
Above 3-6 Years	Ρ	100,000	P	101,000 - 150,000	Ρ	151,000 - 200,000
Above 6-10 Years	Ρ	250,000	P	251,000-300,000	Ρ	301,000-350,000
Above 10 years	Ρ	350,000				

Co-makers must be members of DLSCC in good standing and are permanent employees of their employer-school for at least 10 years. Directors, officers and committee members of the Coop are not allowed to be co-makers.

AMORTIZATION OF LOANS. Amortization of loans are made through salary deductions every payday. Payments through post-dated checks are not allowed. Deficiency in payments will be charged to savings deposits. A member who incurs two (2) deficiencies will be allowed to borrow up to 150% only of his share capital and savings deposit, upon renewal of his loan.

A member who incurs three (3) or more deficiencies will be allowed to borrow up to 100% only of his share capital and savings deposit upon renewal of his loan.

**EMERGENCY LOAN.** Presently a member can avail an emergency loan in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand (P25,000) Pesos for emergency purposes. The loan may be paid in one time lump-sum payment after a period of six months or in installment basis not to exceed one year. If the emergency loan is not paid upon maturity date, the delinquent member can borrow only Twenty Thousand when he/she renews his/her emergency loan.

A member who fails to pay his/her emergency loan upon maturity will be subject to the following sanctions:

Frequency in Failure to Pay on Time	Loanable Amount
First Time	Php20,000
Second Time	Php20,000 which can be availed of in two months after payment of the previous emergency loan
Third Time	Php20,000 which can be availed in three months

"once you paid on time, the maximum loanable amount cam be availed"

**UNSECURED LOANS.** In addition to the regular loan, the following are the unsecured loans available to qualified members:

- a. Emergency loan of P25,000.
- b. Computer loan of P40,000 for desktop and P50,000 for laptop.
- c. Calamity loan of P30,000.
- d. **Travel loan** of P70,000 for foreign tours, P30,000 for local tours, and P50,000 for pilgrimage travel
- e. Cell phone loan of P25,000.
- f. Medical/Health Equipment loan of P20,000
- g. Educational loan of P60,000.00.
- h. Emergency Medication loan of P5,000.
- i. Memorial Plan loan of P50,000.
- j. Emergency loan for Caesarian Delivery of P50,000.
- k. House Improvement loan of P50,000.
- I. Appliance Loan of P30,000
- *m.* 13<sup>th</sup> Month, Longevity, Research Incentive Loan and Anniversary bonus
- *n.* **Extreme emergency loan** (difference of hospital bill and HMO)
- 1. The maximum loanable amount for unsecured loan is set at Php70,000 for members with Php50,000 share capital. All types of unsecured loans can be availed within this amount.
- 2. For members with less than Php50,000 share capital, the maximum loanable for unsecured loan is

set at Php50,000. All types of unsecured loans can be availed within this amount.

- If 60% of the unsecured loan is already paid then the loan is eligible for renewal and the member can apply for another unsecured loan.
- 4. All unsecured loans shall be covered of the 20% net take home pay requirement.
- 5. A member who incurs deficiency in the payment of his/her unsecured loan will only be allowed to borrow another unsecured loan three months after the payment of the previous unsecured loan.

**INTEREST ON REGULAR LOAN.** Members pay .625% a month interest on loan, deducted in advance.

TERMS OF LOAN	INTEREST RATE
4 months	2.500%
6 months	3.750%
10 months	6.250%
12 months	7.500%
15 months	9.375%
18 months	11.250%
20 months	12.500%
24 months	15.00%
27 months	16.875%
30 months	18.750%
33 months	20.625%
36 months	22.500%

**INTEREST ON EMERGENCY LOAN.** Interest on emergency loan is 0.5% higher than the regular interest if paid in one time lump sum. So the interest for six months is 4.25 % instead of 3.75%.

**SERVICE FEES.** A service fee is charged to all loans whether regular or unsecured loan and the rate will depend on the term of the loan as follows:

TERMS OF LOAN	SERVICE FEE RATE
From 1 month – 6 months	0
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> months – 12 months	1.0%
12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> months – 18 months	1.5%
181/2 months – 24 months	2.0%
241/2 months – 30 months	2.5%
301/2 months – 36 months	3.0%

**RENEWAL OF REGULAR LOAN.** A member may apply for a loan renewal even before the loan is fully paid provided 60% of the loan has been paid. The balance of the loan, which is 40%, will be deducted from the proceeds of the new loan. An interest rebate will be computed on the balance of the loan. The interest rebate will be determined based on the number of the months still remaining unpaid. **PATRONAGE REFUND AND DIVIDENDS.** The members are entitled to an annual patronage refund and dividends on their share capital and interest on their savings deposits.

## OTHER GUIDELINES ON LOANS:

- 1. Emergency loans that are three (3) months overdue will be automatically charged to the members' savings deposits.
- 2. DLSCC members with permanent and with at least (3) three years are eligible to avail of the computer loan.
- Part-time faculty whose certification of term of contract is only one term, can borrow up to eight months only. While, Parttime faculty whose certification of term of contract is two terms can borrow up to twelve months. The maximum term for parttime faculty is twelve months.
- Part-time faculty members who would like to avail of the 13th month loan are required to have a co-maker who is a member of the cooperative and a permanent employee of the member school for at least 10 years.
- 5. Fixed-Term Contract and Project Based personnel with one year contract can borrow up to a maximum of one year with comaker who is a permanent employee of the member school and for at least with 5 to 10 years of membership in the De La Salle Credit Cooperative.

## **REVISION ON EXISTING LOAN WINDOWS:**

- 6. 13<sup>th</sup> Month and Longevity loan can be availed at the same time as long as member is entitled to both
- 7. Maximum amount for local tour is increased from Php20,000 to Php30,000, payable in one year
- The payment period for foreign tour is extended from one year to two years. In both the local and foreign tour, the amount in excess of transportation and accommodation can be considered as allowance.
- 9. Terms of payment for regular loan is extended from 24 months to 36 months
- 10. Part-time members can avail of the 13<sup>th</sup> month loan provided they have a co-maker who are members of the coop for three years and permanent employee of at least 10 years in service in the member school
- 11. The educational loan can also be availed of the members themselves who are studying.

# Reminders

Behind payments in Regular Loan:

- For 2 consecutive behind payments: a member can avail 150% of his/her share capital and savings deposit.
- For 3 consecutive behind payments: a member can avail 100% of his/her share capital and savings deposit.
- All behind payments in regular loans are subject to deduction when availing any loans including unsecured loans and withdrawal.

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