

OCC BULLETIN 2013-40

Subject: Deposit Advance Products

Date: December 26, 2013

To: Chief Executive Officers of All National Banks and Federal Savings Associations, Federal Branches and Agencies, Department and Division Heads, All Examining Personnel, and Other Interested Parties

Replaced. Refer to NR 2017-118.

**Description: Final Supervisory Guidance** 

## Summary

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) on November 26, 2013, issued in the *Federal Register* final "Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products" (guidance). This guidance addresses safe and sound banking practices and consumer protection in connection with deposit advance products (DAP).

## **Highlights**

The guidance

- outlines appropriate underwriting policies and practices, including establishing customers' eligibility
  and assessing their ability to repay while allowing borrowers to continue to meet typical recurring
  and other necessary expenses.
- requires banks to monitor DAP portfolios in accordance with established credit risk standards such
  as capital adequacy, reliance on fee income, adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses,
  etc.
- implements a "cooling off" period of at least one monthly statement cycle after repayment.
- states that the OCC will take appropriate supervisory action to address unsafe and unsound banking practices and any violation of consumer protection statutes.

### **Note for Community Banks**

This final supervisory guidance is applicable to all OCC-supervised institutions.

# **Further Information**

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#### **Related Link**

Guidance on Supervisory Concerns and Expectations Regarding Deposit Advance Products (PDF)