



# Shared National Credit Reporting Instructions FAQs

The following questions have been asked by several banks regarding the new SNC Reporting Instructions. If your question is not answered, please submit an email to: <a href="mailto:sys.sr.snc.technology.office@frb.gov">SYS.SR.SNC.technology.office@frb.gov</a>.

S	ubject/Field	Question	Response
	Basic vs.	Currently, there are 2 sets of SNC Reporting	The reporting obligation of Basic Reporters is not being
	Expanded	Instructions, one for Basic Reporters and one	increased to commensurate with those of Expanded
	Reporters	for Expanded Reporters. However, for the 2024	Reporters. Apart from providing information on syndicated
		SNC Reporting Instructions there is a single	credits in which they participate, the previous SNC Reporting
		version without reference to Basic vs.	instructions for Basic and Expanded reporters was nearly
		Expanded Reporters.	identical. Therefore, to simplify, only one version of the new
			SNC Reporting Instructions was created.
		Firms would like the Agencies to confirm that	
10		the reporting obligations of Basic Reporters	We also replaced the concept of Basic and Expanded
Process		are not being increased to be commensurate	Reporters with a 'SNC Reporter Profile', as described on
Çe		with those of Expanded Reporters, which	page 8 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions. Only firms
10		would require reporting on all SNC syndicated	that are currently identified as Expanded Reporters will be
		credits in which they are a participant. Such a	expected to continue to provide information on syndicated
200		change would significantly increase the	credits in which they participate.
		burden on current Basic Reporters if	
Reporting		implemented and would require substantial	As part of the onboarding process, a Reporter Profile will be
ер		additional time to modify systems.	created and shared with each firm.
×	Reconciliation	According to the new 2024 Instructions,	Firms will be presented with a list of credits from the
	Process	"Starting with the September 30th, 2024,	previous report date that are not reported in the current date,
		reporting period, institutions will be required	based on the Internal Credit IDs. For each credit, firms will
		to provide a reconciliation of credits reported	need to select the reason why the credit was not reported
		in the prior reporting period that are not	(multi-select will be available). If the Internal Credit ID was
		included in the current reporting period. This	misreported, there will also be an option to select an Internal
		reconciliation will require the institution to	Credit ID reported in an earlier date.
		identify each credit as paid off, charged off,	
		cancelled, restructured, or no longer meets the	Based on the interest in this process, we will include
		qualifications of a SNC."	additional information in the reporting instructions. We will



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			also provide additional information at upcoming
		Firms would appreciate clarification on where	informational and training sessions.
		and how to report this reconciliation. Current	
		instructions are unclear as to where firms are	
		to provide this information.	
	Reconciliation	In terms of reconciliation of loans dropped	A workflow has been finalized. For the first release, an option
	Process	quarter-on-quarter, is there a workflow	to upload a list of reasons why credits were not reported will
		finalized? We would like to propose that an	not be available. However, we will consider this option for a
	And Internal	xml upload option be provided (similar to how	future enhancement.
	Credit ID	SNC reports are submitted on the portal) that	
	Reporting	allows our firm to choose from a specific list of	
		causes of credits dropping off.	When new credit IDs are generated internally, but do not
			meet the qualifications for a "new" credit, the new Internal ID
SS		Currently the provided acceptable reason for	is reported along with the Previous Internal ID. Please review
Ce		loans dropping off are paid off, charged off,	the 'Reporting the Internal Credit ID/Previous Internal Credit
ro		cancelled, restructured, or no longer meets the	ID' starting on Page 13 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions
20		qualifications of a SNC.	for details and examples of the correct way to report Internal
Reporting Process			Credit IDs.
ort		Below are the cases when credit ID is changed	
þ		internally at our firm. Would all these be	
Re		covered under 'restructured' as reasons for	The reconciliation workflow will allow a user to reassign the
		dropping off or would there be another	Previous Internal Credit ID if incorrectly reported in the XML
		category such as 'Other' to cover these reasons	upload; more details will be provided when training materials
		for credit ID changes resulting in dropping off	are made available.
		quarter on quarter?	
		1. Certain Modifications	Please note - the Reconciliation option 'Restructured' has
		2. Rebooking	been modified to "Restructured with Material Change" to
		3. Certain exceptional amendment	better align with the reporting instructions.
		4. Maturity extensions	



Reconciliation	Could you please also help us with the SNC	The expectation is that the category selected appropriately
Process	definitions of the different categories (paid off,	describes why credits from the previous quarter are no
Reporting Process	charged off, cancelled, restructured with material change)?	<ul> <li>longer reported. In general, the SNC Program defines these categories as:</li> <li>Paid Off – refers to a credit that was paid in full by the obligor and no longer exists</li> <li>Cancelled – refers to a credit agreement that was cancelled with the credit having no outstanding balance and the credit no longer exists</li> <li>Restructured with a material change – refers to a credit that has been refinanced or restructured with a material change. The credit still exists; it should be reported using a new Internal Credit ID. Per page 13 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions, one example of a material change is defined as a 20% increase or decrease to the Global Committed amount. Additional examples will be provided when an updated version of the instructions is posted.</li> <li>Charged Off – refers to a credit where the regulated lending group recognized a loss and the credit no longer exists, or a loss was mandated by a SNC exam and you are no longer required to report the credit, as described on page 15 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions.</li> </ul>
Mandated Charge-offs	<ul> <li>There appears to be a new way to report charge-offs:</li> <li>The "Cumulative Charge-offs" field is being eliminated effective 9/30/24.</li> <li>The updated method, beginning on Page 15, is confusing, so I wanted to know if there will be training on how we're supposed to be reporting this. Despite the examples in the instructions, it still wasn't clear.</li> </ul>	There are no changes to the instructions for reporting charge offs, other than the discontinuation of reporting cumulative charge-offs. The instructions that begin on page 15 were only rephrased in an effort to clarify an area where many fail to report correctly. The examples were also provided to provide context for the original instructions.



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Leveraged Lending Ratios	Use of EBITDAR vs. EBITDA	Several of the reporting fields in the new 2024 instructions include language instructing the use of EBITDAR in place of EDITDA if the company is materially impacted by rental expense (annual rents >25% of adjusted EBITDA).  Firms are interested in understanding the rationale behind the requirement to use EBITDAR as the requirement is specific to Leverage Lending and the Interagency Guidance on Leverage Lending only uses EBITDA. Allowing firms to instead use EBITDA would be consistent with their current practices. The use of EBITDAR would add unnecessary complexity and burden to SNC reporting, while also resulting in less useful information for the Agencies given the way various banks would compute EBITDAR. This stands in contrast to the more standardized EBITDA calculation.	As stated on page 19 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions, the calculations and examples provided are not required, rather, they are guidelines to promote consistency across reporting institutions. Each institution is expected to report the calculations it utilizes; examiners will evaluate calculations for individual obligors during the SNC examination.
Leverag	EBITDAR vs. Adj. EBITDA	Is it acceptable to use EBITDAR and relevant rent-adjusted metrics for all reported metrics (in place of Adj. EBITDA), rather than only utilizing when the "annual rents >25% of Adj. EBITDA" condition is triggered?	Yes. Please note that the calculation examples provided on pages 19-22 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions are guidelines, not requirements.
	Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio	"Required Cash Dividends" – could we have clarification on a situation where dividends would be considered "required," rather than discretionary.	Please note that the calculation examples provided on pages 19-22 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions are guidelines, not requirements.  However, in general, if dividends or distributions from the obligor to the HC are the primary source of repayment for the HC debt, then those charges should generally be included within the fixed charges. If the HC has no other repayment source or is primarily dependent upon the obligor for OCF, this will often be reflected in dividends/distributions itemized in historical financial statements and financial projections.



	Fixed Charge	Is there discretion to exclude Growth CAPEX	Yes, there may be limited instances where it is appropriate to
	Coverage Ratio	from FCCR calculation?	exclude growth CAPEX. Examiners will evaluate
			calculations for individual obligors during the SNC exam.
	Fixed Charge	Is PIK Interest a required input for fixed	Our expectation is that each institution will submit the ratio
	Coverage Ratio	charges? How should PIK toggle be evaluated?	that most accurately reflects repayment capacity.
	Cost Savings /	Is "Cost Savings / Synergies add-backs"	The new SNC Reporting Instructions do not represent a
	Synergies Add	intended to include non-recurring expenses /	change from current practice; Cost Savings/Synergies add-
	Backs as a % of	one-time costs associated with realizing future	backs need to be reasonable and well-supported.
ios	Adj EBITDA	cost savings? (E.g., severance costs or	
Leveraged Lending Ratios	(TTM)	consulting fees).	
oc T	Highly	Are you including non-cash items as add-	Non-cash items and non-recurring items that impact
l if	leveraged	backs (M&A related and/or Non-M&A related)?	operating cash flow in a reporting period would not be a cost
enc	transaction		savings/synergies add-back. Cost savings/synergies add-
Ī	(HLT) data		backs are referring to adjustments to current Adjusted
gec	(Cost		EBITDA for items that are expected to occur in future
ra	Savings/Synergi		periods. These pro forma adjustments to current Adjusted
3Ve	es Addbacks)		EBITDA must be well supported and should be realized
Ĕ			within 12 months after the transaction closing. They
			generally result from mergers and acquisitions, buyouts,
	36 . 1 . 3 .		business optimizations, etc.
	Metrics that are	How should institutions handle situations	For certain credits identified as leveraged, such as direct
	Not Meaningful	where leverage and repayment capacity	loans to Business Development Corporations, some or all of
	or Unavailable	metrics are not available or meaningful on	the requested metrics for leverage and repayment capacity
		certain credits identified as leveraged?	will not be available or meaningful. In those cases, the
			reporting institution should enter the number "0" in the respective field.
	Metric "as of	For metrics that are not available or	Metric as or dates are required, so when the institution has
	date" for	meaningful where the institution enters "0"	no available or meaningful metric to report the field should
	metrics	does the bank need to enter an as of date?	be "0" and the as of date can be entered using the current
	reported as "0"		reporting period date. For example, for the 3Q25 reporting
			period, use 09/30/2025 for the as of date.



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Commercial Real	CRE Definition	Does the definition of Commercial Real Estate align with the requirements of inclusion for the FR Y-14Q Schedule H.2¹?  If the designation is restricted to only those CRE loans which meet the definition to be included in the FR Y-14Q H.2 (CCAR CRE Submission), this would not include REITs.	In general, the SNC collection aligns with the Y-14 requirements; however, we expect CRE loans that are REITS to be reported. Once a CRE loan is identified as a REIT, only Property Type is required.
Commercial Real Estate (CRE)	CRE Definition	It appears from the instructions that the designation as Commercial Real Estate ("CRE") for SNC reporting is dependent upon the internal designation of each reporting entity. If that interpretation is correct, can the Agencies confirm that it's acceptable for intuitions to align the definition of CRE for SNC reporting with the reporting population for the FR Y-14Q Schedule H.2?  Aligning the definitions of CRE fields with those in existing reports would provide consistency across reporting entities and regulatory reports, as well as helping to streamline reporting processes and reduce the need to maintain parallel reporting systems.	In general, the SNC collection aligns with the Y-14 requirements, with a few exceptions:  1) CRE loans that are held in trading accounts should be reported; and  2) REITS should be reported. Once a CRE loan is identified as a REIT, only Property Type is required.
Com	CRE Definition	Does the definition of Commercial Real Estate exclude loans secured by owner-occupied properties.	Generally, yes. The definition is in line with Y-14 requirements which state that for loans secured by owner-occupied nonfarm nonresidential properties, the primary source of repayment is not derived from third party, nonaffiliated, rental income associated with the property (i.e., any such rental income is less than fifty percent (50%) of the source of repayment) or the proceeds of the sale, refinancing, or permanent financing of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FR Y-14Q Schedule H.2 Requirements: The loan population includes Commercial real estate (CRE) loans and leases that are held for investment (HFI) (as defined in the FR Y-9C, Schedule HC-C General Instructions) and held for sale (HFS) as of the report date (i.e. quarter end). Include HFI and HFS loans that the holding company has elected to report at fair value under the fair value option. Exclude all loans and leases classified as trading (reportable on the FR Y-9C, Schedule HC, item 5)."



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			property. Consequently, such loans are considered corporate loans rather than CRE loans.
	Valuation	There are three (3) types of valuations that can be used (As-is, As-completed, As-stabilized).  For cases where a firm has all three (3) types of CRE Valuations present – is there a preference	Select the evaluation that most closely resembles the current state of the property. For example, if the property is completed, but not stabilized, use the As-completed. If stabilized, use As-stabilized.
		for which valuation type should be used?	
	Real Estate Valuation	Should the latest property valuations reported be the full appraisal values, or the last desktop valuations?	The amount provided should be the amount that best reflects the current value; as long as the reported value complies with the December 2, 2010, Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines.
RE)	REITs	Do you want the identification of the non-real estate secured REIT population separate from the Commercial Real Estate?	REITS should be reported. Once a CRE loan is identified as a REIT, only Property Type is required.
Commercial Real Estate (CRE)	REITs	Can we get a more robust definition for the "or equivalent (i.e. Real Estate fund, Real Estate Business Development Company, etc.)" For example, would this include REOC, Funds, and Home Builders.	Equivalent entities would be any entity with a portfolio of RE assets where the entity holds an equity interest in the underlying assets and the income and value of the entity is based on portfolio distributions and consolidated portfolio valuations.
nmercial R	REIFs	For the CRE fields that exclude REITS (see page 40 of the reporting instructions), should REIFS be excluded as well?	Yes. As noted on page 40 of the new SNC Reporting Instructions, a Real Estate Investment Fund is considered equivalent to a REIT.
COI	Multiple Properties	How should CRE metrics related fields be completed for credits which are secured by multiple properties, such as a credit secured by 3 office buildings?	If a CRE credit is not a REIT or equivalent but is secured by multiple properties the following fields should be reported on an aggregate basis: Property Valuation, Loan to Value Ratio, Debt Yield Ratio (TTM), Debt Service Coverage Ratio (contractual amortization) TTM, and CRE Interest Coverage Ratio (TTM). For the Valuation Type field enter the type of valuation that the majority of the properties are based off of.



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	CRE Ratios	The Borrower's fiscal quarter ends in Feb/May/Aug/Nov. As per Loan Agreement, the LTV, Debt Yield, and Debt Service Coverage Ratio are calculated on fiscal quarter-end. For the 6/30/24 SNC reporting period, should we report the requested ratios as of 6/30/2024 or 5/31/2024?	The ratios should be reported as of 5/31/24 in this case. The ratios should be reported as of the most recent date they were calculated, which can be a fiscal quarter-end or a calendar quarter-end.
	CRE Ratios	Given Interest Coverage Ratio is not one of the covenants as per Loan Agreement, do we still need to provide such information?	Yes. Regardless of the covenants listed in the loan agreement, banks are asked to provide data on all the requested reporting ratios.
	Sponsor Definition	Could the Agencies provide more clarity around the definition of a Financial Sponsor?  Are there any specific exclusions? For	Financial sponsors should be reported using the definition utilized by your institution; examiners will evaluate individual obligors during the SNC examination.
		example, would a private equity group that makes investments in commercial real estate (including CRE SPEs) meet the definition of a Financial Sponsor? Would other entities with 25% or more ownership in the company meet the definition?	We do not collect data on individuals; therefore, the only exclusion is individuals that are sponsors. Family businesses, however, are not under the same restriction. For example, if John and Jane Smith are the sponsors, they should not be reported. If Smith Farms is the sponsor, it should be reported.
Sponsors	Sponsor Definition	Our firm would like confirmation that this aligns with the definition below:  Sponsor Definition: A Sponsor is an investment manager that purchases part or all the equity of a company through a variety of investment strategies, using a debt leveraged capital structure. The Sponsor will acquire the controlling or substantive minority position in a company and then look to maximize the value of that investment. The Sponsor generally raises funds in accordance with a defined investment strategy and time horizon	Financial sponsors should be reported using the definition utilized by your institution; examiners will evaluate individual obligors during the SNC examination. We do not collect data on individuals; therefore, the only exclusion is individuals that are sponsors. Family businesses, however, are not under the same restriction. For example, if John and Jane Smith are the sponsors, they should not be reported. If Smith Farms is the sponsor, it should be reported.
		and typically makes investments in targeted industry sectors or areas of expertise.	



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		Sponsors are typically structured as Private Equity Firms that raise dedicated third-party capital, mainly from institutional investors, to transact in the business of equity investing. A Sponsor may also be a Family Office with an investment strategy and expertise consistent with that of a Private Equity Firm.	
	Sponsor Definition	Our institution only maintains records of sponsors defined as owning more than 50% of the current entity.	Sponsors owning more than 50% should be reported. However, with the new SNC Reporting Instructions, the SNC Program would like to collect sponsors that own at least 25% of the transaction. We strongly encourage adjusting your records to provide the requested information in future reporting periods.
Sponsors	Sponsor Definition	Our firm has a sponsor that invests pension capital and is not a private equity institution. They are not the institution involved in the capital raise or structuring of the vehicle. Do they need to be reported as a sponsor?	Generally, financial sponsors are private equity investment firms that own and/or control several unique obligors; however, sponsors should be reported using the definition utilized by your institution. Examiners will evaluate individual obligors during the SNC examination
	Sponsors: Individuals /Family Businesses	Given that sponsors would have to be reported with entity details, should individual sponsors/family business be reportable as sponsor, if applicable?	We do not collect data on individuals; therefore, individual sponsors should not be reported. Family businesses, however, are not under the same restriction. For example, if John and Jane Smith are the sponsors, they should not be reported. If Smith Farms is the sponsor, it should be reported.
elds	Credit Agreement Date	Is the Credit Agreement Date meant to represent the date listed on the credit agreement, i.e. the date it originally closed and was signed?	The Credit Agreement Date is the effective date listed in the credit agreement, usually on the cover of the agreement. No matter when a participant purchases their portion, or when an incremental is funded, this date will not change.
New Data Fields	Credit Agreement Date	Our firm uses the XML file option to report. According to the new instructions, "The first time a credit is reported, report the Credit Agreement Date as the Origination Date."	Generally speaking, the answer to how to get both the Credit Agreement and Origination Dates depends on how your XML files are created. Typically, some form of coding/technical support is required to retrieve and format the data as required by the XML schema; which means the solution could be handled programmatically. It might be beneficial and/or simpler to adjust your systems to include the additional field.



Credit Agreement Date	Last Up	uateu Date. 8/3/2023		
We to get around that?   What about "participation date"?   The date reported as the Credit Agreement Date   In cases when our firm enters into the credit agreement, our systems will either use the date on which we entered the credit agreement, i.e. the date of the Participation Agreement or which the client was entered into the system, which may be close to but not actually the credit agreement date.   The instructions state that the same value is to be assigned to all credits within the same credit agreement. But that the identifier doesn't need to be the same each reporting period. Are you expecting this identifier to change? Please clarify.   While we believe that the Credit Agreement Identifier since the condition of the participation.   The Credit Agreement Identifier since the ordit agreement Identifier of the Participation Agreement Identifier or late of the Participation date of the effective date listed on the credit agreement, not the date you entered the participation.				
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	Credit Agreement Identifier	The Credit Agreement Identifier is listed as 'Not Applicable' for Participant submissions. Why wouldn't a Participant assign this identifier?	The Credit Agreement Identifier is being requested to assist the SNC Program in identifying all credits in an Agent data submission that are in the same credit agreement. This ID is expected to be a unique value created by the Agent/Reporting Bank. This is not to be confused with the Internal Credit ID, which is required for all credits in either an Agent or Participant submission.
lds	New Fields – XML Reporting	In context of the new SNC requirements starting Q3 2024, we would be interested to	In addition, a Reporting Bank that is participating in a syndicated credit may not be a participant in all the credits in that credit agreement; therefore, providing this information in the Participant submission is less useful to the SNC Program. However, if your bank would like to provide this information, please feel free to do so in the Credit Comments field.  For optional fields, certain fields (referred to as a "tag") allow an empty tag, such as CUSIP. However, in other cases, a
New Data Fields	AML Reporting	<ul> <li>have clarifications regarding the following items:</li> <li>Optional fields for 2024 Reporting: Do we need to send empty value in the XML file for optional fields?</li> <li>The empty data set should be sent with the header and no value. OR;</li> <li>Should the field not be listed?</li> <li>Leveraged Lending (LL) Ratios - Metrics for credits identified as leveraged are new as of the September, 30th, 2024, reporting period. These fields are required beginning Q3 2025.</li> <li>The empty data set should be sent with the header and no value. OR;</li> <li>Should the field not be listed?</li> </ul>	complex type is used which would be validated.  For example, the XML schema will validate the Leveraged Lending Ratios fields if they are provided; therefore, the fields (tags) should be excluded when no ratios will be provided for an individual credit. Therefore, if identifying the optional complex type fields/tags which require additional validation will be a challenge, we recommend excluding optional fields/tags from the XML file.  More information will be provided during upcoming informational and training sessions.



Last Opt	Last Opdated Date: 8/5/2025			
Deadlines	Deadline Extension	Given there will be additional requirements for reporting and additional time required to source, validate, and confirm the new parameters, would there be an extended timeline (7+ days) for quarterly reporting?	As discussed in the November SNC Technology announcement, we will provide opportunities for training and testing to validate and confirm use of the new system and changes to reporting. There is no planned extension to the reporting deadline at this time; as we progress through training, testing, and feedback phases, a determination on whether that will be necessary can be made.  Please keep in mind that to allow time to source the new data fields, the majority will not be required for the September 30th, 2024, reporting period, but will become mandatory at a future date.	
	Deadline Extension	In consideration of the questions for clarification, and the significant additional data elements and reporting requirements that are to be implemented by Q3 2024, are the Agencies planning to implement this deadline on a best-efforts basis or consider providing additional time prior to implementation?	As discussed in the November SNC Technology announcement, we will provide opportunities for training and testing to validate and confirm use of the new system and changes to reporting. There is no planned extension to the reporting deadline at this time; as we progress through training, testing, and feedback phases, a determination on whether that will be necessary can be made.	
		Relatedly, with so many additional elements to report each submission, are the Agencies considering an extended reporting period such as 47 calendar days after the calendar quarterend for March, June, and September and 52 calendar days after the calendar quarter-end for December, in line with the FR Y-14Q?	The new SNC Reporting requirements include thirty-two (32) new data elements. However, not all 32 new fields are required for the Q3 2024 submission. Please see the Appendix for an overall breakdown of the number of required versus optional new data elements.  Data submissions are used to support biannual SNC examinations, which makes extending the reporting deadline problematic both for the Agencies and the banks being	
			reviewed. Therefore, we do not have plans to extend the reporting deadline at this time. We will evaluate as we progress through the training, testing and feedback phases.	



## **APPENDIX**

### **Supplemental Information**

#### **New Data Elements**

The new SNC Reporting requirements include thirty-two (32) new data elements. However, you will note that **not** all 32 new fields are required for the Q3 2024 submission. When reviewed closely, you will find that of the 32 new data elements:

- One (1) should be considered an update to an existing field rather than new. Accrual status replaces the use of a dummy date in the Nonaccrual Date field for accruing credits. Nonaccrual Date will now only be required for credits that are not accruing interest.
- Four (4) are required for all credits in <u>Agent Submissions</u> <u>Credit Agreement Date</u>, <u>Credit Agreement Identifier</u>, identification of credits as being for Commercial Real Estate (<u>CRE Indicator</u>) and having sponsors (<u>Sponsor Indicator</u>) only one (1) of those is required for all credits in <u>Participant Submissions</u> <u>Credit Agreement Date</u>.
- Two (2) are required **only** for credits identified as having sponsors.
- One (1) required to identify whether a credit is for Commercial Real Estate, three (3) additional fields if the credit is for Commercial Real Estate *and* is a REIT.
- Beginning with the Q3 2025 submission, the remaining new fields are required only for:
  - o credits identified as being for Commercial Real Estate.
  - o credits identified as leveraged.

#### **Discontinued/Obsolete Data Elements**

Certain fields have been discontinued or may no longer required. For example, Concordance Ratings and Accrual Status will no longer be required for credits where the firm does not maintain risk ratings. More information will be provided during upcoming informational and training sessions.