



Frequently Asked Questions: Co-maker Loan

Q: What is a Co-maker loan?

A co-maker loan is a loan offered only to Active USPS employees who are also members of Nova Credit Union. Essentially your friends at work supply you with the signatures to get a loan. It was one of the first loan types offered at NOVA CU and is unique to credit unions.

Q: Why get a co-maker loan?

A co-maker loan can be used for many reasons. It can be used to consolidate higher interest loans which could put more money in your pocket each payday! Other uses are: purchase an older car, use it for school expenses, household improvements, or to establish or rebuild credit. These are just some of the ways the co-maker money can be used!

Q: How much can I borrow with a co-maker loan?

You may borrow anywhere from \$1,000.00 up to \$20,000.00.

Q: How many signatures will I need?

Each signature is worth \$1,000.00. So if you need \$5,000.00 for example, you would need 5 signatures.

Q: Who can sign for my co-maker loan?

Each co-maker must be an active (not retired) USPS employee and also a NOVA CU member in-good-standing.

Q: What are the requirements?

All we require to get started is an application and a paystub. From there we will pull your credit report to see what, if any, items need to be paid. You do not need to meet a certain credit score to get the loan and the loan proceeds can be used for anything you choose.

Q: Can I have more than one co-maker loan?

Yes, you can have more than one co-maker loan, as long as the aggregate total of all co-maker loans does not exceed \$15,000.00.

Q: Will this loan affect my co-worker's credit?

No, we will NOT pull your co-maker's credit report when we do the loan, and we will not report this loan as an obligation on their credit report. The ONLY time your co-makers could be affected is if you default on the loan*. However; with bi-weekly payments set up from your payroll, it's a hassle-free way to make your payments on time every time! Your co-makers' information will remain private and confidential and is NOT shared with you or any other co-maker on the loan.

*Co-makers should be aware that they could be held liable for more than \$1,000.00. They could be held liable for the full amount of the debt, BUT only if the loan goes into default.

Please contact Nova Credit Union if you have any other questions regarding the co-maker loan at
1-800-865-0445.