

Based on SBA's expectations as to future Pool performance, SBA has determined that, in order to lower the costs associated with SBA's Secondary Market Loan Pooling Program, it is necessary to increase the minimum maturity ratio—in other words, to reduce the difference between the shortest and the longest remaining term of the guaranteed portions of loans in a Pool. A higher minimum maturity ratio will decrease the difference between the amortization rates of the guaranteed portions of loans in a Pool. This will cause the cash flows from the guaranteed portions of loans in the Pool to be more homogenous, and will more closely match the amortization rate of the Pool Certificate. This is an important driver in reducing the cost of SBA's timely payment guaranty on Pool Certificates.

Therefore, effective October 1, 2017, all guaranteed portions of loans in a Pool presented for settlement with SBA's Fiscal Transfer Agent will be required to have a minimum maturity ratio of at least 94% for Standard Pools and WAC Pools. SBA has monitored Pools formed over the last 6 months, and has observed that many existing Pools have a minimum maturity ratio of at least 94%.

SBA will continue to monitor loan and pool characteristics and will provide notification of additional changes as necessary. It is important to note that there is no change to SBA's obligation to honor its guaranty of the amounts owed to Registered Holders of Pool Certificates and that such guaranty continues to be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

This program change will be incorporated as necessary into SBA's Secondary Market documents. As indicated above, this change will be effective for Pools with an issue date on or after October 1, 2017, and will modify any previous description or guidance regarding the minimum maturity ratio for Standard Pools or WAC Pools. SBA is making this change pursuant to Section 5(g)(2) of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 634 (g)(2).

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 634 (g)(2).

**William M. Manger**

*Associate Administrator Office of Capital Access.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #15209 and #15210; NORTH DAKOTA Disaster #ND-00055]**

**Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Dakota**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Dakota (FEMA-4323-DR), dated 07/12/2017.

*Incident:* Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 03/23/2017 through 04/29/2017.

**DATES:** Issued July 12, 2017.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/11/2017.

*Economic Injury (Eidl) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/12/2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 07/12/2017, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Benson, Bottineau, Cavalier, McHenry, Pembina, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Towner, Walsh and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Reservation.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 152096 and for economic injury is 152106.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Lisa Lopez-Suarez,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 10061]**

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to September 18, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2017-0031" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* [JExchanges@State.gov](mailto:JExchanges@State.gov).

- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: U.S. Department of State, ECA/EC, SA-5, Floor 5, 2200 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505, ATTN: **Federal Register** Notice Response.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to G. Kevin Saba, Director, Office of Policy and Program Support, Office of Private Sector Exchange, ECA/EC, SA-5, Floor 5, Department of State, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505, who may be reached at [JExchanges@state.gov](mailto:JExchanges@state.gov).