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Bank Acronyms & Terms Guide



Understanding these common acronyms and terms can help a bank's board make more informed decisions.

Acronym	Name/Title	Description	Regulation	Banking Area
ATR	Ability to Repay	Requires creditors to make a reasonable, good faith determination of a consumer's ability to repay any consumer credit transaction secured by a dwelling (excluding an open-end credit plan, timeshare plan, reverse mortgage, or temporary loan) and establishes certain protections from liability under this requirement for "qualified mortgages".	Regulation Z	Compliance
ARM	Adjustable-Rate Mortgage	A mortgage loan with the interest rate on the note periodically adjusted based on an index which reflects the cost to the lender of borrowing on the credit markets.	NA	Lending
APR	Annual Percentage Rate	APR is expressed as the periodic (for instance, monthly) interest rate times the number of compounding periods in a year (also known as the nominal interest rate); since the APR must include certain non-interest charges and fees, it requires more detailed calculation.	NA	General Banking
APY	Annual Percentage Yield	APY is a normalized representation of an interest rate, based on a compounding period of one year. APY figures allow for a reasonable, single-point comparison of different offerings with varying compounding schedules. However, it does not account for the possibility of account fees affecting the net gain.	NA	General Banking
AML	Anti-Money Laundering	Anti-money laundering refers to the set of laws, regulations, and procedures intended to prevent criminals from disguising illegally obtained funds as legitimate income. The Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering Act go hand-in-hand when compliance programs are created and administered at the bank.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
API	Application Programming Interface	Intelligence exhibited by machines, computer systems, web-based programming or algorithms is being incorporated into financial services in increasing variety. It is commonly used in marketing, data management and other financial technology strategies and management systems.	NA	Information Technology
ALCO	Asset Liability Committee	A management supervisory group that makes decisions concerning the bank's assets and liabilities with a goal of earning sufficient returns.	NA	General Banking

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ALM	Asset Liability Management	A financial strategy used by banks to manage the risks that arise pertaining to assets and liabilities. The strategies commonly mitigate earning and repricing risks to ensure adequate liquidity is maintained.	NA	General Banking
APSN	Authorize Positive Settle Negative	This is a practice of charging overdraft fees on transactions that were authorized on a positive balance, but the account had a negative balance when the transaction settled. This practice is considered unfair and abusive by the CFPB according to UDAAP standards.	NA	Operations
ACH	Automated Clearing House	Automated Clearing House (ACH) is an electronic network for financial transactions in the United States. ACH processes large volumes of credit and debit transactions in batches. ACH credit transfers include direct deposit, payroll and vendor payments. ACH direct debit transfers include consumer payments on insurance premiums, mortgage loans, and other kinds of bills. ACH is a computer-based clearing and settlement facility established to process the exchange of electronic transactions between participating depository institutions. Rules and regulations that govern the ACH network are established by NACHA and the Federal Reserve.	NA	Operations
AUS	Automated Underwriting System	An electronic system a bank may use to evaluate a loan application to identify underwriting standards. Commonly used when selling loans to investors on the secondary market.	NA	Lending
APOR	Average Prime Offer Rate	The APOR is an annual percentage rate that is based on average interest rates, fees, and other terms on mortgages offered to highly qualified borrowers.	NA	Lending
BSA	Bank Secrecy Act	The Bank Secrecy Act requires financial institutions in the United States to assist U.S. government agencies to detect and prevent money laundering. Specifically, the Act requires financial institutions to keep records of cash purchases of negotiable instruments, and file reports of cash purchases of these negotiable instruments of more than \$10,000 (daily aggregate amount), and to report suspicious activity that might signify money laundering, tax evasion, or other criminal activities.	Bank Secrecy /Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance

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BOLI	Bank-Owned Life Insurance	A type of life insurance purchased by banks on the lives of their employees, including executives. Banks use BOLI as a long-term, tax-efficient investment to generate funds to help offset the future costs of employee benefits and compensation plans.	NA	General Banking
BOI	Beneficial Ownership Information	Identifying information about the individuals who directly or indirectly own or control a company. Currently a bank is mandated to collect this information from all entities they bank.	Bank Secrecy /Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
BaaS	Business as a Service	A concept that allows businesses to run their operations without the need for a large investment or ownership risk. It's a model that uses cloud-based solutions to provide services to businesses.	NA	Information Technology
BCP	Business Continuity Plan	A strategy for prevention and recovery for various types of potential threats like natural disasters or cyber-attacks. The plan is intended to protect personnel and assets and make sure that they can function again quickly when incapacitated after disaster strikes.	NA	Security
B2B	Business-to-Business Payments	The process of transferring funds between businesses for goods or services rendered. Business entities can exchange funds through a variety of methods like bank transfers, electronic funds transfers, credit cards or payment platforms devoted to B2B.	NA	Operations
BNPL	Buy Now Pay Later	This is a credit product that allows consumers to divide their retail purchases into a brief series of equal payments.	NA	Lending
CAMELS	Capital, Asset Quality, Management, Earnings, Liabilities and Sensitivity	This is a regulatory rating system which assesses the strength of a bank through six categories: capital adequacy, assets, management capability, earnings, liquidity and sensitivity to market risk. Ratings are assigned on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 indicating soundness and 5 signaling critical deficiencies.	NA	Supervision

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CMP	Civil Money Penalties	Civil money penalties may be assessed for the violation of any law or regulation, any final order or temporary order issued, any condition imposed in writing by the appropriate Federal banking agency in connection with the approval of any application, and any written agreement between a depository institution and Federal banking agency. The definition is exceptionally broad and will likely encompass any violation of the applicable statutes. The dollar amount of civil money penalties varies based on the law that is violated.	NA	Supervision
CD	Closing Disclosure	A standardized disclosure form which conveys the final closing costs and terms associated with TRID loans, or closed end consumer credit transactions secured by real property.	Regulation Z	Compliance
CLTV	Combined Loan to Value	This ratio compares the value of the collateral offered to secure a loan to all liens against the collateral.	NA	Lending
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organizations	An initiative established to create internal controls standards and requires that a formal risk assessment be performed to evaluate internal and external factors that impact an organization's performance.	NA	Supervision
CBLR	Community Bank Leverage Ratio	An optional framework designed to reduce regulatory burden for community banking organizations under \$10 billion in total assets. This removes the requirement for these qualifying banks for calculating and reporting risk-based capital ratios.	NA	Supervision
CDFI	Community Development Financial Institution	A privately owned mission driven bank that promotes financial inclusion and economic development among low to moderate income communities.	NA	Supervision
CRA	Community Reinvestment Act	The Act encourages commercial banks and savings associations to help meet the needs of borrowers in all segments of their communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.	Regulation BB	Compliance
CMS	Compliance Management System	This is the bank's program to adhere to regulatory guidelines and maintain compliance with new and changing regulations. This includes various factors and strategies like policies, procedures, controls, training, change management, technological applications, etc.	NA	Compliance

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CRA	Consumer Reporting Agency	Provides a service of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information, or other information on a consumer for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties for facilitating commerce.	NA	Lending
CPE	Continuing Professional Education	Accredited certification programming requires ongoing education credits to stay informed on changes in each discipline area.	NA	General Banking
CTR	Currency Transaction Report	A report that U.S. financial institutions are required to file with FinCEN for each deposit, withdrawal, exchange of currency, or other payment or transfer, by, through, or to the financial institution which involves a transaction in currency of more than \$10,000.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
CECL	Current Expected Credit Loss	A Federal Accounting Standard Board guided calculation for identifying expected loan losses. This calculation replaces the previous Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses which calculated for incurred losses. The change in guidelines for these calculations was intended to reduce the complexity in accounting for debt instruments.	NA	Supervision
CDD	Customer Due Diligence	The objective of CDD is to enable the bank to understand the nature and purpose of customer relationships, which may include understanding the types of transactions in which a customer is likely to engage. These processes assist the bank in determining when transactions are potentially suspicious. Effective CDD policies, procedures, and processes provide the critical framework that enables the bank to comply with regulatory requirements including monitoring for and reporting of suspicious activity.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance

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CIP	Customer Information Program	Financial institutions need to verify the identity of individuals wishing to conduct financial transactions with them and is a provision of the USA Patriot Act. More generally known as know your customer the CIP requirement was implemented by regulations in 2003 which require U.S. financial institutions to develop a CIP appropriate to the size and type of its business. The CIP must be incorporated into the bank's Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-money laundering compliance program, which is subject to approval by the financial institution's board of directors.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
DSCR	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	This is a financial measure used to compare an entity's annual net operating income to its total debt service obligations to assess the ability to repay its debts.	NA	Lending
DTI	Debt-to-Income	The ratio comparing the applicant's monthly debt payment obligations with their gross monthly income.	NA	Lending
DDA	Demand Deposit Account	A bank account which offers unlimited access or transactions without providing prior notice to a bank.	NA	General Banking
DOEP	Designation of Exempt Person	This person/entity has gone through an evaluation to determine their risk level is low enough to be exempt from Currency Transaction Reporting requirements.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer	The electronic transfer of money from one bank account to another, either within a single financial institution or across multiple institutions, through computer-based systems and without the direct intervention of bank staff.	NA	Operations
E-Sign	Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act	Provides validity and guidelines for electronic records and signatures.	Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act	Compliance
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	The computer-to-computer exchange of business documents in a standard electronic format between business partners intended to automate B2B transactions and streamline the flow of data.	NA	Operations

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ESOP	Employee Stock Option Program	A type of equity compensation granted by companies to their employees and executives. Rather than granting stock shares directly, the company gives options on the stock instead.	NA	General Banking
EDD	Enhanced Due Diligence	Enhanced due diligence takes place when a customer is assessed to be at a heightened risk to the bank. Additional due diligence could take many forms, from gathering additional information to verifying the customer's identity or source of income to ongoing transaction monitoring.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
ECOA	Equal Credit Opportunity Act	Makes it unlawful for any creditor to discriminate against any applicant, with respect to any aspect of a credit transaction, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, or age, to the fact that all or part of the applicant's income derives from a public assistance program; or to the fact that the applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.	Regulation B	Compliance
EFAA	Expedited Funds Availability Act	The regulation sets forth the requirements that banks make funds deposited into transaction accounts available according to specified time schedules and that they disclose their funds availability policies to their customers. Regulation CC also implements the Check Clearing Act (Check 21) which establishes rules designed to speed the collection and return of checks as well as the requirement for substitute checks.	Regulation CC	Compliance
FACTA	Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act	FACTA amended the Fair Credit Reporting Act, adding provisions designed to improve the accuracy of consumers' credit-related records, requiring "risk-based pricing" notices and credit scores to consumers in connection with denials and less favorable offers of credit, and provisions designed to prevent and mitigate identity theft.	Regulation V	Compliance
FCRA	Fair Credit Reporting Act	Promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of consumer information contained in the files of consumer reporting agencies.	Regulation V	Compliance

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FDCPA	Fair Debt Collection Practices Act	This federal law limits the behavior and actions of third-party debt collectors who are attempting to collect debts on behalf of another person or entity. Often times banks do not fall under the definition of a debt collector, however they need to be aware of the practices that their debt collection vendors are using.	Regulation F	Compliance
FHA	Fair Housing Act	Prohibits credit discrimination in mortgage or home improvement loans on basis of race, religion, sex, age, familial status, handicap, national origin.	NA	Compliance
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is an independent agency created by Congress to maintain stability and public confidence in the nation's financial system. The FDIC insures deposits; examines and supervises financial institutions for safety, soundness, and consumer protection; makes large and complex financial institutions resolvable; and manages receiverships.	NA	Supervision
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Administration	A government agency which monitors and provides guidelines for managing emergencies, including potential emergency circumstances prior, during and in the aftermath of a disaster.	NA	Supervision
FFIEC	Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council	A formal U.S. government interagency body that includes five banking regulators—the Federal Reserve Board of Governors (FRB), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). It is “empowered” to prescribe uniform principles, standards, and report forms to promote uniformity in the supervision of financial institutions.	NA	Supervision
FHLB	Federal Home Loan Bank	The FHLB has a series of 11 regional banks nationwide that provide funds to financial institutions for local lending needs.	NA	Supervision
FOMC	Federal Open Market Committee	The monetary policy making committee within the Federal Reserve System that oversees the nation's open market operations, including buying and selling United States Treasury securities, and interest rate policy.	NA	Supervision

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FRB	Federal Reserve Board	The board of governors who guide the Federal Reserve system in its responsibilities for supervising and regulating certain financial institutions and activities.	NA	Supervision
FTC	Federal Trade Commission	The FTC protects the public from deceptive or unfair business practices and from unfair methods of competition through law enforcement, advocacy, research, and education.	NA	Supervision
FinCEN	Financial Crimes Enforcement Network	A division of the Department of Justice which maintains Bank Secrecy Act and Anti Money Laundering Act regulations. This division works to safeguard the financial system from illicit activity, counter money laundering and the financing of terrorism, and promote national security through strategic use of financial authorities and the collection, analysis and dissemination of financial intelligence.	NA	Supervision
FIRREA	Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act	The Act provides a comprehensive regulatory and enforcement apparatus that establishes higher minimum capital requirements and sets stricter operating standards for all savings institutions. Among other provisions, FIRREA imposes a three-tier schedule of civil monetary penalties that may be assessed against institutions and their directors and officers for breaches of fiduciary duty. FIRREA also grants regulatory agencies the power to disapprove a “troubled” savings institution’s appointment of any director or senior executive officer and to remove or suspend any director or officer found guilty of certain specified acts. FIRREA also holds directors and officers of savings institutions personally liable for monetary damages in civil actions brought by regulatory agencies in cases of gross negligence. This Act also ensures that real estate appraisals are performed up to standard. This includes regulation on the competency of the appraisers, supervisory standards, and accurate and full documentation.	NA	Supervision
GL	General Ledger	A bank’s set of internal accounts that provide records of any transactions. The complete collection of accounts makes up the bank’s trial balance to prepare financial statements including income and balance statements.	NA	General Banking

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GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	A set of rules and standards for preparing and reporting financial statements. These standards are issued and revised by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.	NA	General Banking
GFE	Good Faith Estimate	A standardized loan document that details information about a loan offer, including the terms and costs associated with the loan for lender or third-party services provided. Provided for reverse mortgage products.	Regulation X	Compliance
GAO	Government Accountability Officer	A non-partisan agency that examines how taxpayer dollars are spent and provides objective guidance and resources for auditors including auditing standards and best practices.	NA	Supervision
GMI	Government Monitoring Information	Data a creditor must collect on an applicant's ethnicity, race, and sex when taking an application to buy or refinance a primary residence, if the loan is secured by that home.	Regulation B	Compliance
GLBA	Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act	Addresses the creation of new financial service holding companies, the affiliations among financial institutions and securities firms and insurance companies, CRA sunshine requirements, and numerous other regulatory reforms. The law also establishes standards for financial privacy.	Regulation P	Compliance
HSA	Health Savings Account	A tax-advantaged savings account for medical expenses to be used alongside a High Deductible Health Plan.	NA	General Banking
HCML	High-Cost Mortgage Loan	Consumer credit transaction secured by the consumer's principal dwelling with an annual percentage rate (APR) that exceeds the average prime offer rate (APOR) by 6.5 for 1st lien and 8.5 for subordinate liens. Requires extra disclosures and the consumer must attend a homeownership counseling class prior to closing.	Regulation Z	Compliance
HPCT	High Priced Covered Transaction	A consumer closed-end residential real estate loan with an annual percentage rate, or APR, higher than the APOR (1.5 for 1st lien or 3.5 for subordinate lien). Changes your Safe Harbor coverage under the Ability to Repay Rules.	Regulation Z	Compliance

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HPML	High Priced Mortgage Loan	A consumer closed-end residential real estate loan on a primary dwelling with an annual percentage rate, or APR, higher than the APOR (1.5 for 1st lien, 2.5 for 1st lien jumbo, 3.5 for subordinate lien) - requires escrow for taxes and insurance and further review on certain types of appraisals.	Regulation Z	Compliance
HELOC	Home Equity Line of Credit	Revolving consumer Line of Credit secured by residential real estate.		Lending
HMDA	Home Mortgage Disclosure Act	Requires certain financial institutions to provide mortgage data to the public - on purchase, refinance, or home improvement loans on residential real estate.	Regulation C	Compliance
HOEPA	Home Ownership Equal Protection Act	Law requires certain disclosures and clamps restrictions on lenders of high-cost mortgage loans.	Regulation Z	Compliance
HUD	Department of Housing & Urban Development	An executive department of the U.S. federal government which administers housing and urban development laws and policy.	NA	Supervision
ITGC	Information Technology General Controls	Controls that apply to all systems, components, processes, and data for a given organization or information technology (IT) environment.	NA	Information Technology
ITM	Interactive Teller Machine	A machine that combines the functionality of an ATM with the help of a live teller.	NA	Operations
KPI	Key Performance Indicators	A set of measurements to gauge the bank's overall performance covering strategic, financial and operational achievements compared to peers. These measurements indicate whether organizational process is properly executed towards achieving set goals over a period of time.	NA	Supervision
KYC	Know Your Customer	Know Your Customer is a process by which banks obtain information about the identity of customers. KYC is woven into the bank's Customer Identification Program procedures, Bank Secrecy Act policies and procedures, and Customer Due Diligence procedures.	USA PATRIOT Act	Compliance
LEI	Legal Entity Identifier	A unique 20-digit code issued to a bank to include in data line of the HMDA file submission to identify the financing bank.	NA	Compliance

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LOMA	Letter of Map Amendment	When a building is built on property that is above base flood elevation, and the property has inadvertently been included in a Special Flood Hazard Area, once the property has been surveyed, the documentation can be submitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for consideration for a map change. FEMA would then issue a Letter of Map Amendment to confirm the property is no longer in a Special Flood Hazard Area.	Flood Disaster Protection Act	Lending
LOMR	Letter of Map Revision	When a property has been graded and filled to raise the level of the land above the base flood elevation, and a structure is built on that portion of the land, documentation can be submitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for consideration for a map change. FEMA would then issue a Letter of Map Revision to indicate their maps have been revised based on the adjustments and confirm the property is no longer in a Special Flood Hazard Area.	Flood Disaster Protection Act	Lending
LAR	Loan Application Register	A bank's collection of HMDA data which is used to submit the report each year it's required.	Regulation C	Compliance
LOS	Loan Origination Software	Specialized platform financial institutions use to manage and standardize the loan originating process, from application submission and document verification to credit approval. The software automates manual tasks such as document management, compliance verification, and underwriting, helping reduce errors, improve operational efficiency, and shorten turnaround times for borrowers.	NA	Operations
LTV	Loan-To-Value	The ratio comparing the value of the collateral offered to secure a loan to the loan amount granted.	NA	Lending
LMI	Low- to Moderate-Income	Community Reinvestment Act requires that banks meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate including low to moderate income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking practices.	NA	General Banking

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MICR	Magnetic Ink Character Recognition	Technology used to streamline the processing and clearing of checks and other documents. A MICR line printed at the bottom of checks allows machine readers to scan and read the information directly into a data collection device.	NA	Operations
314a	Mandatory Information Sharing Among Financial Institutions	Mandatory Information Sharing Among Financial Institutions is Section 314a of the USA PATRIOT Act provides a means for law enforcement to funnel requests for information on named individuals, entities or organizations through FinCEN to financial institutions. The regulation allows federal law enforcement agencies to obtain account and transaction information which may be involved in terrorist activity or money laundering.	USA Patriot Act	Compliance
MRA	Matter Requiring Attention	Areas of concern that bank examiners communicate to a bank's management and board of directors. These matters must be addressed promptly.	NA	Supervision
MRBA	Matter Requiring Board Attention	A communication from bank examiners to a bank's board of directors and management that highlights significant issues that require immediate attention.	NA	Supervision
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	A statement of intent to consult, cooperate, exchange information and share data with areas of common regulatory interest. Entering into a MOU is common when a regulatory agency identifies significant weaknesses to be improved in a financial institution.	NA	Supervision
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	A geographical region with a relatively high population density at its core and close economic ties throughout the area.	Regulation BB	Compliance
MAPR	Military Annual Percentage Rate	The cost of the consumer credit made to a Military Lending Act covered borrower expressed as an annual percentage rate, not to exceed 36%.	Military Lending Act	Compliance
MLA	Military Lending Act	Expands specific protections provided to service members and their families under the MLA and addresses a wider range of credit products than the DOD's previous regulation.	Military Lending Act	Compliance
MIR/MIL	Monetary Instrument Record/Log	The MIR/MIL must indicate cash purchases of monetary instruments, such as money orders, cashier's checks and traveler's checks, in value totaling \$3,000 to \$10,000, inclusive.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance

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MMDA	Money Market Deposit Account	A deposit account which provides interest earnings like a high yielding savings account but with limited check writing abilities.	NA	General Banking
MLO/LO	Mortgage Loan Originator/Loan Origination	An individual who takes a residential mortgage loan application and offers or negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan for compensation or gain.	SAFE Act – Regulation G Regulation Z	Compliance
NACHA	National Automated Clearing House Association	The national organization which develops and oversees the rules that enable Direct Deposits and ACH payments.	NA	Supervision
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program	A program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reduce the impact of flooding by providing affordable flood insurance to property owners in participating communities and encouraging various municipalities to adopt and enforce flood plain management regulations.	Flood Disaster Protection Act	Compliance
NMLS	National Mortgage Licensing System	The NMLS Resource Center is the official gateway into the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and provides users with tools, tips, news and updates. MLO's must register on this site. They receive an identification number that they must provide to all applicants so that the consumer can review them on this system.	SAFE Act – Regulation G	Supervision
NSF	Non-Sufficient Funds	The term used to describe a transaction when an account does not have enough funds to cover them.	NA	Operations
OFAC	Office Foreign Asset Control	A financial intelligence and enforcement agency of the U.S. Treasury Department charged with planning and execution of economic and trade sanctions in support of U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
OCC	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency	The OCC charters, regulates, and supervises all national banks and federal savings associations as well as federal branches and agencies of foreign banks. The OCC is an independent bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.	NA	Supervision
OREO	Other Real Estate Owned	When a bank obtains property through the foreclosure process or other process to assume ownership of a real estate property.	NA	General Banking

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ODP	Overdraft Protection	Overdraft protection is an option offered in bank accounts that prevents check, ATM, debit card, or other transactions to cause an account balance to fall below zero, thereby triggering an overdraft fee or a non-sufficient funds (NSF) fee. Some banks offer an automated overdraft service, also known as "bounce protection". Other banks will offer a line of credit attached to a checking account to cover negative balances. These lines of credit are also known as Ready Reserve accounts. Each type of overdraft protection plan has specific compliance requirements.	NA	Operations
P2P	Peer-to-Peer Payments	A convenient way to transfer funds between individuals using a smartphone or other internet connected device. Common P2P platforms: PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, etc.	NA	Operations
PLOC	Personal Line of Credit	Revolving consumer Line of Credit unsecured or secured by something other than real estate.	NA	Lending
POS	Point of Sale	The time and place a retail transaction is completed, often involving online or computerized systems and equipment.	NA	Operations
QM	Qualified Mortgage	A category of loans that have certain, more stable features that help make it more likely that you'll be able to afford your loan. A lender must make a good-faith effort to determine that you can repay your mortgage before you take it out.	Regulation Z	Compliance
RESPA	Real Estate Settlement Protection Act	Protect homeowners by assisting them in becoming better educated while shopping for real estate services and eliminating kickbacks and referral fees which add unnecessary costs to settlement services.	Regulation X	Compliance
RDC	Remote Deposit Capture	The ability to deposit a check into a bank account from a remote location, such as an office or home, without having to physically deliver the check to the bank.	NA	Operations

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FBAR	Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts	Known as FinCEN Form 114, the FBAR is used to report a financial interest in or signature authority over a foreign financial account. The form is filed with the Department of the Treasury by April 15th of each calendar year. Any U.S. person that has a financial interest in or signature authority over foreign financial accounts must file an FBAR if the aggregate value of the foreign financial accounts exceeds \$10,000 at any time during the calendar year.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
RFPA	Right to Financial Privacy Act	This Act governs financial requests banks receive from the federal government.	Regulation P	Compliance
SCRA	Service Members Civil Relief Act	Individuals on full-time active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces are awarded certain protection during their active duty including a maximum rate of 6% on loans made prior to the start of the individual's active military service.	NA	Compliance
SSO	Single Sign-On	An authentication method that enables users to securely access multiple applications and services using one set of credentials, eliminating the need to remember different passwords for each service.	NA	Information Technology
SBA	Small Business Administration	A U.S. government agency which helps small businesses access funding, counseling, contracts and disaster assistance, often facilitated through a bank.	NA	Supervision
SaaS	Software as a Service	A software distribution model where applications are hosted by a service provider and made available to customers over the internet.	NA	Information Technology
SFHA	Special Flood Hazard Area	The land area covered by the floodwaters of the base flood or "100-year flood" on a National Flood Insurance map as identified by FEMA. This land area has a 1% chance of flooding in any given year, and the mandatory purchase of flood insurance applies.	Flood Disaster Protection Act	Compliance
SAR	Suspicious Activity Report	A report made by a financial institution about suspicious or potentially suspicious activity. The criteria to decide when a report must be made varies from country to country but generally is any financial transaction that does not make sense to the financial institution, is unusual for that client or appears to be done only for the purpose of hiding or obfuscating a transaction.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance

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TILA	Truth-In-Lending Act	Designed to promote the informed use of consumer credit, by requiring disclosures about its terms and cost to standardize the way costs associated with borrowing are calculated and disclosed. Gives consumers the right to cancel certain credit transactions that involve a lien on a consumer's principal dwelling, regulates certain credit card practices, and provides a means for fair and timely resolution of credit billing disputes.	Regulation Z	Compliance
TRID	Truth-in-Lending RESPA Integrated Disclosure Act	Directs the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) to integrate the mortgage loan disclosures under TILA and RESPA. The TILA-RESPA rule consolidates four existing disclosures required under TILA and RESPA for closed-end credit transactions secured by real property into two forms: a Loan Estimate that must be delivered or placed in the mail no later than the third business day after receiving the consumer's application, and a Closing Disclosure that must be provided to the consumer at least three business days prior to consummation.	Regulation Z	Compliance
TISA	Truth-in-Savings Act	Established uniformity in the disclosure of terms and conditions regarding interest and fees when giving out information on or opening a new account. Requires the clear and uniform disclosure of rates of interest (annual percentage yield or APY) and the fees that are associated with the account so that the consumer is able to make a meaningful comparison between potential accounts.	Regulation DD	Compliance
UDAAP	Unfair Deceptive Abusive Acts or Practices	It is unlawful for any provider of consumer financial products or services or a service provider to engage in any unfair, deceptive or abusive act or practice. The act or practice is likely to cause injury or mislead consumers, is not reasonably avoidable by the consumer and the injury is not outweighed by the benefits to the consumer.	Regulation AA	Compliance
UBPR	Uniform Bank Performance Report	The UBPR is an analytical tool created for bank supervisory, examination, and management purposes. Comprised of Call Report data from all filing institutions, the UBPR is used to further understanding of a bank's financial condition.	NA	Supervision

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ULI	Universal Loan Identifier	A unique code that can be used to identify an HMDA reportable loan on the data submission file. The code includes the bank's Loan Entity Identifier, a number assigned by the reporting bank up to 23 digits, and a 2-character check digit. Partially exempt HMDA banks are not required to report a ULI for each loan.	Regulation C	Compliance
UI	User Interface	The point of human computer interaction and communication on a device, including display screens, keyboards, mouse, forms or other visual elements.	NA	Information Technology
314b	Voluntary Information Sharing Among Financial Institutions	Voluntary Information Sharing Among Financial Institutions is Section 314b of the USA PATRIOT Act, and provides banks a voluntary opportunity to share information related to terrorist activity or money laundering with other financial institutions.	USA Patriot Act	Compliance

Term	Description	Regulation Correlation	Banking Area
Account Holds	When a check or multiple checks are deposited into an account but are not available for immediate use. Regulation CC provides guidelines for the types of funds that may be held and the length of time they may be held, according to certain circumstances.	Regulation CC	Compliance
Adverse Action	A refusal to grant credit as requested, the termination of an account or unfavorable change in terms on an account.	Regulation B	Compliance
Blockchain	A decentralized ledger technology used for secure and transparent transactions.	NA	General Banking
Cloud Computing	The delivery of computing services over the internet, allowing banks to store and access data and applications remotely, enhancing scalability and flexibility.	NA	Cloud Computing
Corporate Account Takeover	A type of fraud where unauthorized users gain access to a business' bank account. Once an account is compromised, funds can be diverted into fraudulent transactions out of the account, and sensitive account information can be accessed.	NA	Information Technology
Customer Relationship Management	Software that helps businesses manage interactions with current and potential customers.	NA	General Banking
Cybersecurity	Measures and technologies used to protect banking systems and data from cyber threats and attacks.	NA	Information Technology
Data Analytics	The process of examining large datasets to uncover patterns, correlations, and insights, helping banks make informed decisions.	NA	General Banking
Digital Transformation	The integration of digital technology into all areas of banking, fundamentally changing how banks operate and deliver value to customers.	NA	Information Technology
Disparate Impact	Lending discrimination that occurs when a bank applies a policy or practice equally to credit applicants, but the policy or practice has a disproportionate adverse impact on applicants from a group protected against discrimination.	Regulation B	Compliance
Disparate Treatment	Lending discrimination which occurs when a lender treats applicants differently based on a prohibited factor.	Regulation B	Compliance
Distressed or Underserved Areas	Geographies identified within certain census tracts where revitalization or stabilization activities are eligible for CRA consideration.	Regulation BB	Compliance

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Dormant Accounts	An account that has seen no activity, except for interest credited, for a long period of time, may be considered abandoned. If the balance hasn't been eradicated by fees, the bank will turn the balance over to the state which will attempt to return the funds to the rightful owner.	NA	Operations
Dual Control	Security measures that involve utilizing two or more individuals working together to safeguard sensitive information or functions, dividing tasks into initiating and approving transactions into 2 separate parts, or ensuring accuracy and control in high-risk or critical tasks.	NA	Operations
Escrow	Funds placed in an account under a contractual arrangement to be managed by an escrow agent who receives and disburses funds on behalf of the fund's owner.	NA	Operations
Fintech	Technology used to improve and automate financial services.	NA	Information Technology
Forced Plan Coverage	When a borrower's hazard or flood insurance coverage lapses, a bank may put coverage in place to protect the security and pass along the expense to the borrower.	NA	Compliance
Identity Theft Prevention Program	A written program banks must implement to help detect the warning signs - or red flags - of identity theft in day-to-day banking operations.	Regulation V	Compliance
Interest Rate Risk	The potential for investment losses that can be triggered by a move upward in the prevailing rates for new debt instruments.	NA	General Banking
Letter of Credit	A letter from a bank guaranteeing that a buyer's payment to a seller will be on time and paid in full, often facilitated by a loan.		Lending
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	Banking regulation requires banks to hold enough high-quality liquid assets like cash or government bonds to fund cash outflows. This calculation compares those liquid assets to the expected net cash demand over a 30-day stress scenario.	NA	General Banking
Merchant Services	A bank provided platform for businesses to offer credit and debit card payment processing for in person or online payments along with payment processing hardware, payment gateways and loyalty programs for their customers.	NA	Operations

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Multi-Factor Authentication	A method of confirming identity when logging into an online account with more than just username and password. Common MFA strategies may involve, text messages, phone calls, emails or token devices.	NA	Information Technology
Neobanks	Online-only banks that offer digital banking services without physical branches.	NA	General Banking
Net-Interest Margin	The net interest income calculation compares the amount a lender earns from credit products like loans and mortgages against the interest it pays to savings account and certificate of deposit holders. A positive NIM percentage shows that the bank is profitable, and a negative NIM percentage suggests inefficiency.	NA	General Banking
Non-Deposit Investment Products	A non-deposit investment product (NDIP) is a financial asset that is not FDIC-insured and may contain investment risk. NDIPs include mutual funds, annuities, securities, and self-directed Individual Retirement Accounts that invest in securities.	NA	General Banking
Overt Discrimination	Lending discrimination that occurs when a lender blatantly and openly discriminates against an applicant based on a prohibited factor.	Regulation B	Compliance
Phase I Exemption	Non-conditional exemptions to Currency Transaction Reporting requirements for banks, government agencies within various levels of the U.S., and publicly listed entities.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
Phase II Exemption	Exemptions for commercial entities for Currency Transaction Reporting requirements when they meet specific criteria.	Bank Secrecy/ Anti-Money Laundering Act	Compliance
Positive Pay Services	A service intended to prevent fraud by allowing bank customers the ability to match their checks issued with those presented to the bank for payment and approve authorized payments or decline unauthorized payments.	NA	Operations
Redlining	A form of disparate treatment lending discrimination where a lender provides unequal access to credit, or unequal terms of credit, because of the race, color, national origin, or other prohibited characteristics of the residents in the area where the credit seeker resides, or where the subject property is located.	Regulation B	Compliance
RegTech	Technology used to help banks comply with regulatory requirements more efficiently and effectively.	NA	Information Technology

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Rescission	A period of 3 days following consummation of a primary residence secured loan transaction extending new funds, during which a borrower may cancel the transaction. If proper disclosures are not provided, the 3-day period is extended to 3 years.	Regulation Z	Compliance
Return on Assets	A financial ratio that indicates how profitable an organization is in relation to its total assets. This ratio expresses how efficiently an institution uses its resources to generate a profit.	NA NA	General Banking
Return on Equity	A measure of financial performance calculated by dividing by shareholders' equity. Similar to ROA but doesn't account for an organization's debt. ROE shows the return on net assets.		General Banking
Stress Testing	A technique used to test the resilience of the institution and investment portfolio against possible future financial situations.	NA	General Banking
Sweep Accounts	An account that can be linked to another account to automatically transfers funds into a higher yield investment option.	NA	General Banking
Tier 1 Capital	The core capital held in a bank's reserves and is used to fund business activities. It includes common stock, disclosed reserves and other assets.	NA	General Banking
USA PATRIOT Act	A law passed in 2001 after 9/11 terrorist attacks to improve U.S. law enforcement ability to detect and deter terrorism.	NA	Compliance