Credit Risk Management for Cooperative Financial Institutions Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Strategically assess the overall credit risk profile of cooperative loan portfolios.
2. Implement advanced borrower creditworthiness assessment techniques for cooperative members.
3. Develop and utilize early warning systems for potential loan defaults.
4. Master effective collateral valuation and management strategies for cooperative lending.
5. Design and execute comprehensive non-performing loan (NPL) recovery and resolution plans.
6. Understand and apply regulatory requirements and prudential guidelines for credit risk.
7. Integrate data analytics and credit scoring models into lending decisions.
8. Formulate robust credit policies and procedures tailored for CFIs.
9. Identify and mitigate concentration risk and systemic risk within cooperative portfolios.
10. Implement stress testing methodologies to gauge portfolio resilience.
11. Develop strategies for responsible lending and consumer protection in the cooperative context.
12. Understand the impact of macroeconomic factors on cooperative credit risk.
13. Enhance credit risk reporting and communication to boards and regulators.

Organizational Benefits

1. Reduced loan losses and improved asset quality.
2. Enhanced financial stability and solvency of the institution.
3. More robust and effective credit risk management framework.

4. Improved decision-making in lending and loan portfolio management.
5. Greater compliance with regulatory requirements and best practices.
6. Increased confidence among members, depositors, and regulators.
7. Efficient allocation of capital and resources.
8. Better management of non-performing assets.
9. Strengthened institutional reputation and credibility.
10. Sustainable growth of the loan portfolio and profitability.

Target Participants

- Loan Officers and Credit Analysts of Cooperative Financial Institutions
- Credit Committee Members and Managers
- Risk Managers and Compliance Officers in CFIs
- General Managers and CEOs of SACCOs and Cooperative Banks
- Board Members and Audit Committee Members of CFIs
- Internal and External Auditors of Cooperative Financial Institutions
- Regulatory Authorities and Supervisors of Cooperatives (e.g., SASRA, CBK)

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to Credit Risk in CFIs

- Defining credit risk and its significance for cooperative financial institutions.
- Unique characteristics of credit risk in a member-centric lending model.
- Overview of the credit lifecycle and key risk points.
- The role of credit risk management in ensuring CFI sustainability.
- Case Study: Identifying initial credit risk exposures in a typical SACCO loan portfolio.

Module 2: Regulatory Frameworks and Prudential Guidelines

- Understanding relevant national and international regulations (e.g., SASRA prudential guidelines, IFRS 9).
- Capital adequacy requirements and their relation to credit risk.
- Loan classification, provisioning, and write-off policies.
- Reporting requirements to regulatory bodies.
- Case Study: Interpreting SASRA guidelines for loan loss provisioning.

Module 3: Principles of Credit Assessment and Analysis

- The "5 Cs" of credit: Character, Capacity, Capital, Collateral, Conditions.
- Financial statement analysis for cooperative borrowers.
- Cash flow analysis and debt service capacity assessment.
- Non-financial factors influencing creditworthiness (e.g., business model, management quality).
- Case Study: Conducting a comprehensive credit assessment for a cooperative member's business loan.

Module 4: Loan Origination and Structuring

- Best practices in loan application and processing.
- Tailoring loan products to member needs and risk profiles.
- Loan covenants and their importance in risk mitigation.
- Documentation requirements for effective loan enforceability.

- Case Study: Designing a loan product with appropriate covenants for a specific member segment.

Module 5: Collateral Management and Valuation

- Types of collateral common in cooperative lending (e.g., chattels, land, guarantors, deposits).
- Principles of collateral valuation and appraisal.
- Legal enforceability of collateral and perfection of security interests.
- Managing collateral risk and depreciation.
- Case Study: Valuing and perfecting security for a loan secured by agricultural land.

Module 6: Credit Scoring and Rating Models for Cooperatives

- Introduction to traditional and behavioral credit scoring models.
- Developing internal credit rating systems for cooperative members.
- Using data analytics to improve credit assessment accuracy.
- The role of social collateral and peer-group dynamics in cooperative lending.
- Case Study: Applying a simple credit scoring model to a sample of member loan applications.

Module 7: Loan Portfolio Management and Monitoring

- Diversification strategies to mitigate concentration risk.
- Continuous monitoring of loan portfolio quality.
- Early warning indicators for deteriorating credit quality.
- Portfolio segmentation and risk categorization.
- Case Study: Identifying concentration risks in a SACCO's loan portfolio.

Module 8: Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Management and Recovery

- Classification and recognition of NPLs.
- Strategies for NPL collection and recovery (e.g., rescheduling, restructuring).
- Legal aspects of loan recovery and debt enforcement.
- Managing provisions for loan losses.
- Case Study: Developing a recovery plan for a persistently defaulting loan.

Module 9: Loan Workouts and Restructuring

- Identifying viable candidates for loan workouts.
- Negotiating terms for loan restructuring and rescheduling.
- Legal and accounting implications of loan workouts.
- Measuring the effectiveness of workout strategies.
- Case Study: Restructuring a loan for a member facing temporary financial distress.

Module 10: Stress Testing and Scenario Analysis

- Principles of stress testing for credit portfolios.
- Developing relevant stress scenarios for cooperative financial institutions (e.g., economic downturn, sector-specific shocks).
- Quantifying the impact of stress scenarios on capital adequacy and profitability.
- Using stress test results for strategic decision-making.
- Case Study: Performing a simple stress test on a CFI's loan book under an economic recession scenario.

Module 11: Credit Risk Reporting and Communication

- Designing effective credit risk reports for management and the board.
- Key credit risk indicators (KRIs) and dashboards.
- Communicating credit risk exposures and mitigation strategies to stakeholders.
- Best practices in internal and external credit risk reporting.
- Case Study: Preparing a monthly credit risk report for the credit committee.

Module 12: Ethical Considerations and Responsible Lending

- Principles of responsible lending and consumer protection in cooperatives.
- Avoiding predatory lending practices.
- Ensuring fair treatment of members in distress.
- The social mission of cooperatives in credit provision.
- Case Study: Developing ethical guidelines for a cooperative's lending operations.

Module 13: Technology and Credit Risk Management

- Leveraging loan origination systems (LOS) and credit management software.
- The role of big data and artificial intelligence in credit scoring.
- Automation of credit processes for efficiency and accuracy.
- Cybersecurity in credit data management.
- Case Study: Exploring the benefits of implementing a new LOS for a cooperative.

Module 14: Organizational Structure for Credit Risk

- Establishing a robust credit risk governance framework.
- Roles and responsibilities of the board, credit committee, and management.
- The importance of an independent credit risk function.
- Building a culture of risk awareness throughout the organization.
- Case Study: Designing an optimal organizational structure for credit risk management in a large SACCO.

Module 15: Emerging Trends in Cooperative Credit Risk

- Impact of climate change and environmental risks on loan portfolios.
- The rise of digital lending and associated risks.
- Peer-to-peer lending models within cooperative networks.
- Global best practices and lessons learned in cooperative credit risk management.
- Case Study: Adapting credit policies to address climate-related risks in agricultural lending.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$3,000
14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
28 Sep 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
05 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
12 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000

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19 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
26 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000

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