

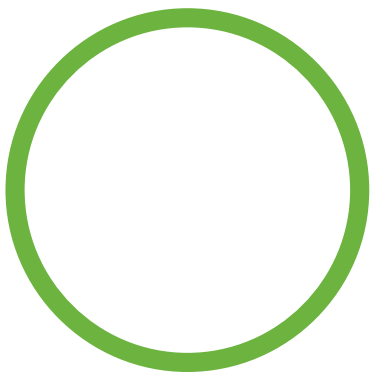
# **Proponent:**

Member Privilege Program

A safety net for your  
checking account.



Knowing you. Knowing how.®



At times, unanticipated expenses or unforeseen problems can leave you with too little cash in your checking account. Having a check returned due to insufficient funds can be a costly, inconvenient, and potentially embarrassing experience.

At Proponent Federal Credit Union, we do not encourage overdrafts. As always, we encourage you to manage your finances responsibly. However, we want to save you from the additional merchant fees and possible damage to your credit history that might result if a check is returned. That's why your checking account automatically comes with our Member Privilege program, a special overdraft service for our members.

### **What is Member Privilege?**

Our Member Privilege program is an overdraft service requiring no action on your part, that provides you a safety net to an automatically assigned overdraft limit.

### **How does the Member Privilege program work?\***

For example, let's say you wrote a check, and unknowingly, didn't have enough funds available in your checking account to cover the cost of the transaction. Rather than

facing the potential embarrassment of having your check returned, the Member Privilege service will allow the transaction to process. You would simply be charged the current Member Privilege Paid Item fee of \$35 for each check, Bill Pay or ACH transaction. Keep in mind, we are not obligated to pay any item presented for payment if your account does not contain sufficient funds or if based upon our review of your account management, we determine that you have too many overdrafts or are using the Member Privilege program as a regular line of credit.

\* Please refer to the Member Privilege Overdraft Policy and program disclosures for additional details.

### **What is Enhanced Member Privilege?**

Enhanced Member Privilege adds ATM withdrawals and debit card transactions to the Member Privilege program. In addition, the Enhanced Member Privilege Paid Item fee for each ATM withdrawal or debit card transaction is only \$20.

### **How will I know when I used the overdraft limit?**

You will receive a notice of courtesy payment each time items are paid, which include any associated fees. You will need to subtract the total fees when balancing your check book.

Please note that the amount of the overdraft plus our Member Privilege Paid Item fee of \$35 for each check, Bill Pay or ACH transaction, or \$20 for each ATM withdrawal or debit card transaction will be deducted from your overdraft limit. If the check, Bill Payment, or ACH Transaction is returned, the overdrawn fee of \$35 will be deducted from your account. No interest will be charged on the overdraft balance.

Member Privilege and Enhanced Member Privilege are limited to a daily cap of five (5) paid item fees.

### **What is my Member Privilege limit? If I have two checking accounts, can I get Overdraft Privilege on both?**

All Proponent checking account types have a \$500 limit. If you have multiple accounts for your household, you may have a limit on all eligible accounts.

## **What if I go beyond my Member Privilege limit?**

Checks, Bill Payments, or ACH transactions that result in an overdraft above and beyond your established Member Privilege limit may result in these items being returned to the payee. The overdrawn fee of \$35 will be charged per item and assessed to your account. ATM and debit card transactions that result in an overdraft above and beyond your established Member Privilege limit may result in these items being declined at point of purchase. An overdrawn fee notice will be sent to notify you of items paid and/or returned.

## **How quickly must I repay my Member Privilege?**

You should make every attempt to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance as soon as possible, and must do so within 30 calendar days. If you are not able to do so, you will receive a letter from Proponent Federal Credit Union informing you that your Member Privilege limit has been suspended and additional items will be returned.

Unless we advise you differently or you request this service be removed from your account, your limit will be available to cover overdrafts after you bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance.

## **What does my Member Privilege cost?**

There is no cost associated with this program unless you use it. You will be charged our Member Privilege Paid item fee of \$35 for each check, Bill Pay or ACH transactions paid under the limit. For example, three paid checks in one day will result in \$105 in Member Privilege Paid Item fees. To help you manage your account, the total fees you have paid for items (both paid and returned) during the current month and for the year-to-date will be reflected on your monthly checking statement.

Also, if you have requested us to do so, we may authorize and pay ATM withdrawals or debit card transactions.

The Enhanced Member Privilege Paid Item Fee for these transactions is \$20 for each overdrawn item.

## **What are some of the ways I can access my Member Privilege limit? Will my limit be reflected in the balance I receive?**

The chart below shows the different ways you can access your Member Privilege limit. This chart also clearly shows the advantages of Opting-In to Enhanced Member Privilege.

## Ways you can access Member Privilege

Is my overdraft privilege available?		
Access Points	Member Privilege	Enhanced Member Privilege
Writing a Check	Yes	Yes
Bill Pay	Yes	Yes
ACH	Yes	Yes
Teller	No	No
Debit Card	No	Yes**
ATM Withdrawal	No	Yes**
Online Banking (PAM)	No	No
Telephone Banking	No	No

\*\*Member Privilege will be made available for ATM withdrawals and Debit Card transactions upon your request for Enhanced Member Privilege.

**Note that the balance provided by a teller, ATM or online banking will never reflect your Member Privilege limit.**

### How do I Opt In to Enhanced Member Privilege?

Opting-in is easy! Simply choose any one of the convenient ways below:

- Visit your local Proponent Federal Credit Union branch, or
- Give us a call at 800 457 8058 during our regular business hours, or
- Visit [www.proponentfcu.org](http://www.proponentfcu.org). Click the “Member Privilege – Enhanced Service” link on our Home Page and follow the simple prompts.

### How soon can I use my Member Privilege?

Proponent members are eligible for the Member Privilege service immediately upon opening an account, assuming your account is in “good standing” as defined in this brochure.

## What are some other ways I can cover overdrafts at Proponent Federal Credit Union?

The best way to avoid overdrafts and fees is to keep track of your account balance by entering all items in your check register, reconcile your check book regularly and manage your finances responsibly. However, if a mistake occurs, we offer additional ways to cover overdrafts in addition to our Member Privilege program.

Ways to cover Overdrafts	Example of associated fees*
Good account management	\$0
Link to a share account	\$12 Transfer Fee
Member Privilege	Member Privilege paid item fee of \$20 for each ATM or debit card transaction or \$35 for each check, Bill Pay or ACH transaction

\*\* Rate as of February 1, 2014. All Rates Subject to Change without Notice. The Annual Percentage Rate may vary from the above due to an individual's credit worthiness and other factors. Information concerning specific criteria used is available at the credit union. Certain other restrictions may apply.

## What if I do not want to have Member Privilege on my checking account?

If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call 800 457 8058.

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### Member Privilege Program: Disclosure

An insufficient balance can result from several events, such as (1) the payment of checks, electronic funds transfers or other withdrawal requests; (2) payments authorized by you; (3) the return of unpaid items deposited by you; (4) credit union service charges; or (5) the deposit of items which, according to the credit union's Funds Availability Policy, are treated as not yet available or finally paid. We are not obligated to pay any item presented for payment if your account does not contain sufficient funds.

As long as you maintain your account in "good standing," we may approve your overdraft items within your current available Member Privilege limit as a non-contractual courtesy. For Member Privilege consideration, your account is in "good standing" if you (1) make sufficient deposits to bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance at least once every 30 calendar days (including the payment of all credit union fees and charges); (2) avoid excessive overdrafts suggesting the use of Member Privilege as a continuing line of credit (3) there are no legal orders, levies or liens against your account and (4) all loans are current.

In the normal course of business, we generally pay electronic transactions first and then checks from smallest to largest dollar amounts, per the credit unions policy. We reserve the right to change the order of payment without notice to you if we suspect fraud or possible illegal activity affecting your account. Also, please be aware that the order of item payment may create multiple overdraft items during a single banking day for which you will be charged our Member Privilege Paid Item fee of \$20 for each ATM or debit card transaction or \$35 for any other type of transaction.

You may opt out of the privilege at any time, but you are responsible for any overdrawn balances at the time of opting out. Normally, we will not approve an overdraft for you in excess of the predetermined amount assigned to your account type. So as not to exceed your limit, please note that the amount of the overdraft plus the credit union's Member Privilege Paid Item fee of \$20 for each ATM or debit card transaction or \$35 for any other type of transaction will be deducted from the overdraft limit.

We may refuse to pay an overdraft item at any time even though we may have previously paid overdrafts for you. For example, we typically do not pay overdraft items if your account is not in good standing as defined above, or if based upon our review of your account management, we determine that you have too many overdrafts or are using Member Privilege as a regular line of credit. You will be charged an overdrawn fee of \$35 for each item returned.

You will be promptly notified of any non-sufficient funds items paid or returned that you may have; however, we have no obligation to notify you before we pay or return any item. The amount of any overdraft including our Member Privilege Paid Item fee of \$20 for each ATM or debit card transaction or \$35 for any other type of transaction and/or an overdrawn fee of \$35 that you owe us shall be due and payable upon demand, but if no demand is made, no later than 30 calendar days after the creation of the overdraft. If there is an overdraft on an account with more than one owner on the signature card, each owner and agent, if applicable, shall be jointly and severally liable for all overdrafts inclusive of fees.

Member Privilege should not be viewed as an encouragement to overdraw your account. To avoid fees, we encourage you to keep track of your account balance by entering all items in your check register, reconcile your check book regularly, and manage your finances responsibly. If you would like to have this service removed from your account, please call 800 457 8058.

Please note that your Member Privilege program limit may be available for covering overdrafts through ACH, Bill Pay, or with checks written to third parties. Also, at your request, we may authorize and pay ATM withdrawals and debit card purchases. The limit will not be included in the balance provided during an inquiry.

**LIMITATIONS:** Member Privilege is a non-contractual courtesy that is available to individually/jointly owned accounts in good standing for personal or household use. Proponent Federal Credit Union reserves the right to limit participation to one account per household and to suspend, revoke, or discontinue this service without prior notice. Unless we advise you differently or you request this service be removed from your account, your limit will be made available to cover overdrafts again the first business day you bring your account to a positive end-of-day balance.

# Branch Locations

536 Washington Avenue  
Nutley, NJ 07110

69 First Avenue  
Raritan, NJ 08869

1080 US Highway 202 South  
Somerville, NJ 08876

427 Bloomfield Avenue  
Montclair, NJ 07042

358 South Main Street  
Burlington, NC 27215

3504 Forestdale Drive  
Burlington, NC 27215

1912 Alexander Drive  
RTP, NC 27709

PAM (24-hour Phone Banking)

336 506 2757

973 798 2060

Member Support Team (Call Center)

800 457 8058

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