Nonaccrual Treatment for Purchased Credit-Deteriorated (PCD) Assets

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-13, "Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments," which introduces the concept of PCD assets. PCD assets are acquired financial assets that, at acquisition, have experienced more-than-insignificant deterioration in credit quality since origination. When recording the acquisition of PCD assets, the amount of expected credit losses as of the acquisition date is recorded as an allowance and added to the purchase price of the assets rather than recording these acquisition date expected credit losses through provisions for credit losses. The sum of the purchase price and initial allowance for credit losses (ACL) establishes the amortized cost basis of the PCD assets at acquisition. Any difference between the unpaid principal balance of the PCD assets and the amortized cost basis of the assets as of the acquisition date is the noncredit discount or premium. The initial ACL and noncredit discount or premium determined on a collective basis at that acquisition date are allocated to the individual PCD assets.

After acquisition, the noncredit discount or premium recorded at acquisition is accreted into interest income over the remaining lives of the PCD assets on a level-yield basis. However, if a PCD asset is placed in nonaccrual status, ASC paragraph 310-20-35-17 requires institutions to cease accreting the noncredit discount or premium into interest income.

The current instructions for Schedule RC-N provide an exception to the criteria for placing financial assets in nonaccrual status for purchased credit-impaired (PCI) assets. However, the Schedule RC-N instructions indicate that this nonaccrual exception for PCI assets was not extended to PCD assets: "For purchased credit-deteriorated loans, debt securities, and other financial assets that fall within the scope of ASU 2016-13, nonaccrual status should be determined and subsequent nonaccrual treatment, if appropriate, should be applied in the same manner as for other financial assets held by an institution."

For purposes of the March 31, 2020, Call Report, if an institution has adopted ASU 2016-13 and has a PCD asset, including a PCD asset that was previously a PCI asset or part of a pool of PCI assets, that would otherwise be required to be placed in nonaccrual status (see the Glossary entry for "Nonaccrual status"), the institution may elect to continue accruing interest income and not report the PCD asset as being in nonaccrual status if the following criteria are met:

(1) the institution reasonably estimates the timing and amounts of cash flows expected to be collected, and
(2) the institution did not acquire the asset primarily for the rewards of ownership of the underlying collateral, such as use of collateral in operations of the institution or improving the collateral for resale.

When a PCD asset that meets the criteria above is not placed in nonaccrual status, the asset should be subject to other alternative methods of evaluation to ensure that the institution's net income is not materially overstated. Further, an institution is not permitted to accrete the credit-related discount embedded in the purchase price of a PCD asset that is attributable to the acquirer's assessment of expected credit losses as of the date of acquisition (i.e., the contractual cash flows the acquirer did not expect to collect at acquisition). Interest income should no longer be recognized on a PCD asset to the extent that the net investment in the asset would increase to an amount greater than the payoff amount. If an institution is required or has elected to carry a PCD asset in nonaccrual status, the asset must be reported as a nonaccrual asset at its amortized cost basis in Schedule RC-N, column C.

For PCD assets whereby the institution has made a policy election to maintain previously existing pools on adoption of ASU 2016-13, the determination of nonaccrual or accrual status should be made at the pool level, not the individual asset level.

For a PCD asset that is not reported in nonaccrual status, the delinquency status of the PCD asset should be determined in accordance with its contractual repayment terms for purposes of reporting the amortized cost basis of the asset as past due in Schedule RC-N, column A or B, as appropriate. If the PCD asset that is not reported in nonaccrual status consists of a pool of loans that were previously PCI that is being maintained as a unit of account after the adoption of ASU 2016-13, delinquency status should be determined individually for each loan in the pool in accordance with the individual loan's contractual repayment terms.

The agencies will permit institutions the option to not report PCD assets in nonaccrual status if they meet the criteria described above on an interim basis. The agencies plan to propose changes to the Call Report Instructions to revise the nonaccrual treatment for PCD assets through the Paperwork Reduction Act process, which will include a request for comment.