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# **Current Expected Credit Losses (CECL)**

### **Purchased Financial Assets**

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### **Purchased Financial Assets: PIR Feedback**

- After the issuance of Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, <u>Financial Instruments Credit Losses (Topic</u> <u>326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments</u>, the Board received feedback that:
  - The accounting for acquired financial assets is complex
  - The understandability and decision-usefulness of the information is questionable
- Throughout its PIR process the Board received mixed feedback about the treatment of expected credit losses for purchased credit deteriorated (PCD) and non-PCD financial assets:
  - Non-PCD assets are initially recognized with a "double count" of credit losses
  - Interest income recognized on non-PCD assets blends credit amounts embedded in the purchase price
- Investors also raised concern about inconsistent application of the criteria to determine whether acquired financial assets are classified as PCD





# **Background – Non-PCD and PCD Model Overview**

		Non-PCD Model	PCD Model
Credit deterioration since origination		Less than insignificant (≈ originated)	More-than-insignificant
Expected credit losses—at acquisition		Day-1 credit loss expense (income statement)	Adjustment to purchase price ("gross-up" on balance sheet)
Expected credit losses—subsequent changes		Credit loss expense	Credit loss expense
Financial Reporting impact—Dr. (Cr.)			
Acquisition date (Purchase accounting)	Asset (par)	1,000,000	1,000,000
	Fair value mark (credit + rate discount)	<u>(150,000)</u>	<u>(150,000)</u>
	Purchase price	850,000	850,000
	Allowance for credit losses (gross-up)	=	<u>95,000</u>
	Initial amortized cost basis	850,000	945,000
Day-1 (Outside purchase accounting)	Provision for credit losses	95,000	—
	Allowance for credit losses	<u>(95,000)</u>	<u>(95,000)</u>
	Balance sheet amount, net	755,000	850,000

## **Purchased Financial Assets**

Is the acquired asset within the scope of Topic 326?

- Includes assets acquired in business combinations and asset acquisitions
- Includes lessor's net investment in sales-type and direct financing leases and contract assets
- Includes credits cards, HELOCs, and other revolving arrangements



## **Preliminary Comment Letter Feedback**

- Most respondents generally support the proposal because it simplifies and streamlines the accounting for all purchased financial assets
- Those respondents who did not support the proposal expressed concern that it would drive greater inconsistency in the accounting for purchased financial assets compared to originated financial assets
- Some respondents asked the Board to consider whether PFA-specific recognition and measurement guidance related to triggering nonaccrual status, recognizing recoveries, and using the unpaid principal balance to determine the allowance should be amended
- Respondents provided mixed feedback on whether AFS debt securities and assets not accounted for at fair value in a business combination (i.e., contract assets and sales-type and direct financing lease receivables) should be accounted for using the PCD gross-up approach
- Most respondents asked the Board to address operational complexity associated with applying the PCD gross-up approach to credit cards by either:
  - Scoping out credit cards and other similar arrangements with active revolving privileges
  - Allowing the application of practical expedients that would permit PFA accounting on a portfolio basis
- Most respondents asked the Board to clarify the seasoning criteria, and some asked to allow application of the criteria at the individual asset level rather than at the portfolio level
- Few stakeholders supported retrospective application back to the date of CECL adoption; instead, most supported prospective application from the date of adoption

