

How do I make a claim for a refund?

If you believe that you have suffered a loss relating to a substitute check that you received and was posted to your account, please contact us at NASA Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1588, Bowie, MD 20717-1588. You must contact us within 40 calendar days of the date that we mailed (or otherwise delivered by a means to which you agreed) the substitute check in question or the account statement showing that a substitute check was posted to your account, whichever is later. We will extend this time period if you were not able to make a timely claim because of extraordinary circumstances.

Your claim must include:

- A description of why you have suffered a loss (for example, you think the amount withdrawn was incorrect);
- An estimate of the amount of your loss;
- An explanation of why the substitute check you received is insufficient to confirm that you suffered a loss; and
- A copy of the substitute check [and/or] the following information to help us identify the substitute check: (identifying information, for example the check number, the name of the person to whom you wrote the check, the amount of the check).

Check 21 begins a new era of credit union efficiency and service. NASA Federal Credit Union is prepared for the changes, and we are here to help smooth the way for you.

For more information, call **301-249-1800** or **1-888-NASA-FCU** (1-888-627-2328) and speak with a Member Services Representative today.



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SUBSTITUTE CHECKS



YOUR RIGHTS

What is a substitute check?

To make check processing faster, federal law permits financial institutions to replace original checks with “substitute checks.” These checks are similar in size to original checks with a slightly reduced image of the front and back of the original check. The front of a substitute check states: “This is a legal copy of your check. You can use it the same way you would use the original check.” You may use a substitute check as proof of payment just like the original check.

Some or all of the checks that you receive back from us may be substitute checks. This pamphlet describes rights you have when you receive substitute checks from us. The rights in this pamphlet do not apply to original checks or to electronic debits to your account. However, you have rights under other law with respect to those transactions.

What are my rights regarding substitute checks?

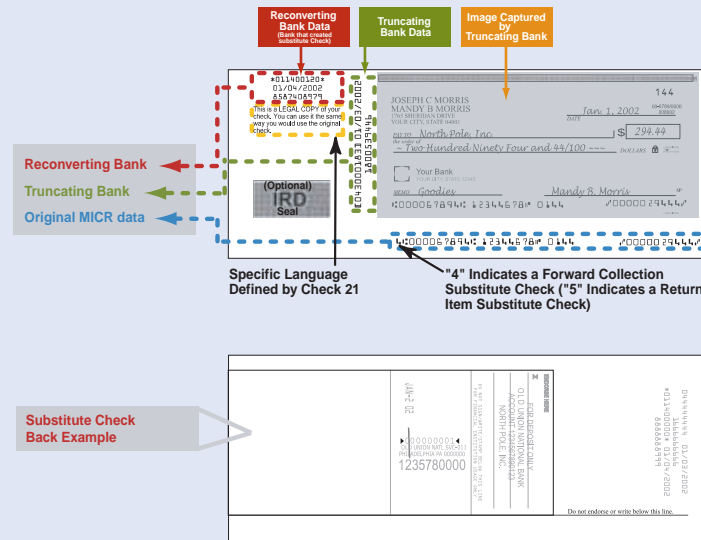
In certain cases, federal law provides a special procedure that allows you to request a refund for losses you suffer if a substitute check is posted to your account (for example, if you think that we withdrew the wrong amount from your account or that we withdrew money from your account more than once for the same check). The losses you may attempt to recover under this procedure may include the amount that was withdrawn from your account and fees that were charged as a result of the withdrawal (for example, bounced check fees).

The amount of your refund under this procedure is limited to the amount of your loss or the amount of the substitute check, whichever is less. You also are entitled to interest on the amount of your refund if your account is an interest-bearing account. If your loss exceeds the amount of the substitute check, you may be able to recover additional amounts under other law.

If you use this procedure, you may receive up to \$2,500 of your refund (plus interest if your account earns interest) within 10 business days after we received your claim and the remainder of your refund (plus interest if your account earns interest) not later than 45 calendar days after we received your claim. Under certain circumstances, the Credit Union may delay the recredit of funds until the 45th day after the recredit is determined valid.

We may reverse the refund (including any interest on the refund) if we later are able to demonstrate that the substitute check was correctly posted to your account.

~ SUBSTITUTE CHECK ~



Terms:

Reverting Bank - The bank or financial institution that printed or “created” the substitute check.

Truncating Bank - The bank or financial institution that takes the paper check out of circulation by converting it to an electronic image.

Original MICR Data - Recreation of the MICR line that originally appeared on the physical check.