

# Ch. 15 federal reserve system



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credits subject to laws of supply and demand  
loose money policy want economy to speed up  
tight money policy want economy to slow down  
discount rate interest rate charged by the Fed to other banks  
prime rate interest rate charged by banks to its best business customers  
check clearing method by which a check that has been deposited in one depository institution is transferred to the depository institution on which it was written  
Federal Open Market Committee meets 8 times a year, decides how the Fed should control the money supply, made up of Board of Governors and Pres. or V. P. of 5 Fed. Reserve Banks  
Board of Governors directs operations of Federal Reserve System, supervises the 12 district Federal Reserve Banks, has 7 full-time members appointed by the Pres. approved by the Senate  
to increase money supply reduce reserve requirements, reduce discount rates for borrowing reserves, buy government securities on the open market  
to decrease money supply increase reserve requirements, raise discount rate for borrowing reserves, sell government securities in the open market  
member banks commercial banks that are members of, and hold stock in the Fed.  
bank holding companies corporations that own one or more banks  
currency paper component of the money supply coins metallic forms of money  
monetary policy expansion or contraction of the money supply in order to influence the cost and the availability of credit  
fractional reserve system requires banks and other depository institutions to keep a fraction of their deposits in the form of legal reserves  
legal reserves consist of coins and currency that depository institutions hold in their vaults, plus deposits with Federal Reserve district banks  
reserve requirement rule stating that a percentage of every deposit be set aside as legal reserves  
excess reserves legal reserves in excess of the reserve requirement  
liabilities debts

and obligations to others assets properties, possessions, and claims on others balance sheet condensed statement showing all assets and liabilities at a given time net worth excess of assets over liabilities, which is a measure of the value of a business time deposits interest-bearing deposits that cannot be withdrawn by check member bank reserved deposit a member bank keeps at the Fed to satisfy reserve requirements easy money policy Fed allows the money supply to grow and interest rates to fall, which normally stimulates the economy tight money policy Fed restricts the growth of the money supply, which drives interest rates up open market operations buying and selling of government securities in financial markets margin requirements minimum deposits left with a stockbroker to be used as down payments to buy other securities monetize the debt create enough extra money to offset the expansion of the money supply, making inflation worse real rate of interest the market rate of interest minus the rate of inflation selective credit controls credit rules pertaining to loans for specific commodities or purposes regulation z provision extending truth-in-lending disclosures to consumers deregulation relaxation or removal of government regulations on business activities aggregate supply total value of goods and services that all firms would produce in a specific period of time at various price levels supply-side economic economic policies designed to increase aggregate supply or shift the aggregate supply curve to the right keynesian economics government spending and taxation policies suggested by John Maynard Keynes to stimulate the economy stagflation combination of stagnant economic growth and inflation liquidity potential for being readily convertible into cash or other financial assets creditor person or institution to whom money is owed M1 money supply components conforming to money's

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role as medium of exchange; such as coins and currency  
M2 money supply  
components conforming to money's role as a store of value; M1, savings deposits, time deposits  
monetarism school of thought stressing the importance of stable monetary growth to control inflation and stimulate long-term economic growth  
council of economic advisers three member group that devises strategies and advises the president of the united states on economic matters  
misery index unofficial statistic that is the sum of monthly inflation and the unemployment rate