Authorized Signatories vs Authorized Users

Role	Responsibilities		
Authorized Signatory/ User (Mandatory Role)	 Is a Signing Officer specifically <u>authorized by the business/organization</u> to exercise any or all of the following powers <u>on behalf of the business</u>: Sign binding agreements: To apply for a membership with the Credit Union To open or close accounts (such as chequing, savings, term deposits) To borrow funds (such as a loan, line of credit, or commercial mortgage) To apply for a credit card To change signing authorities on the account (aka Change of Signers) Designate who will be an Authorized User(s) To make any other <u>fundamental</u> changes to the business relationship To perform duties as outlined in the Authorized User role below Note: Signatories are authorized to either act alone <i>or</i> with another person or persons.		
Authorized User (Appointed Role)	 Note: Signatories are authorized to either act alone or with another person or persons. Is a Signing Officer specifically authorized by <u>an Authorized Signatory</u> (on behalf of the business) to exercise any or all of the following powers <u>on behalf of the business</u>: Obtain account information (such as balances, statements) Perform account transactions: 		

Business Type	Authorized Signatory/User (Mandatory Role)	Authorized User (Appointed Role)
Sole Proprietorship	n/a	n/a
Partnership	All Partners	Additional appointed signer(s) (i.e. Manager, Bookkeeper)
Corporation or Registered Society	All Directors appointed to sign on the membership	
Unincorporated	All Officers (i.e. President, Treasurer, Secretary)	
Joint Venture	All Participants in Venture	