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The Credit Union Department (CUD) is the state agency that regulates and supervises credit unions chartered by the State of Texas. The Department is professionally accredited by the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS) certifying that CUD maintains the highest standards and practices in state credit union supervision.

Our **Mission** is to safeguard the public interest, protect the interests of credit union members and promote public confidence in credit unions.

Credit Union Commission

The Commission is the policy making body for CUD. The Commission is a board of private citizens appointed by and responsible to the Governor of Texas.

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Next Commission Meeting

Friday, March 11, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of CUD.

Updated Applications Available on the Department Website

Due to the recent amendments approved by the Commission relating to Texas Administrative Code Section 91.301 the [Application to Amend Bylaws Community of Interest Geographic](#) and other forms have been updated. Credit unions are reminded that to ensure a smooth processing they should visit our [website](#) to pull the latest version of any application form whenever they begin the process of submitting an application.



Interagency Approval of Home Equity Rule Amendments

On December 17th, the Finance Commission adopted rule amendments in 7 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 153, relating to home equity lending. The amendments were previously adopted by the Credit Union Commission on November 5, 2021. The amendments have been submitted to the Texas Register and became effective on January 6, 2022. The adopted amendments are available online at <https://occc.texas.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/pub/rules/home-equity-adoption-fc-010622.pdf>.

The adopted amendments add language to various sections throughout Chapter 153, explaining that lenders may make disclosures and sign documents electronically (in accordance with the Texas Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and the federal E-Sign Act). The adoption also includes a revision to Section 153.17 regarding the authority of out-of-state banks and depository institutions to make home equity loans, as well as technical corrections.



Texas Laws & Regulations for Credit Unions

Effective immediately, the Department is discontinuing sending individual amendment pages for hard copy versions of the Texas Finance Code (TFC) or the Credit Union related Rules found in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). Instead, after an amendment, an email providing a summary of any amendments will be sent to each credit union, announcements will be made on our website and notice will be published in the newsletter notifying the industry that changes have been made. We will continue to incorporate changes as they are adopted by the Legislature and the Commission and make them available at our website for your convenience. The links for the [FINANCE CODE](#) and the [Texas Administrative Code Rules for Credit Unions](#) are embedded within this sentence. The website contains both unofficial consolidations of the appropriate TFC and TAC sections related to credit unions for research purposes (each in a single, pdf document), as well as links to the legislative websites which contain the official version of the TAC and TFC. The official websites for both the TFC and the TAC include information for anyone wishing to review the entire history of any particular section. Of course, any changes proposed regarding the TAC will continue to be published, in advance, in both our newsletter and through the Texas Register to ensure all members of the public have an opportunity to provide input to the Commission before any changes are considered.

The Department hopes ensuring updated digital versions of the TAC and TFC on our website will eliminate the need to physically amend hard copy versions of the regulations, provide consistently available, complete documents to all stakeholders and assist in maintaining their understanding of, and compliance with, the regulations.



Apache Log4j Vulnerability Guidance

CISA and its partners, through the [Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative](#), are responding to active, widespread exploitation of a critical remote code execution (RCE) vulnerability ([CVE-2021-44228](#)) in Apache's Log4j software library, versions 2.0-beta9 to 2.14.1, known as "Log4Shell." Log4j is very broadly used in a variety of consumer and enterprise services, websites, and applications—as well as in operational technology products—to log security and performance information. An unauthenticated remote actor could exploit this vulnerability to take control of an affected system.

Credit unions are urged to review and monitor the [Apache Log4j Security Vulnerabilities webpage](#) for updates and mitigation guidance.



Publication Deadlines

In order to meet the submission deadlines for the applicable issues of the Texas Register, it is necessary for the Department to establish the schedule shown below. Completed applications received after the deadline for the month cannot be published until the following month.

<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
February 2022	Friday, February 11
March 2022	Friday, March 11



Applications Approved

Applications approved since December 15, 2021.

<u>Credit Union</u>	<u>Changes or Groups Added</u>
<u>Field of Membership – Approved:</u>	
Credit Union of Texas (Allen)	<u>See Newsletter No. 08-21</u>

Applications Received

The following applications were received and will be published in the **January 28, 2022** issue of the *Texas Register*.

Merger or Consolidation:

An application was received from **East Texas Professional Credit Union** (Longview) seeking approval to merge with **North East Texas Credit Union** (Lone Star), with East Texas Professional Credit Union being the surviving credit union.

An application was received from **Space City Credit Union** (Houston) seeking approval to merge with **Brazosport Teachers Federal Credit Union** (Clute), with Space City Credit Union being the surviving credit union.



Upcoming Holiday Schedule for CUD

The Department's office will be closed on **February 21, 2022** in observance of the Presidents' Day.



This newsletter is produced monthly as a part of the Department's continued communication outreach with the credit unions it regulates. Delivery is generally provided by electronic notification of its availability on the Department's website.

Suggestions and comments concerning the newsletter or its content are welcomed.

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