

Texas Department of Banking

Press Release

Banking Commissioner Announces the Release of the Texas Department of Banking's Manual of Examination Procedures for Commercial Bank Examinations

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As part of an effort to update and refine the Department's supervisory process, Banking Commissioner Catherine A. Ghiglieri announces the release of the Texas Department of Banking's manual of Examination Procedures for Commercial Bank Examinations. The public release of the procedures will ensure that regulated institutions are aware of, and can prepare for, examinations conducted by the Department's examiners.

These procedures are the result of approximately 24 months of collection, review and field testing by the Department's examination staff. In the process of revising the procedures, examiners sought to shift prior practices from an intensive account auditing process to a more risk-oriented review of overall operations. Also included in each section is a comprehensive listing of federal, state, and accounting guidance applicable to each subject. The revised examination techniques have been tested for over one year with excellent results.

Prior examination procedures manuals have been maintained strictly as an internal reference tool. With the public release of the procedures, bank management and directorate will be better informed of the criteria considered important to maintaining a well-run institution. Bank personnel may also use the procedures to conduct self-audits, or as a reference for structuring operations prior to entering a new product line.

"I am extremely proud of the quality of this product developed by our examiners. It is a comprehensive portrayal of the means we use to evaluate banks under our supervision," stated Commissioner Ghiglieri. "We are committed to update the procedures at least annually to maintain relevance to quickly changing supervisory and regulatory issues. I hope that all banks receiving a copy of the procedures take a moment to glance through their pages and realize the value of this resource."

All state-chartered banks and foreign bank agencies will receive one complimentary copy from the Department within the next two weeks. In addition, manuals may be ordered from the Department at a cost of \$97.50 per copy to cover a portion of the publication and mailing expenses. The procedures are also available on the Department's [website](#).