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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.

Members:

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Next Commission Meeting

Friday, July 18, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the offices of CUD.

Buy Now, Pay Later Loans (BNPL)

An increasing number of consumers are using Buy Now, Pay Later loans (BNPL) for purchases. Credit unions should be aware that not all of these BNPL loans are reported to the three main credit bureaus, so you may not really know the true debt to income ratio of a borrower. Rates on these loans can also vary, with some companies charging up to 35.99%. For example, PayPal and Walmart's BNPL ranges from 9.99% to 35.99%, depending on creditworthiness.

As BNPL is now readily available from a number of merchants and companies, some of your members may get over extended, which can result in higher delinquency and loan losses for your credit union. It is estimated that about 10% of consumers are now using BNPL for everyday essentials, which can be a sign of developing financial hardship. When your members request loans, it is recommended that you ask them to provide information on any BNPL that they have, so you can more accurately assess risk and repayment ability.

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## **Encourage Your Members to Attend Annual Meetings**

As we all know in the credit union industry, March to June is annual meeting time! A recent credit union blog posts asks: "Would your members take time to attend your annual meeting? Is it an occasion the members look forward to? Will they learn something new? Have a chance to meet board members and senior staff? What would the local newspaper or the credit union press write about the event?"

## **Encourage Your Members to Attend Annual Meetings (Continued)**

The superpower of credit unions is they are member-owned and member focused. Annual meetings are a credit union's opportunity to embrace the power of its members.

We would appreciate any stories you might share about your annual meetings, both success and failures. How did you engage members, were there any meaningful moments? Write us at [cudmail@cud.texas.gov](mailto:cudmail@ cud.texas.gov)

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2025 Annual Credit Union Survey

I would like to thank each of you that participated in the 2025 Annual Survey. The feedback we received from credit unions is valuable, and the Department is committed to continually enhancing its examination and regulatory oversight whenever possible. We are pleased by the positive comments we received and continue to strive to be an effective and efficient regulator.

We appreciate all the views expressed and would like to encourage you to provide additional comments or suggestions throughout the year. The agency relies on your feedback to identify concerns. Your thoughtful comments contribute to the success of our agency.

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## **Publication Deadlines**

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.

| <b><u>Publication Date</u></b> | <b><u>Application Deadline</u></b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| June 2025                      | Friday, June 13                    |
| July 2025                      | Friday, July 11                    |

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Applications Approved

Applications approved since April 16, 2025.

<u>Credit Union</u>	<u>Changes or Groups Added</u>
<u>Field of Membership - Approved</u>	
InvesTex CU #1 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25

Applications Approved (Continued)

Credit Union

Changes or Groups Added

Field of Membership - Approved

InvesTex CU #2 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #3 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #4 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #5 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #6 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #7 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #8 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #9 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
InvesTex CU #10 (Humble)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
Members Choice CU #1 (Houston)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
Members Choice CU #2 (Houston)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
Members Choice CU #3 (Houston)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
Members Choice CU #4 (Houston)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
Members Choice CU #5 (Houston)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
Members Choice CU #6 (Houston)	See Newsletter No. 02-25
FivePoint CU (Nederland)	See Newsletter No. 02-25

Merger or Consolidation - Approved

CASE FCU (Tyler) and Telco Plus CU (Longview)	See Newsletter No. 05-24
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## **Applications Received**

The following application was received and will be published on May 30, 2025, issue of the *Texas Register*.

#### **Field of Membership**

**Public Employees CU #1 (Austin)** – Persons who live, worship, work or attend school within the confines of Hays County, Texas, to be eligible for membership in the credit union.

**Public Employees CU #2 (Austin)** – Persons who live, worship, work or attend school within the confines of Bastrop County, Texas, to be eligible for membership in the credit union.

**Texell CU (Temple)** – Texas residents and businesses who are existing members of or who join the Texell Serves Foundation, to be eligible for membership in the credit union.

## *Applications Received (Continued)*

### Articles of Incorporation

An application was received from **Angelina Federal Employees Credit Union** (Lufkin) to amend its Articles of Incorporation relating to its Name Change.

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Upcoming Holiday Schedule for CUD

The Department's Office will be closed on **May 26, 2025**, in observance of Memorial 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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