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Waived Information Service & Technology (IS&T) Exam Fees

The Division of Credit Unions (Division) has determined that information services and technology examination fees will be waived for IS & T exams commenced during the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Credit unions with IS & T exams beginning during that period should not expect to be billed for separate hourly IS & T fees.

The Division has been aware that many credit unions, particularly smaller credit unions, have been under significant earnings pressure over the past year. Since assets held by state-chartered credit unions grew significantly beyond the conservative projections used for revenue estimates, the Division's budget will allow for a one-time waiver of the IS & T fees during the current fiscal year. After July 1, 2003, the Division will review anticipated asset assessments and expenses to determine whether we can continue the IS & T exam fee waiver program for another fiscal year (July 2003 through June 2004). Credit unions will be notified of that decision by a subsequent Bulletin.

The IS & T exams will continue to be conducted as previously outlined in our Bulletin number B-01-11. Most credit unions have already been through one IS & T exam, where examiners focused primarily on development of appropriate policies and procedures for conducting electronic commerce and protecting information security. We expect the second round of IS & T exams to focus largely on credit union compliance with these updated policies and procedures.

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