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# Annual Compliance Statement Presentation to CUMA Conference

3 September 2014



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## **Background - New Strengthened Regulatory Framework**

- Implementation of strengthened regulatory framework on-going
- Key elements include:
  - Governance arrangements to ensure effective oversight
    - Structure and standards
    - Roles and responsibilities
  - > Risk management, compliance, internal audit

Section 66C - all credit unions required to submit an Annual Compliance Statement to the Central Bank



### **Background – Compliance Framework**

- Annual Compliance Statement is one element of the compliance framework
- Compliance is an on-going obligation that impacts all areas and officers in a credit union
- > 1997 Act sets out specific compliance responsibilities for the:
  - Board of directors
  - > Manager
  - Compliance officer
- Other requirements include:
  - Compliance programme
  - Compliance policy
  - Compliance plan



### **Scope**

- The Annual Compliance Statement certifies whether the credit union has:
  - acted in compliance with; or
  - Failed to comply with
  - the requirements of Part IV of the 1997  $Act^1$
- Includes requirements on:
  - Governance
  - Strategic plan
  - Risk management, compliance and internal audit
  - Operational risk
- <sup>1</sup> and any other regulations prescribed under Part IV of the 1997 Act



### **Timing**

Submitted within two months of the financial year end of the credit union (by 30 November)

Covers the period from 1 October to 30 September

### First Annual Compliance Statement:

- A number of requirements came into effect between 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2014
- Covers compliance with those requirements from the date they came into effect until 30 September 2014
- For example, for requirements that came into force on 3 March 2014 credit union must confirm compliance for the period from 3 March 2014 to 30 September 2014



## **Materiality reporting on the Annual Compliance Statement**

- Board determines materiality for non-compliance
- Materiality depends on facts of each case
- Factors to consider include:
  - Frequency and duration of non-compliance
  - Extent to which non-compliance departs from required standard
  - Impact of non-compliance
  - Indicate serious or systemic weakness of systems and controls
  - Number of non-material issues that are collectively material
- > Materiality Statement set out criteria to assess materiality



# **Monitoring Compliance**

- Credit union must have in place oversight, policies, procedures, processes, practices, systems, controls, skills, expertise and reporting arrangements to ensure compliance
  - Compliance programme compliance policy, compliance plan
  - Compliance officer
  - Documented roles and responsibilities
- Where non-compliance is identified it should be acted upon promptly
- Credit unions should notify the Central Bank as soon as they become aware of material non-compliance



### **Preparing the Annual Compliance Statement**

- On-going monitoring requirements and reports should assist credit unions in preparing the Annual Compliance Statement
- Preparation:
  - Consider each requirement and assess whether the credit union has complied with the requirements
  - Record the basis for the assessment including basis for determining whether non-compliance is material or non-material
  - Retain any documentation used during the preparation of the Annual Compliance Statement including:
    - > Documentation outlining the process undertaken
    - > Documentation demonstrating compliance/non-compliance



### **Completing the Annual Compliance Statement**

or

- Annual Compliance Statement consists of a statement certifying that the credit union has :
  - complied with the requirements of Part IV of the 1997 Act
  - > failed to comply with the requirements of Part IV of the 1997 Act
- Where a credit union has failed to comply, must indicate if noncompliance was material or non-material
- If non-compliance was material, a Report of Material Non-Compliance is required
- Board of directors approves Annual Compliance Statement (and any Report of Material Non-compliance)



### **Submitting the Annual Compliance Statement**

- Annual Compliance Statement submitted electronically using the Online Reporting System (ONR)
- Further communication to credit unions planned before the end of September:
  - Submission of the Annual Compliance Statement Guidance Notes for Credit Unions
  - > User set up



### **Submitting the Annual Compliance Statement** Annual Compliance Statement Declaration

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B) The credit union has failed to comply with all or any of the requirements of Part IV of the Credit Union Act, 1997 or regulations prescribed under Part IV of the Credit Union Act, 1997.	<- Select ->
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<u>Or</u>	
ii) No material breaches have been identified	<- Select ->



### **Submitting the Annual Compliance Statement** *Report of Material Non-compliance – breach remedied*

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### **Submitting the Annual Compliance Statement** *Report of Material Non-compliance – breach outstanding*

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### **Submitting the Annual Compliance Statement**

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## **Further Information**

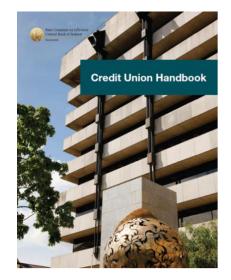
Supporting materials to assist credit unions in preparing and submitting the Annual Compliance Statement:

### Preparing and Completing

- Credit Union Handbook
  - Governance
  - Risk Management and Compliance

### Submitting

- Submission of the Annual Compliance Statement
  - Guidance Notes for Credit Unions
- Available before end September







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# Q&A