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**The Credit Union Directors Competency Course (CUDCC)** The Credit Union CEO's Competency Course (CUCCC)

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Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions





#### CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Director duties and obligations

- Duty to act in good faith
- Not improperly use position
- Not improperly use information
- Duty to avoid conflict of interests
- Duties of care, diligence and skill





#### Business judgement rule (Australia)

- Make judgements in good faith
- Not have a material personal interest
- Must inform themselves about the subject matter of the judgement to the extent they reasonably believe to be appropriate





# PRUDENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES Basle Committee on Banking Supervision

"Enhancing Corporate Governance" 1999

- Set strategic objectives and corporate values
- Set clear lines of responsibility and accountability
- Suitably qualified board members with a clear understanding of their role and not subject to undue management or outside concerns





### Basle Committee on Banking Supervision

"Enhancing Corporate Governance" 1999

- Ensure appropriate oversight by senior management
- Effectively utilise internal and external audit
- Ensure compensation is consistent with values and objectives
- Conduct corporate governance in a transparent manner





#### Basle II Capital Accord (01 Jan 2008)

- Pillar 1 Capital Requirements Credit Risk, Operational Risk, Market Risk
- Operational Risk defined as "the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems..."





#### **Aust Prudential Standards**

- Fit & Proper Standard
- Responsible persons directors, senior managers, external auditor
- Objective tests
  - Not disqualified by regulators
  - No criminal history (police check)
  - Not a current or former bankrupt
  - Material qualifications verified





#### Other Tests - Required Competencies

- Understand the role of a director
- Capacity to make an effective contribution to the Board
- Knowledge of CU, financial services industry, regulatory environment
- Ability to read and understand financial statements
- Capacity to undertake continuous professional development
- Ability to evaluate, form conclusions and make good judgements



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## CREDIT UNION DIRECTORS COMPETENCY COURSE

Credit Union Solutions Series Number 4

- Provides critical knowledge and competencies needed to develop active and involved Board of Directors
- Easy and quick guidance
- Flexible
- Ready for implementation







#### CREDIT UNION CEOs Competency Course

Credit Union Solutions Series Number 6

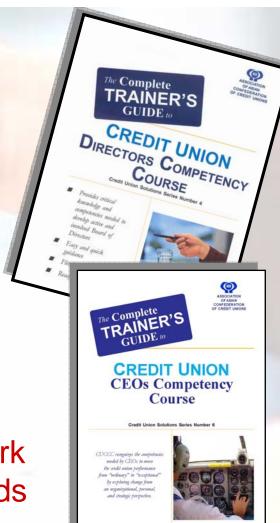
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#### **Features of the Manuals:**

- Provides critical knowledge and competencies needed to develop active and involved boards.
- They include:
  - Lesson Plans
  - PowerPoint and Handouts
  - Pre and post-course project work
  - ➤ Use of highly interactive methods such as presentations, group discussion, case study examination and syndicate/team exercises.







## **CUDCC Module 1 Credit Unions in the Marketplace**

Gain a national, regional & global perspective

Develop a heightened awareness and responsiveness to challenges posed to CU's

Knowledge of the approaches to exploit competitive advantage to position your credit union

Reinforce the international credit union operating principles





## **CUDCC Module 2 Board Duties & Responsibilities**

Recognise and plan to acquire the skills and knowledge required of a Director

Understand the duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Board

Distinguish the specific duties of directors and the CEO

Learn to manage the Board and CEO working relationship





# **CUDCC Module 3 Strategic Planning**

Appreciate the importance & benefits of strategic planning

Understand Directors role in creating a future-oriented roadmap

Develop skills in SWOT analysis, Vision/Mission and Goal setting

Gain skills in developing and appraising strategic options





## **CUDCC Module 4 Marketing Credit Union Services**

Be aware of the principles of marketing and their application to credit unions

Recognise and provide for the financial needs of members and potential members

Set the standards for credit union services

Recognise the importance of credit union differentiation from other financial institutions





# **CUDCC Module 5 Financial Management & Analysis**

Understand the crucial importance of financial management & analysis

Appreciate the Directors' role in ensuring the financial sustainability of the credit union

Develop skills in analysing financial statements for monitoring and planning using PEARLS ratios





# **CUDCC Module 6 Human Resource Management**

**Understand Directors role in HRM** 

Understand the scope of HRM and areas that should be included as part of credit union policies and procedures

Recognise that a formal HRM Policy can provide for an effective and efficient employee team





# **CUDCC Module 7 - Legislative Compliance & Board Responsibilities**

Understand your national legislative framework

Recognise the most common offences that Directors commit

Develop a Legal Survival Kit to ensure compliance with laws and regulations

Assess your CU's compliance with regulations and laws





### **CUDCC Module 8 Credit Administration**

Recognise major lending risks and implications for CU sustainability

Understand the Board's responsibility in lending

Understand the concept, importance, and principles of capacity based lending

Be familiar with the tools used for prudent credit management



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### **CUDCC Module 9 Good Governance**

Understand the importance of good coop/credit union governance processes

Understand the principles of good governance

Recognise deficient governance processes





#### Australia's largest corporate failure HIH - Governance Lessons

**Beware the dominant Chief Executive** 

**Ineffective Chairman** 

**Board did not ask questions** 

Failure to grasp concept of conflict of interests

**Unusual accounting transactions** 

**Ineffective Audit Committee** 

Compromised auditor independence





# **CUDCC Module 10 Board Assessment and Development**

Understand the key Board performance areas that must be evaluated

Develop a board performance evaluation tool

Recognise and plan for appropriate Board and director development programs

Understand the importance of continuous Board improvement



#### **CUDCC Modules**

Modules	Course Program and Electives	<b>Duration (hours)</b>	
1	Credit Unions in the Marketplace	3	
2	Board Duties and Responsibilities	4	
3	Strategic Planning	4	
4	Marketing Credit Union Services	2	
5	Financial Management and Analysis 1	4	
6	Human Resource Management	3.5	
7	Legislative Compliance and Board's Responsibilities	2	
8	Capacity Based Lending	4	
9	Good Cooperative Governance	3.5	
10	Board Assessment and Development	2.5	
	Total Required Hours	32.5	
Electives			
1	Customer Relations Management	4	
2	Financial Management and Analysis 2	4	

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1	Credit Unions in the Marketplace	4
2	CEO Roles and Core Competencies	4
3	Strategic Thinking, the Art of Creating Value	4
4	Role of Credit Unions as Trusted Wealth Creating Advisor for Members	4
5	Customer Relationship Management	4
6	Human Resource Management	4
7	Risk Management	4
8	Financial Management Analysis 1	5
9	Good Cooperative Governance	4
10	Legislative Compliance and CEO Responsibilities	3
	Total Required Hours	32

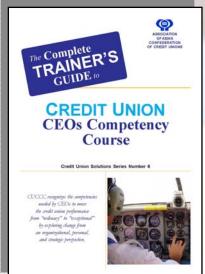


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#### **Progress so far:**

- Running successfully
- Content continually reviewed and improved









#### Next steps...

#### **National Federations**

 Nominate a resource person to act as administrator of the CUDCC and CUCCC. The nominee will receive training from ACCU.

#### Regulators

 Formal recognition of the courses as valuable tools that can contribute to reduced regulatory risk



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