



Examination Handbook

Summary: This Regulatory Bulletin announces the conversion of all remaining sections of the Thrift Activities and Compliance Activities Handbooks into the Examination Handbook format. The *Examination Handbook* is a comprehensive handbook, combining safety and soundness and compliance guidance, and replaces the Thrift Activities and Compliance Activities Handbooks. We rescind RB 37 dated November 30, 2004, with the issuance of this bulletin.

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Introduction

The Office of Thrift Supervision introduced the *Examination Handbook* in November 2004. The *Examination Handbook* is a comprehensive handbook that combines safety and soundness and compliance guidance and replaces the Thrift Activities and Compliance Activities Handbooks.

We adopted a new, computer-friendly format for the Examination Handbook. The handbook sections link to the attachments, such as the Examination Program, Questionnaire, and Appendices. We will continue to issue new sections and post them to the OTS website under *Examination Handbook*. We deleted the Thrift Activities and Compliance Activities Handbooks from the website.

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