

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Banking Department**

Financial Audit

AUDIT FINDING Corrective Action Plan

Status as of August 20, 2024

Completion Status:

- Unresolved
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Obs. #	Observation Title	Recommendation(s)	Action Items	Due Date(s)	Completion Status	Comments
1	Prepare and Implement Fundamental Internal Control Processes and Plans	Prepare, implement, and maintain internal control processes and plans, including a formal risk assessment process, a formal fraud reporting and mitigation process, an information technology plan, and a disaster recovery plan. Finalize Continuity of Operations Plan (“COOP”).	Draft/implement risk assessment process	12/1/2024	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	Received and reviewed sample risk assessment materials. Preliminary drafting of risk assessment program has begun.
			Draft/implement fraud reporting and mitigation process	7/23/2019	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Fraud Prevention Policy drafted, approved, and implemented.
			Draft/implement Ethics Policy	7/23/2019	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Ethics Policy drafted, approved, and implemented.
			Draft/implement Recusal Policy	7/31/2019	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Recusal Policy drafted, approved, and implemented.
			Draft/implement information technology plan	03/2018	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NHBD submitted finalized IT Plan for 2020-2021 Budget Biennium to DoIT.
			Draft/implement disaster recovery plan	7/1/2024	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NHBD drafted a Disaster Recovery Plan that relies heavily on DoIT and our partner CSBS.
			Draft/implement COOP	12/2019	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	COOP signed by Commissioner and implemented in April 2020.

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2	Support All Significant Aspects of Financial Operations with Formal Management-Approved Policies and Procedures	Support all significant aspects of financial operations with formal management-approved policies and procedures that address processes and controls that promote financial operations and compliance with management’s objectives and expectations. Perform an inventory of all significant financial operations and review whether existing policies and procedure controls are adequate or whether policies and procedures need to be established or updated. Communicate any new policies/procedures and training appropriately. Establish a suitable monitoring control to ensure that policies and procedures that are in place operate as intended and remain relevant to risks.	Draft/implement assessment calculation policy	09/2021	● ●	Assessment calculation procedure finalized and implemented.
			Draft/implement per diem calculation policy	10/17/18	● ●	Per Diem Calculation Policy and Procedure drafted, approved, and implemented.
			Draft/implement billing/invoicing policy	1/2024	● ●	Invoicing procedure complete.
			Review procedures for licensing of individuals and entities and collecting of related fees and fines to determine whether existing policies and procedure controls are adequate or whether policies and procedures need to be established or updated.	12/2023	● ●	The Department has fully transitioned all license types to the NMLS and utilizes the processes, procedures and trainings provided by the NMLS to conduct transactions through the NMLS.
			Draft/implement monthly reconciliation policy.	5/15/2024	● ●	Monthly Reconciliation procedures have been completed. Procedures require a checklist to be signed, dated and submitted to Director of Operations for quality control and reporting.

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			Inventory of all significant financial operations and review whether existing policies and procedure controls are adequate or whether policies and procedures need to be established or updated.	12/2020 (ongoing/rolling basis)	● ●	All significant operational procedures are drafted and under review.
			Reclassify Executive Secretary position to a Program Assistant II to include accountabilities that better support significant aspects of financial operations.	2/2020	● ●	Reclassification completed in the Spring of 2020.
			Review Creating Policies and Procedures policy to ensure that it sufficiently communicates new policies to staff and creates a suitable monitoring system for policies and procedures currently in effect.	12/2023	● ●	Creating Policies and Procedures policy review and update complete.

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3	Continue Efforts to Expand Use of Technology	Continue efforts to expand the Department's use of technology to gain the benefits of efficiency, effectiveness, and accuracy.	Draft/implement a IT Plan.	3/2018	● ●	NHBD submitted finalized and submitted IT Plan for 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 Budget Bienniums to DoIT.
		Implement appropriate controls, including information review and approval controls and reconciliation controls, to ensure the information going into the current systems is complete and accurate and that information derived from the current systems is reliable.	Implement database functionality for facilitating reconciliation of payments made through the NMLS for licensing.	5/15/2024	● ●	Weekly reconciliation procedure has been completed. Team is constantly reviewing the procedure to see if updates are needed from database updates or new functionality learned/used.
		Establish monitoring controls to ensure the information systems and controls continue to operate as intended.	Implement new database for managing affairs of Department utilizing modern/up-to-date software with appropriate security and control features.	01/2023	● ●	Upgraded current databases from Access '97 to Access 2016 in order to facilitate creation of new database with Access 2016 front end and SQL back end. Implemented new database for managing Bank, Trust and Operations Divisions activities, Operation activities and Consumer Credit Division activities.
4	Strengthen Payroll Controls	Strengthen payroll controls to include policies and procedures implementing a review and approval of the final payroll register	Draft/implement procedure for review payroll records after time is submitted through NH First.	7/31/19	● ●	Payroll Policy and Procedure drafted, approved and implemented.

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		report that is generated prior to the issuance of the payroll.				
5	Evaluate and Control Risks Associated with Outsourced Services	Regularly obtain, review, and react to the SOC Report for the State License and Registration Payment Processing Service System, including ensuring that any relevant complementary user controls are in place and operating effectively.	Draft/implement policy to obtain, review, and react to SOC Report.	2/14/19	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	CSBS Soc1 Report Review Policy drafted, approved, and implemented in February 2019. Policy updated in July 2019.

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4	Policies and Procedures for Responding to Consumer Complaints Should Be Established.	Establish policies and procedures to ensure timely response to consumer complaints of unfair or deceptive acts or practices by regulated financial institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft/implement complaint policy and procedure. 	12/2019	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Complaint Policy and Procedure drafted, approved, and implemented.
13	Administrative Rules Should Be Kept Current	Adopt required rules and establish policies and procedures to ensure, going forward, all required administrative rules and appropriate discretionary administrative rules are adopted and readopted in a timely manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and seek legislation where necessary to ensure rulemaking authority is available to Department as appropriate and necessary. 	8/2023	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<p>Legislation approved and signed into law to help ensure that rulemaking authority is available to Department as appropriate and necessary.</p> <p>Administrative Rules Review Policy and Procedure implemented.</p>