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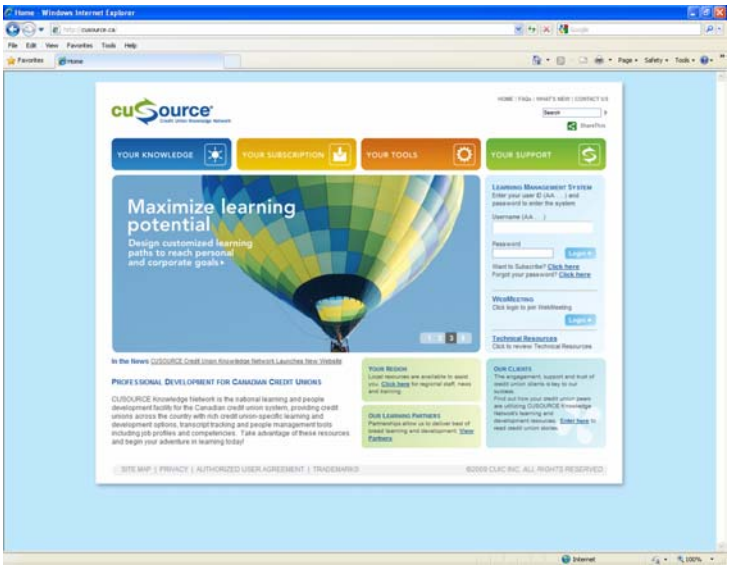
New CUSOURCE Knowledge Network website launched!

www.cusource.ca has a new look and feel. The new website is now easy to read, easy to navigate, and pleasing to the eye.
You can see it for yourself by going to **www.cusource.ca**.

There is no change to how current subscribers login to the learning management system. Login using the same User ID (AA …) and password.



We're very proud of our website, and we'd love to hear what you think of it. Please share your feedback with your Regional Office.

CIFP Grants Course Credits and Price Break for Credit Unions

Effective November 1, 2009, the Canadian Institute of Financial Planners (CIFP) is granting **two course credits** equivalency for *CUIC*-240 *Fundamentals of Personal Financial Planning* course.

The equivalency granted is for **CIFP Financial Planning Level 1,** comprised of Retirement Planning and Risk Management and Estate Planning.

This will give credit union employees 40% advanced standing for the full CIFP on the Web® Certified Financial Planner® program. In addition, the CIFP is also waiving the equivalency application fee ($130). Click here for more information.

Important Dates for the New Year

- *CUIC* March 2010 Exam registration opens **January 4**; closes **February 12**
- *CUIC* Spring Cohorts registration closes **February 21**
- Supervisor Orientation to the MSR Accreditation training registration deadline is **March 1;** session runs **March 16 – April 4**

CUIC® November Exam Follow-up

Approximately 535 individuals wrote *CUIC* exams this November, at 140 sites across the country**.** Marks are expected before year end.

Registration for the **March 2010 exam sitting** opens **January 4;** closes February 12. Jot it down in your calendar now!

CUIC Price Changes Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that price changes for a number of *CUIC* products will take effect on January 1, 2010.

For more information, please login to *CUSOURCE*® LMS and go to Catalogue > CUIC Course and Programs.

For more information about any of the items in *eNews*, contact your Regional Office.

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January & February 2010 *Power* Hour Webinar schedule

The following *free* webinars are scheduled for the beginning of 2010. Space is limited, so sign up today!

Cohorts – what are they?
Tuesday: January 12 and 26
Tuesday: February 2 and 16

MSR Accreditation Program – What is it?
Tuesday & Wednesday January 13 and 27
Wednesday: February 3 and 17

Please note: Webinars start at 1:00 pm ET. Registration deadline is 2 business days prior to the webinar.

To see more webinars click here. To register, login to *CUSOURCE®* LMS. Click the "Catalogue" icon> By Topic> Webinars.

Spring 2010 *CUIC®* Cohorts – a great learning experience for all

Online Cohorts are like virtual classrooms. They not only offer a structured learning environment, but also a networking opportunity with credit unions peers from across the country. Cohorts are a great alternative to independent study for individuals taking a *CUIC* course, because the subject-matter experts, who facilitate the course, help participants stay motivated and on track. The cohort study option for **Spring 2010** is currently available for the following *CUIC* courses:

CU00-185 Credit Union Products & Services
CU00-200 The Credit Union System
CU01-210 Consumer & Residential Mortgage Lending
CU00-240 Fundamentals of Personal Financial Planning
CUOO-340 Commercial Mortgage Lending
CU01-345 Commercial Lending

Registration is now open, and closes on February 21. Sessions start on March 1, 2010.

Space is limited - act quickly!
Avoid disappointment and register early so managers have time to approve registrations.

If You're in Commercial Credit …look what's coming in 2010!

We're leveraging our membership in the Risk Management Association to bring enriched learning opportunities & tools in 2010.

Let's start with 4 brand-new instructor-led courses with **all Canadian** content. As well, lenders with a minimum of 18 months experience or those taking on an underwriting role, there will be an opportunity to examine 4 e-case studies, give your assessment and receive immediate feedback online, then discuss and debrief with a subject expert on a national webinar. Click here for even more.

If you were unable to join us for a free webinar tour of the *eMentor*, you can view a pre-recorded webinar online. Log into to *eMentor via the Catalogue*, click on "Help > General Information." There, you'll find a link to the "*eMentor webcast recording.*" Why should you be excited about *eMentor*?

"I almost danced in the office when we were in the Webinar. I am writing an e-mail for the Management team to look at this. We have a couple of staff who are just starting their training for Commercial Lending and this will be a great tool for them, too. Very Exciting!" ~ Arla Driver, Branch Manager, Williams Lake & District Credit Union.

We're Going Green!

Starting January 2010, all *CUSOURCE®* statements will be distributed electronically.

If you are already receiving your statements electronically, thank you, there will be no change to your process. If this is new for you thank you in advance for your acceptance of this change and our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint.

At CUSOURCE Knowledge Network, we know that every bit helps. Help us stay green – don't print unless necessary.