



How OSFI Regulates

Introduction The regulatory activities of the *Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions* (OSFI) can be divided into two broad functions:

- regulation and
 - supervision.
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Regulation *Regulation* enhances the financial system's safety and soundness through the evaluation of system-wide risks, and the promotion of sound business and financial practices by providing guidelines, policy, and recommendations.

Regulation involves the following activities, as required under financial legislation:

- interpreting and providing input into the developing of legislation and regulations
 - issuing guidelines
 - approving requests from federally regulated institutions, and
 - ensuring compliance of federal pension plans with the legislation.
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Supervision *Supervision* involves assessing the safety and soundness of federally regulated financial institutions, and using supervisory powers to intervene in a timely manner when necessary to protect the rights and interests of depositors and policyholders.

OSFI supervises in accordance with its

- *Supervisory Framework*, and
 - *Supervisory Framework Rating Assessment Criteria*, which was developed in consultation with industry.
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