Credit Union Examiners (CUEs) plan, conduct, and complete examinations of federally chartered credit unions and the work day varies from one examination to the next – credit union to credit union. Some examinations are completed independently, while others may require being part of a team. The location of credit unions varies and could be within high rise office buildings, small churches, and manufacturing plants. Typically the examiner’s duty hours follow those of the credit union or team they are working with and may occasionally require evening or weekend meetings. From time-to-time, if not working out of a credit union, examiners may work from home or another designated location, if approved, as there is no local NCUA office building.

Credit Union Examiners (CUEs) enter into a robust 12 month training program that includes:
- Classroom training covering a variety of credit union examination and administrative subjects;
- On-the-job trainer (OJT) to work within his or her assigned group of Credit Unions;
- On-line training modules; and
- Progressively responsible work assignments.

CUEs progress from entry-level to Principal Examiners at the full performance level (CU-12) after certain requirements have been met. Principal Examiners must obtain Certification which includes passing a:
- Job Knowledge Test;
- Simulation Exercise; and
- Structured Interview.