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**Section 1: 8-A12B (FORM 8-A)**

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-A**

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**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State of incorporation or organization)

**41-1591444**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**200 Lake Street East, Mail Code EX0-03-A, Wayzata, Minnesota**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**55391-1693**

(Zip Code)

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Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| <b><u>Title of each class to be so registered</u></b>   | <b><u>Name of each exchange<br/>on which each class is to be registered</u></b> |
|---|---|
| Depository Shares, each representing 1/1,000 <sup>th</sup> interest in a share<br>of<br>Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock | New York Stock Exchange   |

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. [ X ]

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. [ ]

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-181741 (if applicable)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None  
(Title of Class)

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## INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The description of the Depositary Shares being registered hereby, including the Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock which is represented by the Depositary Shares, is set forth under (a) "Description of Preferred Stock" and "Description of Depositary Shares" in the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-181741) of TCF Financial Corporation ("Registrant"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 29, 2012, and (b) the sections captioned "Description of Series A Preferred Stock" and "Description of Depositary Shares" in the Registrant's final Prospectus Supplement dated June 18, 2012 filed with the Commission on June 19, 2012 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The foregoing Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement are incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 2. Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 4.1                       | Certificate of Designations of TCF Financial Corporation with respect to Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock dated June 18, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of TCF Financial Corporation filed June 22, 2012).  |
| 4.2                       | Deposit Agreement, dated June 25, 2012, by and among TCF Financial Corporation, Computershare Trust Company, N.A. and Computershare Inc. and the holders from time to time of the Depositary Receipts described therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K of TCF Financial Corporation filed June 25, 2012). |
| 4.3                       | Form of Depositary Receipt (included as part of Exhibit 4.1).  |

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized

TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION

/s/ William A. Cooper

William A. Cooper,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Michael S. Jones

Michael S. Jones, Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ David M. Stautz

David M. Stautz, Senior Vice President,  
Controller and Managing Director of  
Corporate Development  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: June 25, 2012

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