

**REGULATION ON FEES AND CHARGES PAYABLE BY FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS**

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Unofficial Translation

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I. Introduction

This Regulation is issued pursuant to Section 37 and 38 of Law no. 6/81 Maldives Monetary Authority Act.

II. Citation

This Regulation shall be cited as the ‘Regulation on fees and charges payable by financial institutions.’

III. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into effect from the date of publication in the Government Gazette

IV. Application

This Regulation applies to all banks and non-bank financial institutions licensed by the Authority as well as by all applicants applying for a licence or permit to establish banks or non-bank financial institutions in the Maldives.

V. Application Fee

- a) The application fee listed under the Appendix 1 of this regulation shall be paid by all entities applying for banking business licence under the Law no. 24/2010 (Maldives Banking Act) and also by the entities applying for non-bank financial business licence under the Law no. 6/81 (Maldives Monetary Authority Act); along with the application, as prescribed by the Authority
- b) The application fee stated under the paragraph (a) of this section will be non-refundable even in the event of withdrawal of the application by the applicant or the decision by the Authority to not grant licence.
- c) The participation fee for ACH/RTGS/Credit Information System shall be paid by all the banks and non-bank financial institutions as listed under the Appendix 1 of this regulation, as prescribed by the Authority

VI. Fees and Charges

- a) The fees listed under Appendix 2 of this regulation shall be paid by the banks and non-bank financial institutions to the Authority as prescribed by the Authority
- b) The annual fees listed under Appendix 2 of this regulation shall be paid before 15 July of every year unless otherwise informed by the Authority.

- c) Banks and non-banks financial institutions that are licensed after this Regulation comes into effect shall pay the annual fees given in Appendix 2 on a pro-rata basis, for the year during which the licence is granted.
- d) Banks and non-banks financial institutions shall pay such fees as determined and required by the Authority and on the basis required by the Authority, for using the MRTGS System, ACH System or Credit Information System.

VII. Administrative Penalties

MMA may impose an administrative penalty on any bank or non-bank financial institution that does not pay the fee as required in Section VI, detailed in Appendix 2 of this regulation, before the deadline in this regulation or other deadline as required by the Authority. The penalty levied shall not be in excess of 100,000/- (one hundred thousand) Rufiyaa per day, for each day that the fee remains unpaid beyond the due date.

VIII. Definitions

In this Regulation, unless otherwise specified;

1. “**ACH**” means the Automated Clearing House established and maintained by the Authority.
2. “**Annual Gross Premium**” means total premium received during the financial year. For the purpose of this regulation, annual gross premium shall be based on the audited financial accounts of the financial year preceding the year in which the fees are due
3. “**Authority**” or “**MMA**” means the Maldives Monetary Authority established under the Law no. 6/81 (Maldives Monetary Authority Act).
4. “**bank**” means a bank licensed under Law no. 24/2010 (Maldives Banking Act)
5. “**banking business**” means ‘banking business’ as defined in Law no. 24/2010 (Maldives Banking Act)
6. “**compulsory insurance**” means insurance covers required by a legislation passed by the Parliament.
7. “**compulsory insurance agents**” mean an insurance agent who on behalf of the insurance company sells, establishes, alters and cancels the insurance contracts related to only compulsory insurance covers.
8. “**Credit Information System**” means ‘Credit Information System’ as defined in Credit Information Regulation 2011

9. **“finance companies”** or finance company means a company licensed by the Authority to establish consumer financing business. Finance companies include leasing companies and housing finance companies.
10. **“insurance agents”** means any entity licensed by the Authority to operate as an agent of the Authority
11. **“insurance brokers”** means any entity licensed by the Authority to work on-behalf of the insurance policy owner or the prospective insurance applicant.
12. **“insurance companies”** or insurance company means a company licensed by the Authority to establish insurance business.
13. **“money changers”** or money changer means any entity licensed by the Authority to conduct exchange of foreign currency in the Maldives.
14. **“Remittance businesses”** means the businesses licensed by the Authority to establish money remittance trade.
15. **“net assets”** means gross assets less depreciation and loan loss provisions (both general and specific). For the purpose of this regulation net assets shall be based on the audited financial accounts of the financial year preceding the year in which the fees are due.
16. **“non-bank financial business”** means any non-bank financial businesses licensed under the Law no. 6/81(Maldives Monetary Authority Act)
17. **“non-bank financial institutions”** means any institution with the licence / permit by the Authority to operate non-bank financial business. Such institutions include finance companies, insurance companies, insurance agents, insurance brokers, money changers and remittance businesses.
18. **“MRTGS”** means Real-Time Gross Settlement system established by the Authority.

APPENDIX 1

1. APPLICATION FEE

Type of Licence / Permit	Amount (MVR)
Banking Business License	150,000
Finance Business License including leasing & housing finance	50,000
Insurance Business License	50,000
Insurance Broker License	30,000
Licence of Insurance agents except compulsory insurance agents	500
Compulsory insurance agents' license	200
Remittance Business or Money Remittance Business license	30,000

2. PARTICPATION FEE FOR SYSTEMS

Type of Licence	Amount (MVR)
ACH System	50,000
MRTGS System	50,000
Credit Information System	50,000

APPENDIX 2

1. FEES PAYABLE BY BANKS

Annual Fees	Amount (MVR)
1.1 Annual Fee of banks <i>(levied based on net assets of the bank as follows)</i>	
If the total net assets of the bank is:	
• Below MVR 500 million	100,000
• From MVR 500 million – less than MVR1 billion	150,000
• From MVR 1 billion – less than MVR 5 billion	300,000
• Equal to or greater than MVR 5 billion	500,000

2. FEES PAYABLE BY FINANCE COMPANIES

Annual Fees	Amount (MVR)
2.1 Annual Fee of Finance Companies <i>(levied based on net assets of the company as follows)</i>	
If the total net assets of the company is:	
• Below MVR 100 million	10,000
• From MVR 100 million – less than MVR 250 million	20,000
• From MVR 250 million – less than MVR 500 million	50,000
• From MVR 500 million – less than MVR 1 billion	75,000
• From MVR 1 billion – less than MVR 5 billion	150,000
• Equal to or greater than 5 billion	250,000

3. FEES PAYABLE BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND INSURANCE BROKERS

Annual Fee	Amount (MVR)
1. General Insurance Companies <i>(levied based on the annual gross premium as follows)</i>	
If the annual gross premium of the company is:	
• Below MVR 100 million	35,000
• From MVR 100 million – less than MVR 250 million	60,000
• Equal to or greater than MVR 250 million	100,000
2. Life Insurance Companies	20,000
3. Insurance Brokers	5,000

4. FEES PAYABLE BY REMITTANCE BUSINESSES

Annual Fee	Amount (MVR)
Annual Fee	15,000

5. FEES PAYABLE BY MONEY CHANGERS

Annual Fee	Amount (MVR)
Annual Fee	1,200