

CENTRAL BANK OF BAHRAIN

Annual License Fee Form (Form ALF)

Form ALF: INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Article 180 of the CBB Law sets out the CBB's powers to charge fees. Based on these provisions, the CBB charges an annual license and registration fee ('ALF') to all its licensees and registered persons. Details on how the ALF is calculated for particular license or registration categories are included in each Rulebook Volume: the ALF for Volume 3 licensees and registered entities is specified in Section AU-6.3.
- 2. Rule AU-6.3.1 specifies that <u>insurance licensees</u> and registered persons must pay the relevant annual licensee to the CBB, in April each year. Rule AU-6.3.11 states that <u>insurance licensees</u>, subject to Paragraph AU-6.3.4, must complete and submit Form ALF (Annual License Fee) to the CBB, no later than 30 April each year, together with the payment due under Rule AU-6.3.1.
- 3. Paragraph AU-6.3.4 notes that <u>insurance brokers</u>, other than Bahraini single person companies, all <u>insurance consultants</u> and all <u>insurance managers</u> must pay an annual licensing fee based on 0.25% of their <u>relevant operating expenses</u>. To calculate the license fee required, Form ALF must be completed by these licensees.
- 4. Rules AU-6.3.4 sets out the detailed calculations to be applied, for <u>insurance brokers</u>, other than Bahraini single person companies, all <u>insurance consultants</u> and all <u>insurance managers</u> Licensees are asked to refer to this Paragraph, and to Section AU-6.3 generally, prior to completing this form.
- 5. The original completed form, together with a cheque for the amount calculated and a certified copy of the latest audited financial statements used, should be sent to:

The Director - Accounts Central Bank of Bahrain P.O. Box 27 Manama Kingdom of Bahrain

- 6. Licensees may address any queries to the Director Accounts, on +973 17 547 308 (telephone), +973 17 530 399 (fax) and raqia@cbb.gov.bh (e-mail).
- 7. Please ensure that the completed form and its attachments are received by **30 April** each year. Failure to do so may be viewed as a breach of the licensee's licensing conditions (see Rule AU-2.8.4).
- 8. Applicants are also reminded that providing to the CBB any information which is false or misleading, or omitting to provide significant information which should have been provided to the CBB, may similarly be viewed as a breach of the licensee's licensing conditions (see Rule AU-2.8.2).

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Form ALF: Calculation Sheet		
<u>Licensee Name</u> :		
License Category (please tick one):		
Insurance broker Insurance consultant Insurance manager		
Attached fee due for (specify applicable calendar year):		
Following attachments are provided (please tick to confirm for each):		
Copy of audited financial statements used in the calculation		
Copy of external auditor certification letter		
Cheque (payable to 'Central Bank of Bahrain')		
Summary Calculation Sheet (all numbers to be reported in BD) (All numbers to be reported in BD and unconsolidated – i.e. pertaining to the licensee only, excluding its subsidiaries)		
1 Total Operating Expenses		

Notes (numbers refer to line items above):

5. Non-executive Directors' remuneration

7. License Fee Liability [i.e. line 6 * 0.25%]

2. Training Costs

4. CBB fees paid

3. Charitable Donations

8. License Fee Payable

- 1: Total operating expenses covers all establishment expenses of the licensee, as recorded in its latest available audited financial statements. For the avoidance of doubt, these expenses exclude depreciation, provisions, interest expense, and dividends paid.
- 2 to 5: List separately these adjustment items (see Rule AU-6.3.8).

6. Relevant Operating Expenses [i.e. line 1 - (2+3+4+5)]

- 6: Relevant Operating Expenses are the product of Total Operating Expenses (line 1) minus the sum of the adjustments made (lines 2 to 5 inclusive).
- 7: License Fee Liability is the product of line 6 (Relevant Operating Expenses) multiplied by 0.25%.
- 8: The License Fee Payable is the same as the License Fee Liability, subject to the minimum and maximum amounts payable by the license category concerned. The minimum and maximum amounts payable by licensees under Paragraph AU-6.3.4 are BD 500 and BD 3,000 For example, a licensee with a License Fee Liability of BD 300 would pay the minimum license fee of BD 500. A licensee with a License Fee Liability of BD 5,000 would pay the maximum licensee fee of BD 3,000. A licensee with a License Fee Liability of BD 2,500 would pay BD 2,500 as a license fee.

Form ALF: External Auditor Certification

Form of words for auditor certification letter (addressed to licensee concerned):

We have performed procedures agreed with you and enumerated below with respect to the attached CBB Form ALF ('the form'), to be submitted in accordance with CBB Rulebook requirements. Our engagement was undertaken in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services Applicable to agreed-upon procedures Engagements. The procedures were performed solely to assist you in ensuring that the amounts reported in the form have been extracted from the audited financial statements of [XYZ licensee] (the "Licensee") for the year ended [insert date] or underlying accounting records of the Licensee. These procedures are summarised as follows:

- 1. We have agreed the amounts reported in the form to the audited financial statements of the Licensee for the year ended [enter date];
- 2. For those amounts not directly traceable from the audited financial statements of the Licensee for the year ended [enter date], we have agreed them to the underlying accounting records of the Licensee; and
- 3. We have verified the arithmetical accuracy of the form.

We report our findings below:

We confirm that the amount reported in the form for Total Operating Expenses, [enter amount], is in agreement with the audited financial statements of the Licensee for the year ended [enter date].

We further confirm that the following amounts reported in the form agree to the underlying accounting records of the Licensee for the year ended [enter date].

Particulars	Amount (BD)
Training Costs	
Charitable Donations	
CBB fees paid	
Non-executive Directors' remuneration	

We also found that the arithmetical calculations in the form were accurate.

The above procedures do not constitute either an audit or a review made in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing or International Standards on Review Engagements. Had we performed additional procedures or had we performed an audit or review in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing or International Standards on Review Engagements, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is solely for the purpose set forth in the first paragraph and is only for the information of the Licensee and CBB. This report should not be used for any other purpose or be distributed to any other parties. This report relates only to the information reported in the form for [enter year] and does not extend to any financial statements of the Licensee taken as a whole.