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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Changes in the Current Smart ID Cards**

The Central Informatics Organization (CIO) has made a few changes to the current Smart ID Cards, which include adding a number of new and advanced technical features and characteristics to the electronic chip of the Card to be compliant with international standards and systems. As a result of such change, the new Smart ID Cards cannot be read through the old card reader machine currently being used by any CBB Licensee.

All CBB licensees are therefore required to update their card reader machines by downloading the new program through the CIO's website [www.smartcard.gov.bh](http://www.smartcard.gov.bh) in order to facilitate the card reading process of both old and new Smart ID Cards.

Should you have any query, CBB licensees may contact Mr. Nayef Mohammed Saleh of the Media and Public Relations Section at CIO on 17878244.

Yours sincerely,

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