



# **CENTRAL BANK OF BAHRAIN**

## **Form 2: Application for Authorisation of Controller**

**(Application for authorisation of controller in the Kingdom of  
Bahrain)**

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**Form 2: INSTRUCTIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. All persons wishing to be authorised to be a controller of an investment business licensee or seeking to increase or decrease their level of control must receive prior CBB authorisation.
2. Controllers are defined in Chapter GR-5 as a natural or legal person who, either alone or with his associates:
  - (a) Holds 10% or more of the shares in the licensee ('L'), or is able to exercise (or control the exercise) of more than 10% of the voting power in L; or
  - (b) Holds 10% or more of the shares in a parent undertaking ('P') of L, or is able to exercise (or control the exercise) of more than 10% of the voting power in P; or
  - (c) Is able to exercise significant influence over the management of L or P.
3. This application form should be completed by referring to Volume 5 (Specialised Licensees) of the CBB Rulebook, in particular Module GR (General Requirements). The rules applicable to controllers are found in Chapter GR-5.
- 3A. Applicants should satisfy themselves that they meet the requirements of the Rulebook before submitting an application. This form contains the principal elements that are required, but should applicants consider that there is additional evidence of relevance to the application, this should be submitted with this form. It should not be assumed that information is known to the CBB merely because it is in the public domain or has previously been disclosed to the CBB or another regulatory body. If there is any doubt about the relevance of information, it should be disclosed.
4. Complete all sections as fully as possible, attaching supporting documentation and continuation sheets where appropriate. The application should be written in ink in BLOCK CAPITALS or typed.
5. Failure to provide all the required information may result in significant delays in processing. The CBB does not accept responsibility for any loss caused to the applicant by any delay.
6. All documentation provided to the CBB must be in either the Arabic or English languages. Any documentation in a language other than English or Arabic must be accompanied by a certified English or Arabic translation thereof.
7. If any question is not applicable given your particular circumstances, please clearly indicate by marking 'N/A', with an explanation as to why it does not apply. Please provide a full explanation for any question that cannot be answered at this stage. Please note that failure to provide the required information may prejudice an application and will cause delay.
8. Where the request for authorised controller ***forms part of a new license application***, the **original** completed form, together with supporting documentation, should be submitted to:

The Director, Licensing Directorate  
Central Bank of Bahrain  
PO Box 27  
Manama  
Kingdom of Bahrain



**Form 2: INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

9. Where the request is in relation to an **existing licensee**, the **original** completed form, together with supporting documentation, should be submitted to the normal supervisory point of contact in the responsible supervision Directorate within the CBB dealing with the licensee.
10. Queries may be addressed to:
- |                                                                             |                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>For applications that form part of a new license application:</i></b> | <b><i>For applications that are for an existing licensee</i></b> |
| The Director, Licensing Directorate                                         | Supervision point of contact with the                            |
| Tel: +973 17 547605                                                         | responsible supervision Directorate within the                   |
| Fax: +973 17 537554                                                         | CBB.                                                             |
| E mail: <a href="mailto:licensing@cbb.gov.bh">licensing@cbb.gov.bh</a>      |                                                                  |
11. Applicants are reminded that providing to the CBB any information which is false or misleading in connection with the submission of this application or any related information may result in the refusal of the application or cancellation of the authorisation.



**Form 2: DECLARATION**

I certify that the information submitted in support of this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and that there are no other facts relevant to this application of which the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) should be aware.

I authorise the CBB to make such enquiries and seek further information it deems necessary in considering this application for authorisation for controller.

I am aware that providing to the CBB any information that is false or misleading in connection with an application for authorisation for controller may result in the refusal of the application or cancellation of the authorisation.

I also confirm that I will not assume or increase control of the investment business licensee for which this application is being submitted prior to obtaining such authorisation.

I undertake to inform the CBB, as well as the CBB licensee of any changes material to the application that may arise while the CBB is considering the application. I further undertake that, in the event that the authorisation of controller being sought is granted, I will notify the CBB and the CBB licensee of anything affecting the material completeness or accuracy of, the information provided in this Form 2 as soon as possible, but in any event no later than 15 calendar days from the day that the changes come to my attention.

**WHERE THE PROPOSED CONTROLLER IS A NATURAL PERSON:**

|                                       |                        |       |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| _____                                 | _____                  | _____ |
| Name of applicant (please print name) | Signature of applicant | Date  |

**WHERE THE PROPOSED CONTROLLER IS A LEGAL PERSON, THE DECLARATION MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO DIRECTORS AND BEAR THE CORPORATE SEAL:**

|                              |                       |       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| _____                        | _____                 | _____ |
| Director (please print name) | Signature of director | Date  |

|                              |                       |       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| _____                        | _____                 | _____ |
| Director (please print name) | Signature of director | Date  |



**Form 2: Contact Information**

Please provide full contact details of person(s) with whom the CBB can communicate with, regarding this application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We have reviewed the information given by the applicant on this form and upon enquiry of the same, can confirm that such answers are, in our opinion, correct and accurate in all respects.

**Authorised Representative of the Licensee/Licensee Applicant:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Company Stamp:

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<sup>1</sup> (e.g. proposed controller, professional adviser to the proposed controller)



**Form 2: Section I – Applicant Details**

1. Name(s) of the licensee(s) in respect of which this application for authorisation of controller is being made:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Seeking authorisation for (please check ☒ appropriate box):

- a) A new controller ☐☐
- b) An existing controller increasing its holding from below 20% to above 20% ☐☐
- c) An existing controller increasing its holding from below 50% to above 50% ☐☐
- d) An existing controller reducing its holding from above 50% to below 50% ☐☐

3. Circumstances resulting in the applicant becoming a controller or resulting in change of control (please check ☒ appropriate box):

- a) as a shareholder ☐☐☐
- b) exercising significant influence (please supply details) ☐☐☐

4. Name (including any previous names) address and nationality of new/existing controller for whom authorisation is sought:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Current shareholding held (**for existing controller only**):

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Proposed shareholding for which this application is being made:

\_\_\_\_\_



**Form 2: Section I – Applicant Details (continued)**

7. The applicant is (please select a) OR b)):

a) A natural person (individual controller)

☐

**Please complete sections II and IV**

☐

b) A legal person (corporate controller)

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**Please complete sections III and IV**

8. Have any of the parties connected with this application ever applied, either individually or in conjunction with others, for authority to transact specialised activities business in Bahrain or in any other jurisdiction? If so please give details.

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**Please select one ✓ of the statements below that relates to this application.**

- **I apply to be a new controller of the specialised licensee noted above. I do not currently have any controlling interest in the investment business licensee for which this application is being provided.**
- **I apply as a new controller for the specialised licensee noted above. I acquired this controlling interest without my knowledge and am aware that I am required to notify the CBB no later than 15 calendar days from the date on which changes of control have occurred.**
- **I apply for permission to effect the change in control detailed above from [day]/[month]/[year] / / (proposed date of event, which must be not less than 60 days and not more than 120 days from the date of this application).**
- **The change of control shown in this form took place without my knowledge, and I am making this application on becoming aware of the fact, which was on [day]/[month]/[year] / / . I am aware that I am required to make this notification no later than 15 calendar days from the date on which I became aware of the change of control.**



**Form 2: Section II – Individual Controller**

1. Full name (including details of any previous names):

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Nationality:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Private address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Current employment:

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5. Population Registration Card (CPR); Personal number; National Insurance number; and/or Social Security number and country of issue:

Type (e.g. CPR, social security number, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Passport Information:

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of expiry: \_\_\_\_\_



**Form 2: Section II – Individual Controller (continued)**

7. Please attach a **certified** copy of your passport or driving license.

*(Note that the identification document must contain a photograph and be certified by one of the following:*

- (a) A registered lawyer;*
- (b) A registered notary;*
- (c) A chartered accountant;*
- (d) A government ministry;*
- (e) An official of an embassy or consulate; or*
- (f) An official of a CBB licensee.*

*The individual providing the above certification must include clear contact details (e.g. business card or company stamp).*

**Attached**

Yes ☐ No ☐

**Corporate Governance**

8. Are any proceedings, convictions or judgements of any offence, other than a minor traffic offence, pending against the proposed controller?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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**Form 2: Section II – Individual Controller (continued)**

9. Has the proposed controller ever been declared bankrupt, entered into any arrangement with creditors in relation to the inability to pay due debts or failed to satisfy a judgement debt under a court order with creditors, or equivalent in any territory?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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10. Has the proposed controller been a director, partner or manager of a corporation which has gone into liquidation or administration or where one or more partners have been declared bankrupt while the applicant was connected with the partnership?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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11. Has the proposed controller been subject to any civil proceedings, arbitration or litigation relating to fraud, misfeasance or other misconduct in connection with the formation or management of a corporation or partnership?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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**Form 2: Section II – Individual Controller (continued)**

12. Has the proposed controller ever been refused a license, authorisation or registration from another financial regulatory body?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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13. Has the proposed controller ever been disqualified by a court, regulator or other competent body, as a director or as a manager of a corporation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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14. Has the proposed controller ever been the subject of an investigation into allegations of misconduct, violation or malpractice in connection with any business, or been found guilty, or formally warned or fined of conducting unauthorised financial activities or been disciplined by any professional body or financial services regulator for misconduct, malpractice or violations?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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**Form 2: Section II – Individual Controller (continued)**

15. Is the individual submitting this application aware of any other information relevant to this notification of change in control of which the CBB would reasonably expect notice, including information which could have a material impact on any of the approval requirements?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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**Form 2: Section III – Corporate Controller**

1. (a) Name of corporate entity:

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1.(b) Legal status:

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2. Registered address:

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3. (a) Country of incorporation:

\_\_\_\_\_

3.(b) Paid up and issued capital (in USD):

\_\_\_\_\_

4, Date of incorporation:

[day]/[month]/[year] \_\_\_\_\_

5. Registered number:

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Please attach the corporate controller's group structure, including all intermediate companies. The structure must indicate the name of the ultimate controller (i.e. the individual).

**Attached** Yes ☐ No ☐

7. (a) Please provide information on whether the proposed controller or any of the companies within the group engage in financial services activities, whether or not they are regulated and the territory where they operate.

| Company Name | Financial Service Activity | Location | Regulated |    |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|----|
|              |                            |          | Yes       | No |
|              |                            |          |           |    |
|              |                            |          |           |    |
|              |                            |          |           |    |

**If additional companies engaged in financial services, please complete an additional sheet.**



**Form 2: Section III – Corporate Controller (continued)**

| 7.(b) Information on Shareholder(s) of Corporate Controller <sup>1</sup> |                                     |                            |                          |              |                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Name of Shareholder of Corporate Controller                              | % Ownership in Corporate Controller | Name of Regulator (if any) | (If Corporate Entity)    |              | Nationality (if Shareholder is an Individual) |
|                                                                          |                                     |                            | Country of Incorporation | Legal Status |                                               |
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<sup>1</sup> To be completed for all shareholders owning 10% or more of the corporate controller.



**Form 2: Section III – Corporate Controller (continued)**

8. For those applicants whose companies within the group included regulated financial services, please provide the following details:

| Company Name | Regulatory Authority | Regulatory Authority Address | Regulatory Capital Requirement | Actual Regulatory Capital Held |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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**If additional regulated financial services companies, please complete an additional sheet.**

9. Please provide details of the proposed controller's most recent audited financial statements.

**Attached**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Corporate Governance**

10. Has the proposed controller or member(s) of its group been the subject of any litigation (or known circumstances which might give rise to litigation) over the past 5 years, or is any litigation currently outstanding, except cases arising in the course of normal business activities?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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**Form 2: Section III – Corporate Controller (continued)**

11. Has the proposed controller or member(s) of its group been the subject of adverse finding in a civil action by any court or competent jurisdiction, relating to fraud, misfeasance or other misconduct?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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12. Has the proposed controller or member(s) of its group ever entered into any arrangement with creditors in relation to the inability to pay due debts?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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13. Has the proposed controller or member(s) of its group ever been the subject of an investigation into allegations of misconduct, violation or malpractice in connection with any business, or been found guilty, or formally warned or fined of conducting unauthorised financial activities or been disciplined by any professional body or financial services regulator for misconduct, malpractice or violations?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details:

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**Form 2: Section IV – Close Links**

1. Does (or will) a close link exist between the proposed controller and the licensed firm to which the application relates. The attached reply must identify all undertakings closely linked to the licensee.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

A licensee ('A') has close links with another undertaking ('C'), if:

(a) C is a parent undertaking of A;

(b) C is a subsidiary of A;

(c) C is a parent undertaking of a subsidiary of A;

(d) C is a subsidiary of a parent undertaking of A;

(e) C owns or controls 20% or more of the voting rights or capital of A: or

(f) A, any of its parent or subsidiaries, or any of the subsidiaries of its parent, owns or controls 20% or more of the voting rights or capital of C.

| Name of Business, Address and Telephone Number | Nature of Business | Country of Incorporation |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
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**If additional close links, please complete an additional sheet.**

2. Please provide a copy of the proposed controller's organisation chart (of its group) and details of any other regulated financial services companies in which the proposed controller has a greater than 20% interest.

**Attached**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

3. Provide the latest audited financial statements of the proposed controller and immediate and ultimate parent (and, where applicable, the consolidated accounts of the group).

**Attached**

Yes ☐ No ☐