



CENTRAL BANK OF BAHRAIN

Application for Regulatory Sandbox

**(Application for approval to participate in the Regulatory Sandbox
in the Kingdom of Bahrain)**



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. The application process to be part of the Regulatory Sandbox consists of a single stage process.
 2. Applicants for wishing to participate in the Regulatory Sandbox must submit a duly completed 'Application for Regulatory Sandbox' form, under cover of a letter signed by the applicant or an authorised signatory of the applicant. A non-refundable application fee of BD 100 (refer to Regulatory Sandbox Guidelines) must also be paid at the time of application.
 3. Complete all sections as fully as possible, attaching supporting documents and continuation sheets where appropriate. The application should be written in black ink or typed.
 4. Failure to provide all the required information may result in significant delays in processing the application. The CBB does not accept responsibility for any loss caused to the applicant by any such delay.
 5. 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 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 may cause delay.
 6. All documentation provided to the CBB must be in the English language. Any documentation in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation thereof.
 7. 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
 8. Queries may be addressed to the Director, Licensing, on +973 17 547605 (telephone), +973 17 537554 (fax) and albassam@cbb.gov.bh (e-mail).
 9. The CBB will review the application and, within 15 days of the application having been declared complete by the CBB, advise the applicant in writing whether it has:
 - (a) Granted the approval; or
 - (b) Refused the application, stating the grounds on which the application has been refused and the process for appealing against that decision.
 10. In order for application to be approved, applicants must have provided all the required information, as specified in the Regulatory Sandbox paper.
 11. Finally, applicants are also 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, if discovered later, the subsequent cancellation of any approval or license issued.
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Application Form: Contact Information

Please provide full contact details of person(s) with whom the CBB can communicate regarding this application. Where a professional adviser is given as a contact point, details of a principal of the applicant must also be given.

Contact Point 1

Name: _____

Title: _____

Capacity¹: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact Point 2 (if applicable)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Capacity¹: _____

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

¹ (e.g.: professional adviser to the applicant, proposed director of applicant, proposed Representative Manager.)



Application Form: Section I – Applicant Details

Please complete all fields

1. Name of the Applicant:

2. Kindly provide the following details on the Applicant:

a) **Date of incorporation:**

b) **Country of incorporation:**

3. Office address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Website:

E-mail:

4. What is the business domain of the applicant?

- Financial services company
- Technology company
- Telecom company
- Other (please specify)



6. Are you, your business or associated entities licensed, authorised or registered by the CBB?

Yes No

If the answer is yes, please attach copy of license certificate, authorisation or registration letters

7. Please give details of any licenses or authorisations granted by regulatory/supervisory authorities in the country of registration, where applicable. (Please provide full name, address, telephone and fax numbers of authorities):

License/Authorisation type	Granted by

If additional licenses/authorisations, please complete an additional sheet.

8. Is the consent of the authorities mentioned in Question 7 required for the Applicant to participate in the Regulatory Sandbox in Bahrain?

Yes No NA

If yes, please provide a copy of the confirmation of the required consent(s).



9. Are there any authorities other than those already mentioned in the answers to Question 8 whose consent is required?

Yes No

If yes, please provide full name, address, telephone and fax numbers of authorities:

10. Has the Applicant or member(s) of its group (where applicable) 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:



11. Has the Applicant 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:



Application Form: Section II – Overview of Innovative Financial Solution

1. Please provide a brief summary of your proposed innovative financial solution.

Your response must include:

- a) The reasons for applying to participate in the Regulatory Sandbox in Bahrain;
- b) An explanation of the features of proposed innovative financial solution to be experimented in the Sandbox (including whether your innovative financial solution is based on new technology or new permutations of existing technologies);
- c) How will the costs of testing the innovative financial solution be funded; and
- d) What stage of development the idea is currently in.

(You may use a continuation sheet if necessary).



2. Does the applicant currently hold the relevant license to deploy the innovative financial solution in the market? Please provide details

Yes No

3. Are you planning to work with other firms to undertake the Regulatory Sandbox test?

Yes No

If yes, please provide their names, contact details, a description of their role and the nature of the relationship (outsourced basis, partner etc.), and the extent to which the contractual agreements are in place.

4. Provide information on the type of volunteer customers to be included in your Regulatory Sandbox test and how you intend to source these customers.

(for example: retail customers, banks, insurance companies, high net worth individuals, etc.)



5. Specify the number of volunteer customers that will be included in your Regulatory Sandbox test. Give some explanation to justify the number of customers required for the testing.

6. Explain the measures that you will take to protect volunteer customers and their confidentiality.



7. What is the approximate timeframe to complete your Regulatory Sandbox test?

- a) 1-3 months
- b) 3-6 months
- c) More than 6 months

If your answer is 'more than 6 months', please provide justification.

8. Will you impose any thresholds on the size of transactions during the Regulatory Sandbox testing phase? Please elaborate.



2. Explain how your innovative financial solution is truly innovative or is significantly different from existing offerings in the marketplace.

Your answer must show evidence that there are only few or no comparable offerings in the local market. Potential competitors must also be listed.



3. Explain how your innovative financial solution provides customer benefits (either directly or indirectly).

Examples of such benefits may include (but are not limited to) improved security, customer experience, efficiency, quality of product, lower prices, a combination of these, etc. Your answer must show evidence that consumer research has been conducted, and must be supported with quantifiable estimations or demonstrations where possible.

(You may attach supporting documents where necessary)

Horizontal lines for writing the response.



7. What are your next steps if the test is successful?

8. What is your exit plan if the test is unsuccessful?
