

ANCILLARY SERVICE PROVIDERS AUTHORISATION MODULE



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AU-4.6 Additional Requirements for Licensing of Crowdfunding Platform Operator

AU-4.6.1

This section sets out additional licensing requirements for <u>crowdfunding</u> <u>platform operator</u>, including conventional and Shari'a-compliant <u>crowdfunding</u> <u>platform operators</u>.

AU-4.6.2

The CBB may license a <u>person</u> as a <u>crowdfunding platform operator</u> provided that:

- (a) The applicant must be locally incorporated as a Joint Stock Company; [This Subparagraph has been deleted in February 2022]
- (b) The applicant is able to demonstrate that will be able to operate an orderly, fair and transparent market in relation to the transactions offered through its electronic facilities;
- (c) The applicant appoints at least two approved persons. One of the approved persons must be a Compliance Officer who can also handle the responsibilities of the MLRO, and the second person is the CEO of the <u>crowdfunding platform</u> <u>operator;</u>
- (d) The business rules of the <u>crowdfunding platform operator</u> must make satisfactory provisions-
 - (i) For the protection of investors/lenders and public interest;
 - (ii) To ensure proper functioning of the platform;
 - (iii) To promote fairness and transparency;
 - (iv) To manage any conflict of interest that may arise;
 - (v) To promote fair treatment of its users or any person who subscribe for its services;
 - (vi) To promote fair treatment of any person who is hosted, or applies to be hosted, on its platform;
 - (vii) To ensure proper regulation and supervision of its users, or any person utilising or accessing its platform, including suspension and expulsion of such persons;
 - (viii) To provide an avenue of appeal against the decision of the licensed crowdfunding platform operator.
 - (ix) To clarify the criteria for admission of lenders/investors and the exclusion, suspension, expulsion and re-admission of lenders/investors therefrom or thereto;
 - (x) To describe the proposed technology, IT system and disaster recovery plan;
 - (xi) For the oversight and controls over outsourced activities, if any;