

AML/CFT/CPF Guide



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Among others, BNM:

- Leads national efforts in Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism and Countering Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF)
- Formulates effective AML/CFT/CPF regime/policies
- Receives and analyses Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs)

Who is this guide for?

This guide is for reporting institutions that are Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions and Non-Bank Financial Institutions (“**DNFBPs and NBFIs**”) in Malaysia to comply with the requirements in the fight against money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing. It explains the **MAIN*** AML/CFT/CPF requirements under the AMLA, the AML/CFT/CPF and Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS) policy document issued for DNFBPs and NBFIs (AML/CFT/CPF and TFS for DNFBPs and NBFIs Policy Document) and other relevant documents issued by **Bank Negara Malaysia**.

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The following businesses/professions are “**DNFBPs and NBFIs**” under the AML/CFT/CPF and TFS for DNFBPs and NBFIs Policy Document:

- Lawyers
- Accountants
- Trust companies
- Company secretaries
- Dealers in precious metals or precious stones (goldsmiths, jewellers, etc)
- Registered estate agents
- Licensed casino
- Licensed gaming outlets
- Moneylenders
- Pawnbrokers
- Leasing and factoring business

Please refer to the First Schedule of the AMLA for the full list and more details

***For the full list of requirements, please refer to:**

- Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing, Anti-Restricted Activity Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AMLA)
- Anti-Money Laundering, Counter Financing of Terrorism, Countering Proliferation Financing and Targeted Financial Sanctions for Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) & Non-Bank Financial Institutions (NBFIs) (AML/CFT/CPF and TFS for DNFBPs and NBFIs Policy Document)

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What do you need to do?



¹ MOHA: Ministry of Home Affairs
<https://www.moha.gov.my/utama/index.php/en/component/content/article/350-list-of-ministries-of-home-affairs?catid=119i>

² UNSCR: United Nations Security Council Resolutions (Terrorism)
https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list
<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1988/materials>

³ UNSCR: United Nations Security Council Resolutions (Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction)
<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1718/materials>
<https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/sanctions/1737/materials>

⁴ UNSCR: United Nations Security Council Resolutions (Other UN-Sanctions Regimes)
<https://www.un.org>

⁵ From the date of termination of the business relationship

⁶ Utmost care must be undertaken to ensure that STRs are treated with the highest level of confidentiality

⁷ Refer to FAQ on Financial Intelligence System (FINS) for more information on access to FINS
<https://amlcft.bnm.gov.my/fins-faqs>

If you do NOT do any of these

Section in AMLA	Non compliance with	Maximum Penalty for Each Offence
13	Record keeping requirement	
14	Obligation to report suspicious transactions to BNM	Fine up to RM1 million
16	Obligation to conduct customer due diligence i.e. KYC	
17	Requirement to retain documents for at least 6 years	Fine up to RM 3 million or jail up to 5 years or both

For further details, please refer to the AML/CFT Microsite & STR form at <http://amlcft.bnm.gov.my>