



CIRCULAR PSMA NO. 1

TO: All Electronic Money Issuing Institutions

DATE: 16 November 2018

TRANSACTION AND BALANCE LIMITS FOR ELECTRONIC MONEY ACCOUNTS AND FEES PAYABLE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Circular is two-fold:

- 1.1** To provide guidelines on how transaction and balance limits are to be set by electronic money (e-money) issuing institutions; and
- 1.2** To list fees payable by e-money issuing institutions to the Bank of Namibia (the Bank).

2. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression defined in the *Determination on Issuing of Electronic Money in Namibia (PSD-3)* has the same meaning in this Circular.

3. Fees payable

- 3.1** Banking institutions are not required to pay any fees to issue e-money.
- 3.2** Non-banking institutions that intend to issue e-money are required under section 9.2 of PSD-3 to pay application fees at the time of submitting an application (section 9.2.3 of PSD-3), an authorisation fee at the time of authorisation / obtaining a license (section 9.2.4 of PSD-3) and an annual fee on an annual basis (section 9.2.5 of PSD-3).
- 3.3** The following mandatory and non-refundable fees shall be payable by non-banking institutions that intend to issue e-money:

Table 1: Fees payable

Fee Type	Amount in N\$
Application fee to issue e-money	N\$5,000
Authorisation fee to issue e-money	N\$10,000
Annual fee to issue e-money	N\$5,000

The Bank reserves the right to amend the fees payable at its discretion.

4. Transaction and Balance Limits

- 4.1 According to section 11.1.5 in PSD-3, e-money issuers are subject to transaction and balance limits, which are subject to approval from the Financial Intelligence Centre. E-money issuers are therefore required to consult the Financial Intelligence Centre when setting or revising transaction and balance limits on e-money services.
- 4.2 The transaction and balance limits will apply to all types of e-money wallets i.e. individual, agent and business e-money wallets.

Table 2: Transaction and balance limits

Type of E-money Wallet	Outbound limit per transaction	Outbound limit per day	Outbound limit per month	Outbound limit per year	Maximum Balance
Business Wallet	To be determined by the e-money issuer subject to approval from the Financial Intelligence Centre				
Individual Wallet					
Agent Wallet					

5. Effective Date

The effective date of this Circular is 19 November 2018. All e-money institutions are expected to comply with the provisions of this Circular.

6. Repeal of Circular PSMA NO. 1

This Circular repeals and replaces Circular PSMA No. 1 (Transactions and Balance Limits for Electronic Money Accounts and Fees Payable) published on 4 March 2016.

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