Virtual Asset Service Providers Licence

Application Form



FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Instructions for completing the application form

- Applicants are advised to refer to the **Virtual Asset Service Provider Act, 2024** and relevant regulations when completing the application form.
- The form should be completed in English and the answers to ALL questions should be TYPED or written in INK and in BLOCK LETTERS. Any documents submitted in any other language are required to have a certified English translation appended.
- No question should be left unanswered. Where the Applicant believes that a question does not apply, the Applicant should write "Not Applicable" or "N/A".
- If there is insufficient space to answer a question, additional information may be provided on an attachment page and identify the continuation of an answer by stating the question number.
- Please ensure that the full particulars requested are properly numbered and are relevant to the question asked.
- All dates should be completed in the form: Day / Month / Year.
- The declaration on this form must be signed by a director or other duly authorised person.
- If there are any changes in the information furnished in the application prior to the completion of the review of this application, the Authority should be notified immediately.
- The Authority requires that forms are completed in their entirety. The Authority will not process incomplete forms, and this will result in your application being refused and the application fee forfeited.
- This application form must be accompanied by the documents specified in the checklist, in digital form and must be searchable¹.
- Categories of Acceptable Certifiers (the certifier must be independent from the applicant):
 - (i) a judge;
 - (ii) a magistrate;
 - (iii) a notary public;
 - (iv) a barrister-at-law;
 - (v) a Solicitor;
 - (vi) an attorney-at-law; or
 - (vii) a Commissioner of Oaths.

¹ If computer files are searchable, it is possible to search for words, numbers, and other information in those files. (SEARCHABLE | English meaning - Cambridge Dictionary)

• The completed application form and any supporting material, should submitted to:

The Chief Executive Officer Financial Services Authority P.O BOX 991 Bois de Rose Avenue Victoria Mahé Seychelles

Attn: Virtual Asset Services Supervision Section

NOTE: Failure to disclose and submit all necessary information may lead to the Authority refusing the application.

		<u>Part</u>	<u>A</u>	
1.	Name of Applicant			
2.	Date application was su	ubmitted		
3.	Virtual Asset services a	ctivities applying for		
	Wallet Service Provider	Virtual Asset Broking	Virtual Asset Exchange	Investment Provider
4.	Description of how you	intend to undertake t	hese functions.	
5.	Description of the platf	orm being used for the	e activities listed under	section 4 above.

6. Description as to the manner in which client assets are to be held (VA and FIAT).				
7. Details of C	ontact perso	n		
Name				
Contact details				
8. Details of R	egistered Of	fice and Principal Plac	e of Bu	siness
	Registered Office Principal Place of Business		Principal Place of Business	
				·
Address				
Telephone No.				
Fax No.				
Email				
9. Entity Inco	rporated			
Dome		International		nancial
Company Business Institution ² Company		stitution ²		

² Subject to Central Bank approval

10. Details of share capital	
Authorised Capital	
Paid-up Capital	
Type of shares issued or to be issued	
11. Proposed website/domain	
12. Trading name(s)	
13. Other jurisdiction(s) operating in (if any)	
14. Source of Funds/Wealth (Provide details of the origin of all the funds o application)	r wealth for the
Details	Amount
Total Capital of Applicant	

15. Details of Directors (please use separate sheet if there are more than 2 directors)³

	Director 1	Director 2
Name		
Residential Address		

16. Provide details of two individuals (who must not be related to the applicant, and neither of whom has any interest in the success or otherwise of this application) with whom each director of the applicant has had regular contact over the past 4 years and of whom FSA may enquire regarding their character, reputation and financial standing.

	Director 1	Director 2
Details of individual 1		
Name		
Address		
Occupation		
Tel. No.		
Email		
Details of individual 2		
Name		
Address		
Occupation		
Tel. No.		
Email		

³ Indicate which individual will be the resident director

17.	Details of each person who, directly or indirectly, exercises or has power to exercise a
	controlling influence over the management and policies of the applicant other than those
	shown as directors

	Person 1	Person 2
Name		
Address		

18. Details of Shareholders and Beneficial Owners (please use separate sheet if there are more than 2 shareholders)

	Shareholder 1	Shareholder 2
Name		
Address		
Number of shares held		
Date of acquisition		
	Name and address of each Beneficial Owner if Shareholder 1 is a nominee or non-individual, with reference to their percentage of beneficial ownership	Name and address of each Beneficial Owner if Shareholder 2 is a nominee or non-individual, with reference to their percentage of beneficial ownership

19. Details of the corporate arrangement (in the case where the applicant is a subsidiary of	
	company and has shareholding in any entity include an organogram showing the reporting line of the
	parent company and subsidiaries that the company has, if any)

Parent company

Name		
Address		
Nature of business		
	Subsidiary 1	Subsidiary 2
Name		
Address		
Details and nature of business pursued		
	e Officer to be appointed under sontering the Financing of Terrorism	
Name		
Address		
Other positions held		

Tel. No.

Email

Name	
Address	
Other positions held	
Tel. No.	
Email	
22. Proposed complian Services Authority <i>I</i>	ce Officer to be appointed under section 23(2) of the Financial Act, 2013
Name	
Address	
Other positions held	
Tel. No.	
Email	
23. Physical address of to be kept and are a	all premises at which records, or other documents of the business araccessible.
Name	
Address	

24. Identity the form	iii wilicii records are being kept
Physical	
Digital (p	lease specify below)
	at which the register required under section 39 of the Act will be kept in separate locations indicate where each record is stored.)
Name	
Address	
26. Details of Propose	ed Auditor
Name	
Address	
27. Details of Propose	ed Lawyer
Name	
Address	
28. Details of propose	ed Banker or Financial Institution ⁴
Name	
Address	

⁴ The proposed banker of the applicant

29. Proposed personnel responsible for cyber security

Name	
Address	
30. Proposed Insuran	ce provider
Name	
Address	

Part B

31. Has the applicant or any director, within the past **10** years (if YES please provide full particulars on a separate sheet of paper):

a)	Been licensed, registered or authorised in any place under any law which requires licensing or registration in relation to dealing in Virtual Assets?	YES
		NO
b)	Been refused the right or restricted in its or his right to carry on any virtual asset related business for which a specific licence, registration or	YES
	other authority is required by law in any place?	NO
c)	Been the subject of suspension, cancellation or revocation of its registration, licence or other authorization to carry on virtual asset-related business by any	YES
	authority in any jurisdiction?	NO
d)	Been subject to regulatory or enforcement action by any authority in any jurisdiction?	YES
		NO
e)	Been a member or partner in a member firm of any virtual asset services provider?	YES
		NO
f)	Been known by any name other than the name or names shown in this application?	YES
		NO

32. Has any judgment or order or conviction been made or any legal proceedings, actions or other claims pending against the applicant or any of its directors, whether civil or criminal in nature, involving alleged or proven (if YES please provide full particulars in a separate sheet of paper):

a) Fraud or dishonesty or theft or misrepresentation or misappropriation or similar conduct?	YES
	NO
b) Fraud or dishonesty or theft or misrepresentation or misappropriation or similar conduct arising out of or relating to dealings in virtual assets or such	YES
investment related business or activities?	NO

DECLARATION

We declare that all information given in this application and in any annexures and supporting documents or other information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this day of	
Signature:	
SIGNED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT:	
Name:	
Applicant:	
Witness:	
Name:	
Address:	
Occupation.	

Checklist

Below is a checklist which has been designed to assist applicants to ensure that all the information required by the Financial Services Authority is submitted when making an application for Virtual Asset Services Provider Licence under the Virtual Asset Service Provider Act, 2024. This checklist is to serve only as a guide.

The application may be subject to a refusal pursuant to section 7(2)(b) of the Act if the information required has not been provided.

1.	. All blank spaces in the application form have been filled in.	
2.	Application fee (SCR 75,000)	
3.	Certified true copies of the constitutional documents (i.e. Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association, Partnership agreement, Particulars of Directors and Secretaries, Notice of situation of registered office or any change thereof).	
4.	The last audited financial statements of the controlling owners of the applicant (if the controlling owner of the applicant is a non-individual)	
5.	Personal Questionnaire Form completed by each Director, Compliance Officer and any other key individuals of application	
6.	Questionnaire Forms for Shareholders and Beneficial Owners completed by each individual shareholder and beneficial owner who do not hold a managerial position in the company	
7.	Audited Financial Statements of the applicant for the last 2 years except in the case of an applicant who was incorporated within the last 12 months, if applicable.	
8.	Proof of source of funds or wealth	
9.	Proof of Physical Place of Office (Title Deed of Premises or Lease Agreement for premises or Sub Leasing Agreement and consent letter from owner of the premises stipulating that the lessee can sub lease)	
10.	A detailed Business Plan or an updated business plan if the company is already licensed under the Financial Services Authority.	

11. A copy of the insurance quotation (appropriate to the proposed nature and size of the business) of the applicant has been attached and/ or the required approval as to such exemption having been grated allowing for the insurance policy to be sourced form a foreign jurisdiction.	
12. Certified true copies of the Auditor's certificate of membership, qualifications and licence.	
13. If a Financial Institution, the authorization letter duly issued by the Central Bank of Seychelles for the entity to undertake any of the permissible activities under the Virtual Asset Services Provider Act, 2024.	
14. Certified current valid licence or other authorization to conduct such business under the laws of a recognized jurisdiction if the applicant is operating outside Seychelles.	
15. Manuals including:	
a) Internal Procedures Manual,	
b) Client Service Agreement,	
c) Conflict of Interest Policy,	
d) Compliance Manual,	
e) Anti-Money Laundering Manual,	
f) Complaints Handling Manual,	
g) Business Continuity Plan,	
h) Institutional Risk Assessment,	
i) Customer Due Diligence Procedures,	
j) Transaction Monitoring Procedures,	
k) Sanction Screening Procedures,	
l) segregation of asset policy,	
m) Record keeping policy and	
n) Cyber Security Policy.	