The Microcredit (Fees) Regulations, 2021

In exercise of the power conferred upon the Regulatory Authority by section 58 of the Microcredit Act, the following Regulations are hereby made:

Citation. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Microcredit (Fees) Regulations, 2021.

Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations –

“fee base” means the value of total gross loans held at the end of the financial year, calculated by reference to the values prescribed in the financial reports submitted to the Bank at the end of the financial year;

“start-up” –

(a) in relation to the offering of a microcredit service prior to the commencement date, means a business which has been in operation for no longer than one year;

(b) in relation to the offering of a microcredit service after the commencement date, means a business which has been in operation for no longer than one year;

“total assets” means the total accounts (including cash and bank balances, investments, loans, accounts receivables, fixed assets) owned by, due to or payable to a microcredit institution.
| **Licensing fee.** | 3. – (1) The fee for the grant of a licence to operate a microcredit institution, pursuant to section 10(3)(a) of the Act, shall be $10,000.00 for the first $10 million of the fee base and an additional $1,000.00 for each additional $10 million or part thereof.  
(2) In relation to a start-up, the fee for the grant of a licence to operate a microcredit institution, pursuant to section 10(3)(a) of the Act, shall be $10,000.00. |
| **Annual fee.** | 4. The fee to be paid annually, on or before each anniversary of the grant of a licence, pursuant to section 11(a) of the Act, shall be $10,000.00 for the first $10 million of the fee base and an additional $1,000.00 for each additional $10 million or part thereof. |
| **Reinstate-ment fee.** | 5. – (1) The fee to be paid for the reinstatement of a licence which was suspended, pursuant to section 13(3) or 26 of the Act, shall be 50 percent of the licensing fee specified in regulation 3.  
(2) The fee for the reinstatement of a licence to operate a microcredit institution, after the suspension of the licence, pursuant to section 20(9) of the Act, shall be 50 percent of the licensing fee specified in regulation 3. |
| **Replacement fee for lost, defaced or destroyed licence.** | 6. The fee for the replacement of a licence that is lost, defaced or destroyed, pursuant to section 14(2)(c) of the Act, shall be 10 percent of the licensing fee specified in regulation 3, however, such fee shall not be less than $5,000.00. |
| **Fee for change of registered name of licensee.** | 7. The fee for the change of the registered name of a licensee, pursuant to section 23(2) of the Act, shall be $5,000.00. |
Dated this day of , 2021.

Supervisor
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Approved by:

Minister of Finance and the Public Service