

NATIONAL TREASURY

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NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CONDUCT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BILL, 2026, AND PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF BILL

In terms of rule 276(1)(b) and (c) of the Rules of the National Assembly—

- (a) notice is hereby given of the introduction by the Minister of Finance of the Conduct of Financial Institutions Bill, 2026 ('the Bill') in the National Assembly; and
- (b) the following explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published:
The Bill—
- provides for a consolidated, comprehensive and consistent regulatory framework for the conduct of licensed financial institutions, supervised entities and representatives; to require financial institutions to have compliance arrangements in place;
 - regulates the appointment and debarment of representatives; to set out business principles in terms of which financial institutions must conduct their business; to prescribe governance obligations for the governing bodies of financial institutions;
 - requires financial institutions, subject to the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003, to have plans in place to meet their commitments in terms of promoting transformation of the financial sector and to take all reasonable measures to implement the plans;
 - requires key persons of financial institutions to comply with fitness and propriety requirements; to impose specific requirements on financial institutions that provide financial products and financial services to retail financial customers and small enterprise financial customers;
 - sets principles for advertising and disclosure of information; to prescribe principles for financial institutions and certain persons dealing with trust property and funds of financial institutions; to provide for financial soundness and operational ability requirements;
 - provides for reporting, accounting and audit matters; to prescribe conduct requirements relating to insurance business; to empower the Financial Sector Conduct Authority to prescribe conduct standards; to create offences; to provide for written applications and notifications to the Financial Sector Conduct Authority; to provide for regular reviews of the Act;
 - amends the Pension Funds Act, 1956 to align the provisions of that Act with this Act;
 - repeals certain financial sector laws; to amend certain other laws; to amend the Financial Sector Regulation Act, 2017, to enhance the functions of the Financial Sector Conduct Authority,
 - includes a consolidated licensing framework for financial institutions, to include a consolidated framework for the recovery and exit of financial institutions from the financial sector and to include a consolidated framework for the recognition of equivalent foreign jurisdictions, and to provide for requirements for credit rating agencies, managers of collective investment schemes and friendly societies, to provide for consistent requirements for statutory ombuds;
 - repeals certain financial sector laws;

- provides for savings provisions, to provide for the amendment of the Schedule to the Act; and
- provides for matters connected therewith.

A copy of the Bill will be obtainable from the National Treasury's website at <http://www.treasury.gov.za> after introduction of the Bill, and also by contacting Mr A Hendricks, Parliament, PO Box 15, Cape Town, 8000, Telephone no: 021 403 8223.