

AML/CFT¹ Regime for Regulated Dealers

ONBOARDING CONFERENCE

**AML/CFT Division
Ministry of Law**

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¹AML/CFT: *Anti-money laundering/countering the financing of terrorism*

OPENING ADDRESS

By the Registrar of Regulated Dealers

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Why the new laws, requirements and regime for regulated dealers?

- On-going preventive action
- Safeguard the precious stones and precious metals (“PSPM”) sector from money laundering and terrorism financing (“ML/TF”)
- Protect Singapore’s reputation and preserve trust in the sector

II

How will the regime be implemented?

- Phased approach
- Shared ownership and responsibility
- Risk-based principles
- Firm and fair regulatory actions

III

How will the regulator interact with regulated dealers?

- Values that underpin our actions/interaction
 - Integrity** – accountable and mission-focused
 - Service** – facilitative and collaborative
 - Excellence** – proactive and innovative

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

What am I required to do as a regulated dealer?

By **Joanne Koh**, Senior Assistant Director/ACD

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4. Rogue lawyer David Rasif absconded with \$11.3m of his clients' money

Took place in 2006:

"In 2010, the Commercial Affairs Department (CAD) here was able to recover **\$6.4 million in cash and gold** both here and abroad.

CAD had also been able to seize **40 of the 47 gold bars** that Rasif had bought for **\$1.65 million** in June 2006."

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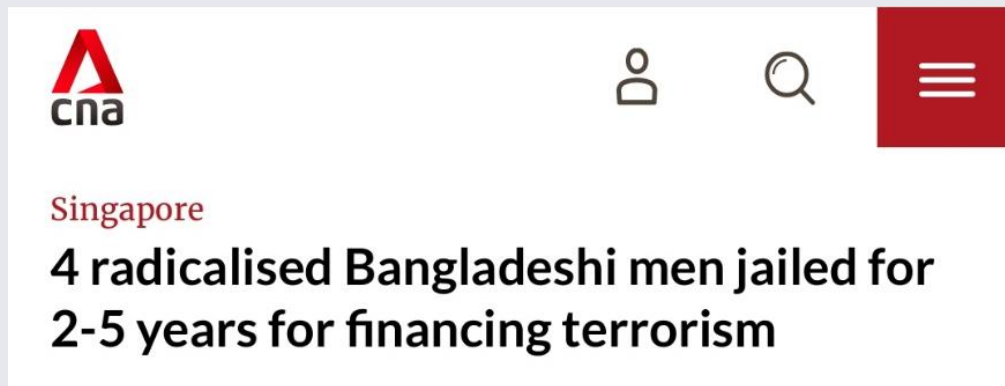
SkillsFuture fraud: \$6.7m cash, 11kg gold kept in Sengkang flat

Took place in 2018:

"...was sentenced to **five years and eight months in jail for money laundering.**

On Oct 30 and 31 last year, she bought **6kg of gold bars worth \$344,000** from two **jewellery shops...**

...collect another **five 1kg gold bars worth \$282,500.** By Nov 1, there were **\$6.7 million in cash and 11kg of gold** in the safe."



Took place in 2016:

"Four Bangladeshi nationals... **conviction under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act.**

They formed 'lone-wolf **pro-ISIS terrorist group**'.

He had **donated \$300 to the cause. Documents on weapons and bomb making...**

Four men **detained under Internal Security Act.**"

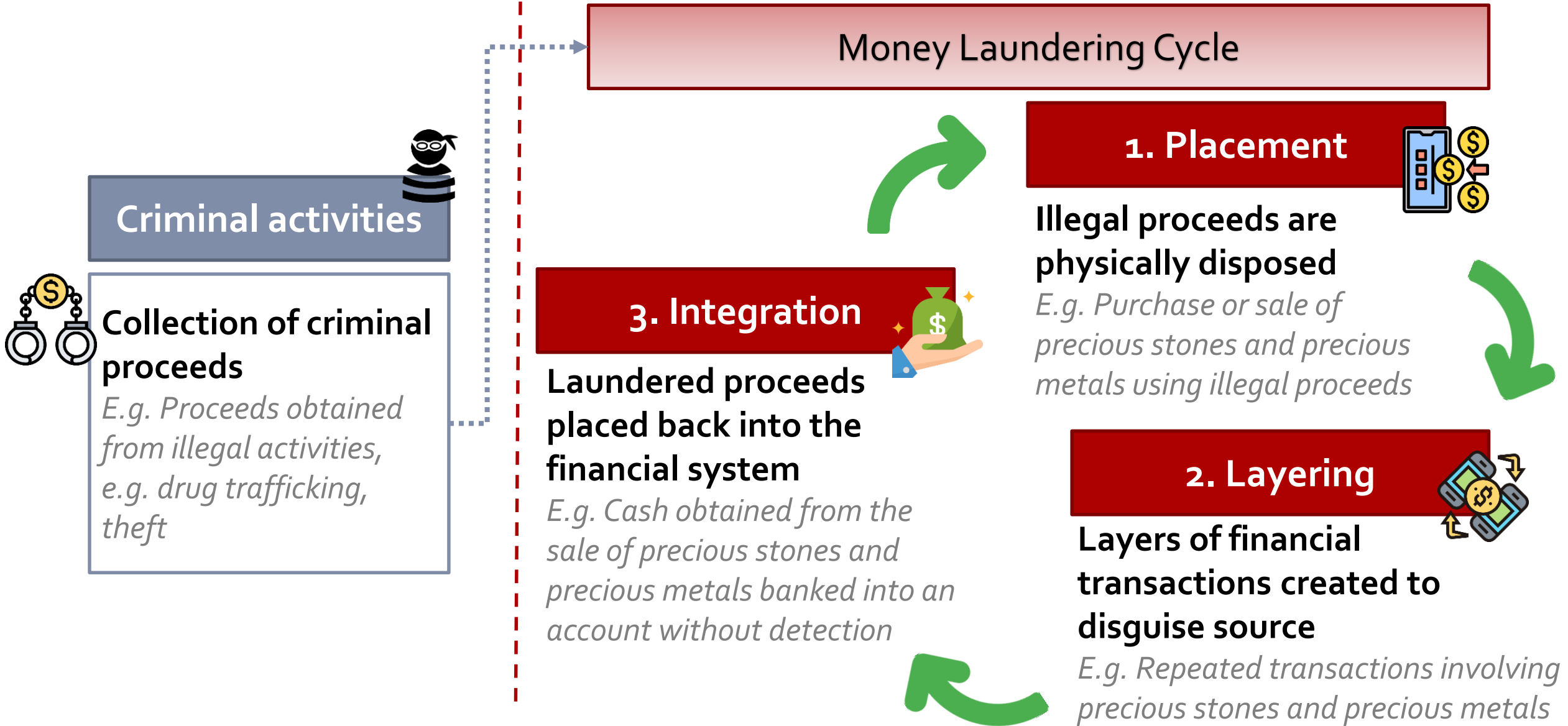


Took place in 2019:

"...**provided \$450** to an individual in Turkey on Oct 31, 2014, **for the publication of ISIS propaganda.**

"**This act of providing money in support of terrorist purposes is a serious offence, regardless of the amount,** under the Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act", said MHA."

Money laundering is the process of concealing the proceeds of a crime so that they appear to have originated from legitimate sources.



Terrorism financing is the funding of terrorism or terrorist groups. Sources of terrorism financing may be legitimate or illegitimate.



Purchase precious stones and precious metals

Purchase precious stones and precious metals in Singapore



Resale of precious stones and precious metals

Resale of precious stones and precious metals abroad at higher price



Raise funds

Profits derived from sale of precious stones and precious metals

Terrorist activities



NEW LAW IMPLEMENTED

The Precious Stones and Precious Metals (Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) Act 2019 ("**PSPM Act**") came into force on **10 April 2019**.

*An Act to regulate persons who carry on a business of regulated dealing or as an intermediary for regulated dealing,
so as to prevent money laundering and terrorism financing.*

* Detailed requirements in the Precious Stones and Precious Metals (Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) Regulations 2019 ("**PMLTF Regulations**")

Part	Key areas to note
1 Preliminary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of terms used • Appointment of Registrar and officers
2 Registration of regulated dealers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Regulatory action
3 Prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer due diligence • Cash transaction reports • Keeping of records • Programmes and measures • Disclosure of suspicious transactions
4 Monitoring and enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers of monitoring and investigation • Power to seize
5 General offences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing false information • Obstruction of investigation
6 General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure of information • Composition of offences • Power to publish information

What is covered?

Precious stones, precious metals, precious products and asset-backed tokens ("PSPM").

Precious stones

Diamond

Sapphire

Ruby

Emerald

Jade

Pearl



Precious metals

Gold

Silver

Platinum

Palladium

Rhodium

Iridium

Osmium

Ruthenium

Alloy with at least 2% of PSPM in weight



What is covered?

Precious stones, precious metals, precious products and asset-backed tokens (“PSPM”).

Precious products

Any jewellery, watch, apparel, accessory, ornament or other finished product, which is made up of (containing or attached) any PSPM

AND

at least 50% of its value due to the PSPM



Asset-backed tokens

Any token, certificate or other instrument backed by one or more precious metals, precious stones or precious products

That entitles the holder to the precious metal, precious stone or precious product.

What is not covered?

Industrial tools and **medical** devices.

Any machinery, tool or equipment used for **industrial** purposes.

E.g. crucible, furnace coil.



Any **medical** device listed in the First Schedule of the Health Products Act (Cap. 122D).

E.g. Implants to body parts (knee/tooth implant).



Who is required to register?

Regulated dealers (Persons who carry on a business of regulated dealing, or business as an intermediary for regulated dealing.)

Manufacturing any PSPM

Importing or possessing for sale any PSPM

Selling or offering for sale any PSPM

Selling or redeeming asset-backed tokens

Purchasing any PSPM for the purposes of resale

Who is not required to register?

- **Pawnbrokers** (regulated under Pawnbrokers Act)
- **Financial institutions** (regulated by MAS)
- **Foreign dealers**² (who carry on a business for not more than 90 days in a year, e.g. exhibition, fair.)

²Foreign dealers are subject to transaction-based requirements, except that they are not required to register and not subject to entity-based requirements.

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ML
riskTF
risk

Entity-based requirements

1

Identify, assess and understand your ML/TF risks.



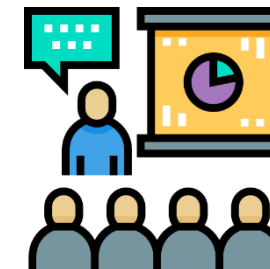
2

Develop your internal policies, procedures and controls ("**IPPC**"), a.k.a. SOP, to prevent ML/TF.



3

Train your staff in IPPC.



Remember, it is all about **managing ML and TF risks!**

ML risk
TF risk

Transaction-based requirements

1

Conduct customer due diligence ("CDD") under certain circumstances, file cash transaction reports ("CTR") for cash transactions above S\$20,000.



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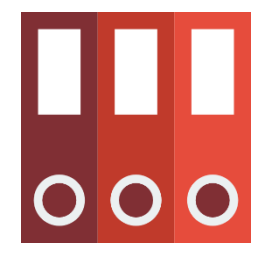
Conduct enhanced customer due diligence ("ECDD") to assess if the customer is of higher-risk.

If found to be suspicious, terminate the transaction and file a suspicious transaction report ("STR").



3

Keep records of designated transactions and related documents for 5 years.



Section 10(2) Regulatory action	Fine not exceeding \$100,000 .
Section 16(6) Customer due diligence	Fine not exceeding \$100,000 .
Section 18(5) Keeping of records	Fine not exceeding \$100,000 .
Section 19(3) Programmes and measures to prevent money laundering and terrorism financing	Fine not exceeding \$100,000 .
Section 20(2) Additional measures relating to targeted financial sanctions, etc.	Fine not exceeding \$100,000 .
Section 21(3) Disclosure of suspicious transactions, etc.	Fine not exceeding \$20,000 .
Section 22(5) Power to give directions	Fine not exceeding \$20,000 .

<p>Section 6(2) No regulated dealing without registration</p>	<p>Fine not exceeding \$75,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or both. In the case of continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$7,500 for every day of part of a day during which the offence continues after conviction.</p>
<p>Section 17(4) Cash transaction reports</p>	<p>Fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.</p>
<p>Section 27 Providing false information to Registrar or authorised officer</p>	<p>Fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.</p>
<p>Section 28 Obstruction of investigation, etc.</p>	<p>Fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.</p>
<p>Section 39(3)(a) Regulations</p>	<p>Fine not exceeding \$100,000 or with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.</p>

Phase 1

Awareness & Transition

Mar 2019 to Sep 2019
(6 months)

Objectives

- Create awareness of regime
- Drive registration

Channels

- Website, collaterals
- Conference
- Workshops

Phase 2

Phased-In Compliance

Oct 2019 to Sep 2020
(12 months)

Objectives

- Raise AML/CFT awareness
- Facilitate compliance

Channels

- Workshops
- Compliance Review Program

Phase 3

Full Compliance

Oct 2020 onwards

Objectives

- Level up and sustain AML/CFT standards

Channels

- AML/CFT Training and Certification Program

I should read:



- Guidelines for regulated dealers ("**Guidelines**")

On how to comply with regulatory requirements

These include:

- Sample risk assessment form
- Sample CDD form
- Sample ECDD form
- Red flag indicators

I must also refer to:



- Inter-Ministry Committee-Terrorist Designation ("**IMC-TD**")

On terrorist designation and legislation for countering the financing of terrorism

([https://www.mha.gov.sg/inter-ministry-committee-terrorist-designation-\(imc-td\)](https://www.mha.gov.sg/inter-ministry-committee-terrorist-designation-(imc-td)))

- Information on targeted financial sanctions and lists of designated individuals and entities

On targeted financial sanctions under the United Nations Regulations

(<http://www.mas.gov.sg/regulation/anti-money-laundering/targeted-financial-sanctions/lists-of-designated-individuals-and-entities>)

I would find it useful to read:



- Financial Action Task Force (“**FATF**”)
FATF Recommendations and sector specific risk typologies
(<http://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/fatfrecommendations/documents/fatf-recommendations.html>)
- FATF reports relevant to PSMD sector
 - ML/TF risks associated with gold
(<http://www.fatf-gafi.org/media/fatf/documents/reports/ML-TF-risks-vulnerabilities-associated-with-gold.pdf>)
 - ML/TF through trade in diamonds
(<http://www.fatf-gafi.org/media/fatf/documents/reports/ML-TF-through-trade-in-diamonds.pdf>)
- Singapore National Risk Assessment Report
ML/TF risk assessment for Singapore
(<https://www.mas.gov.sg/publications/monographs-or-information-paper/2014/national-risk-assessment>)



For enquiries, I may contact:

CorpPass

On CorpPass related matters

Tel: 6643 0577

Mon – Fri: 8am – 8pm

Sat: 8am – 2pm

Email: support@corppass.gov.sg

Website: <https://www.corppass.gov.sg>

LicenceOne

On LicenceOne related matters

Tel: 6774 1430

Mon – Fri: 8am – 8pm

Sat: 8am – 2pm

Email: licences-helpdesk@crimsonlogic.com

Website:

<https://licence1.business.gov.sg>

Suspicious Transaction Reporting Office ("STRO")

On SONAR related matters

Queries relating to CTR/STR report filing/reporting regime:

Email: STRO@spf.gov.sg

Queries relating to SONAR accounts/IT issues:

Email: SPF_STRO_IT_Team@spf.gov.sg

Personal Data Protection Commission ("PDPC")

On personal data related matters

Tel: 6377 3131

Mon – Thu: 8.30am – 6.00pm

Fri: 8.30am – 5.30pm

Online feedback form:

<https://apps.pdpc.gov.sg/feedback/feedback-form>

Ministry of Law Services Centre

On PSPM Act related matters

Counter Operating Hours:

Mon – Fri: 8.30am – 5.00pm

(Closed on Weekends & Public Holidays)

Enquiry Line Operating Hours:

Tel: 1800-CALL-LAW

(1800 2255 529)

Mon – Fri: 8.30am – 5.30pm

(Closed on Weekends & Public Holidays)

Online Enquiry Form:

www.mlaw.gov.sg/eservices/enquiry

Productivity Solutions Grant (“PSG”)

To help SMEs adopt IT solutions and equipment to enhance business processes.

Eligible Criteria

- Registered & operating in Singapore
- Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding
- SME only: Group annual sales turnover of S\$100 million or less, or group employment of up to 200 employees
- Applicant’s purchase / lease / subscription of IT solutions or equipment must be used in Singapore

Support Level

- Up to 70% of eligible expenses

Supportable Activities

IT solutions

Pre-scoped IT solutions with pre-qualified vendors. Examples:

- Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP)
- Accounting Management and Sales Management System
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)

Equipment

Pre-scoped equipment. Examples:

- RFID scanners/systems
- Vertical Carousel

To find out more, visit Enterprise Singapore (“ESG”) website at:

<https://www.smeportal.sg/content/tech-depot/en/psg.html>

For assistance, contact:


Email: a-star_sme@hq.a-star.edu.sg

Tel: +65 6826 6108

Commercial Database Screening Services

As part of CDD, regulated dealers must take reasonable measures to assess whether the customer is a terrorist/terrorist entity or a designated individual/ entity.

To aid your employees in performing customer screening, you may consider AML customer screening search engines provided by commercial database screening providers.



**Find out more
at the booths
during tea
break!**

Tea Break



Find out more at the booths!

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

It is an offence to act as or hold out to be a regulated dealer unless registered. (Section 6 PSPM Act)

By **Chua Jia Leng**, Deputy Director/ACD



- Application processing may take up to 3 months, depending on volume received.
- Apply by **30 Jun 2019** to allow sufficient processing time.

If you are an existing regulated dealer on or before 9 April 2019:

Transition period to obtain registration

It is an offence not to be registered.

Deadline to obtain Certificate of Registration

Application opens in LicenceOne

Application fee of \$140

10 Apr 2019

9 Oct 2019



Step 1 Submit Your Application

In LicenceOne:

- Complete and submit the application form;
- Choose registration period (1, 2 or 3 years); and
- Pay **S\$140 application fee**

Step 2 Registrar Processes Your Application

The Registrar may **contact you for any clarifications.**

If the applicant for registration is, in the opinion of the Registrar, a **fit and proper** person, the Registrar may give **in-principle approval** about **3 months** after receiving your application.

Step 3 Pay Registration Fee

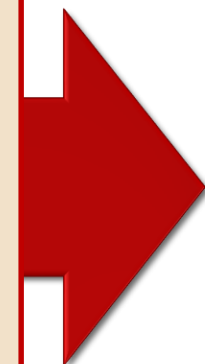
You must pay a **registration fee of S\$300:**

- **per place of business**
- **per year of registration**

within **7 days** after receiving in-principle approval from the Registrar.

Step 4 Registrar Issues Your Certificate

Within **7 days** after the Registrar receives your payment of the registration fees, the Registrar will email a link to you where you may **download the Certificate of Registration.**



Key principles & considerations

- Cost recovery
- Keep compliance cost low and sustainable
- Periodic reviews to ensure fees are relevant

Application Fee

(Stage 1 payment in LicenceOne)

- \$140 per new application/ renewal
- For the purposes of section 7(1) of PSPM Act
- To recover costs involved in processing each application

Registration Fee

(Stage 2 payment in LicenceOne)

- \$300 per year per place of business
- For the purposes of section 8(1) of the PSPM Act
- To recover costs involved in processing post-registration issues, e.g. supervision and outreach

Applicant, Director, Managing Director, Manager, Partner, Owner Company Secretary

- Name*
- NRIC/ Passport/ FIN No.*
- Date of birth
- Declaration of
 - (a) any investigations or convictions for offences (excluding parking offences)
 - (b) any lawsuit the person was party to
 - (c) any bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation
 - (d) any breach of AML/CFT requirements

** Auto-populated for ACRA-registered entities*

Substantial Shareholder

- Name*
- NRIC/ Passport/ FIN/ UEN No.*
- No. of Ordinary Shares*
- Ordinary Share %*
- Voting Share %*
- Declaration of
 - (a) any investigations or convictions for offences (excluding parking offences)
 - (b) any bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation
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** Auto-populated for ACRA-registered entities*

Compliance Officer

- Name
- NRIC/ Passport/ FIN No.
- Date of birth

Place of Business

- Description of place of business
- Address
- Contact No.
- Name of Outlet Manager
- NRIC/ Passport/ FIN No. of Outlet Manager
- Contact No. of Outlet Manager



Learning points so far...

- Follow the Licence One Guide (Step by Step with screenshots) on <https://acd.mlaw.gov.sg>
- Main issue: Log on to LicenceOne using correct identity



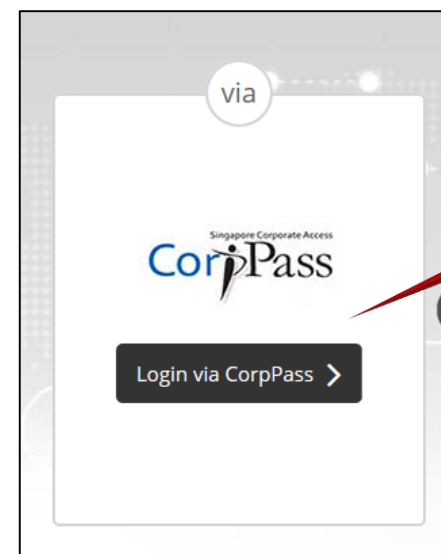
Error: Log on to LicenceOne using SingPass.

Impact:

- ✗ Certificate of Registration granted to the SingPass holder (individual) instead of the business entity.
- ✗ Future amendments / updates to ACRA records NOT auto populated (e.g. new directors, shareholders, company secretary).

✓ Log into LicenceOne using CorpPass

- ✓ Certificate of Registration granted to correct entity.
- ✓ Future amendments / updates to ACRA records auto populated.



Log in using CorpPass!



Learning points so far...



Are you using a third party company service provider and unable to ascertain whether company secretary is involved in other precious stones and precious metals business in Singapore?

- ✓ If you are, select "Yes".
- ✓ In the <If yes, provide details> field, state "Third Party Company Service Provider". No need to list out the other businesses.

1 SELECT Licence(s)
2 ADD General Information
3 PROVIDE Application Details
4 UPLOAD Supporting Document(s)
5 REVIEW & SUBMIT Application (Payment if applicable)
6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Apply for New Licence

Registration of Precious Stones and Precious Metals Dealers

[Directors/](#)
[Managing Directors/](#)
[Partner/](#)
Company Secretary/
[Owner /](#)
[Manager](#)

1	<p>Salutation* <input type="text" value="Please Select"/></p> <p>Name: PETER HEINER FRANZ BADER</p> <p>NRIC/ Passport/ FIN No: S2618522Z</p> <p>Designation: SECRETARY</p>	<p>Date of Birth* <input type="text"/> </p> <p>Whether proposed person is involved in any other Precious Stones and Precious Metals business in Singapore (provide details such as business name if "Yes")* <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>If Yes. Provide details <input type="text"/></p>
2	<p>Salutation* <input type="text" value="Please Select"/></p> <p>Name: MARC HEINZ PETER BADER</p> <p>NRIC/ Passport/ FIN No: S9423756D</p> <p>Designation: DIRECTOR</p>	<p>Date of Birth* <input type="text"/> </p> <p>Whether proposed person is involved in any other Precious Stones and Precious Metals business in Singapore (provide details such as business name if "Yes")* <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>If Yes. Provide details <input type="text"/></p>

State "Yes"

State "Third party company service provider"



Learning points so far...

Compliance Officer Details

Salutation*	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>	Name*	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>
Date of Birth*	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>	NRIC/ Passport/ FIN No*	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>

Place of business (where regulated dealing as defined under section 2 of the Precious Stones and Precious Metals (Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) Act, is conducted)

Note: Please provide the following details of all the places of business where regulated dealing is conducted. If you do not have a physical place of business, please include details of your organisation operating address.

Place of business*	<input type="text"/>	Level	<input type="text" value="E.g. 05-01 Key in:05"/>
Postal Code*	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Retrieve Address"/> <small>Please enter your postal code and click "Retrieve Address"</small>	Unit Number	<input type="text" value="E.g. 05-01 Key in:01"/>
Block/House Number	<input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	Building Name	<input type="text"/>
Street Name*	<input type="text"/>	Contact Number	<input type="text" value="Country code"/>
Name of outlet Manager/ person in-charge*	<input type="text"/>	ID Type*	<input type="radio"/> NRIC <input type="radio"/> FIN <input type="radio"/> Passport
Contact number of outlet Manager/ person in-charge*	<input type="text" value="Country code"/>	Identification number of outlet	<input type="text"/>

To indicate only 1 outlet manager!



Who can be a Compliance Manager?

✓ A management level staff from your business.



Who can be an Outlet Manager?

✗ Do **NOT** enter multiple outlets if 1 outlet has more than 1 outlet manager. You will be charged registration fees for each outlet added.

✓ Enter only 1 outlet manager for each outlet.



Learning points so far...



Error: Submitted multiple applications.
e.g. 10 outlets belonging to 1 business entity (1 unique UEN).

Impact:

- X** Multiple Certificate of Registration granted to the same business entity.
- X** Duplicate application fees paid.

✓ Only need 1 application for each unique business entity (based on UEN).

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Block/House Number	<input type="text" value="Please ! XXX"/>	Building Name	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>
Street Name *	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>	Contact Number	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>
Name of outlet Manager/ person in-charge *	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>	ID Type *	<input type="radio"/> NRIC <input type="radio"/> FIN <input type="radio"/> Passport
Contact number of outlet Manager/ person in-charge *	<input type="text" value="XXX"/>	Identification number of outlet Manager/ person in-charge *	<input type="text"/>

Add

Add more Place of Business instead!

Name of the outlet	Outlet Address	Contact Number	Name of outlet Manager/ person in-charge	ID Type	Identification number of outlet Manager/ person in-charge	Contact number of outlet Manager/ person in-charge

DIALOGUE SESSION

If you have more questions, you may submit
an online enquiry form at:

www.mlaw.gov.sg/eservices/enquiry

FEEDBACK FORM

Please provide your feedback on the Onboarding Conference at:

<https://form.gov.sg/5ccc0ca38dcebc001039204d>

or scan the QR code:

