

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of formality	License to Operate Banking Business (For a branch of Foreign Commercial Bank)
Type of formality	License
Date of last modification	20.10.2020
Responsible Authority	Bank of Lao PDR
Who should apply for this formality?	Individuals, legal entities that intend to operate in a banking business

<p>Qualifications needed by the business to get the formality</p>	<p>Individuals and legal entities can be the shareholders of a commercial bank during the establishment, but there must be one or more banks holding more than 50% of the total voting shares. For individuals, a person can hold no more than 10% of the total voting shares. For the applicant that is a commercial bank:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operate the business for 3 consecutive years with profits and no accumulated loss; 2. Must have sufficient, clear, and lawful sources of funds and have at least LAK40 trillion or equivalent to USD 5 billion in the proposed fiscal year; 3. Must be rated BBB or higher by an international rating agency or obtained a good rating from a relevant authority; 4. In case the applicant is a foreign bank, it must obtain permission from the relevant authority to invest in establishing a commercial bank in Lao PDR; 5. Have a clear and realistic shareholder structure; 6. Must be a legal entity that is suitable for obtaining a business license; 7. Must not be on a blacklist for money laundering or terrorist financing <p>For the applicant that is a non-commercial bank legal entity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operate the business for 3 consecutive years with profits and no accumulated loss; 2. Must have sufficient, clear, and lawful sources of funds and have no less than twice the value of the shares of the bank in the proposed fiscal year; 3. Have a clear and realistic shareholder structure; 4. Must be a legal entity that is suitable for obtaining a business license; 5. Must not be on a blacklist for money laundering or terrorist financing. <p>For the applicant that is an individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must have sufficient, clear, and lawful sources of funds and have no less than twice the value of the shares of the bank in the proposed fiscal year; 2. In a case of being a majority shareholder, the individual must have the appropriate qualifications and experience to operate in the financial-banking business.; 3. Never held a criminal conviction for theft, fraud, embezzlement, forgery, bribery, corruption, money laundering, terrorist financing or other financial and monetary and monetary related crimes or drug trafficking; 4. Must be an individual that is suitable for obtaining an establishing license; 5. Must not be on a blacklist for money laundering or terrorist financing.
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LEGAL FRAMEWORK			
Name	Number	Date	Comment
Law on Commercial Bank (Amended)	56/NA	07.12.2018	
Decisions on Commercial Bank and Branch Establishment	42/BoL	15.01.2016	
Decisions on the Commercial Bank Establishment and Management Fees	1034/BoL	21.11.2011	

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FORMALITIES		
Name	Type	Comment
\${SUPPORT_NAME}	\${SUPPORT_TYPE}	\${SUPPORT_COMMENT}

LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS FOR FIRST TIME APPLICATION		
Name of document	Type of document	File of document
\${ATTACHMENT_NAME}	\${ATTACHMENT_TYPE}	\${ATTACHMENT_FILE}

LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS FOR RENEW APPLICATION		
Name of document	Type of document	File of document
\${ATTACHMENT_NAME_RENEW}	\${ATTACHMENT_TYPE_RENEW}	\${ATTACHMENT_FILE_RENEW}

MEAN OF PRESENTATION		
Means of presentation	At the Authority Offices	
Address of authority	Bank of Lao PDR	
Time it takes to the authorities to process the formality	100	The period for considering the issuance of a temporary license is within 90 days and the period for issuing the permanent license for the establishment is within 10 working days if the applicant meets the requirements.

RENEWAL INFORMATION	
Does the formality have a validity or an expiration date?	How long will the formality be valid for? (in months)
NO	0
What is the process and conditions to get the formality?	
What is the process and conditions to renew the formality?	

ISSUING FEES				
Has application fees?	Service fees businesses need to disburse	Certificate fees businesses need to disburse	Application fees businesses need to disburse	Total fees businesses need to disburse
YES	60000000.00	10000000.00	0.00	70000000.00
Comments	According to the recommendation of the authority			
ADDITIONAL ISSUING FEES				
Additional fee names				
NO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional fee comments				

RENEWAL FEES				
Has renewal fees?	Service fees businesses need to disburse	Certificate fees businesses need to disburse	Renewal fees businesses need to disburse	Total renewal fees businesses need to disburse
NO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Comments				
ADDITIONAL RENEWAL FEES				
Additional renewal fees names				
NO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional renewal fees comments				