



UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

BANK OF TANZANIA



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PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROHIBITION FOR ENGAGEMENT IN DIGITAL LENDING BUSINESS WITHOUT
A LICENSE FROM THE BANK OF TANZANIA**

The Bank of Tanzania would like to inform the General Public that Section 17 of the Microfinance Act 2018 gives the Bank the power to license institutions, companies, and individuals to engage in the business of lending. In connection to that and in accordance with Section 16 (1) of the Act, it is an offence to engage in business of lending without a valid license. The prohibition to engage in lending business without a license includes provision of loans through various platforms such as digital loans.

The General Public is hereby reminded to review the loan agreement to be entered, including understanding and agreeing to the loan terms and conditions, and be satisfied that the lender has a valid license from the Bank to conduct the business. The borrower should be issued with a copy of a duly signed loan contract, and the same should be provided whenever the lender grants a new loan.

The Bank urges the General Public to refrain from doing business with institutions, companies, and individuals that provide lending without valid license issued by the Bank of Tanzania. The General Public is urged to report to the Bank of Tanzania and security organs institutions, companies, and individuals who are conducting lending business without having valid license or which are operating without adhering to regulatory requirements to facilitate initiation of necessary legal actions. A list of licensed institutions, companies, and individuals licensed by the Bank of Tanzania to undertake lending business is provided on the Bank's website: www.bot.go.tz.

For more information, please contact the Directorate of Financial Sector Supervision, Department of Microfinance Supervision, Bank of Tanzania, 2 Mirambo Street, P. O. Box 2939, 11884 Dar es Salaam, Phone No: +255 22 223 5585, Email: info@bot.go.tz or botcommunications@bot.go.tz.

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