



LABUAN SECURITIES LICENSEE

The Guidelines on the establishment of Labuan Securities Licensee including Islamic Securities Licensee issued by the Labuan Financial Services Authority (“FSA”). took effect on 1 January 2014.

A Labuan securities licensee refers to a person who, for valuable consideration, provides investment advice or administrative services in respect of securities for purpose of investment and dealing in securities. In the case of a Labuan Islamic securities licensee, its operations must be conducted in compliance with Shariah principles.

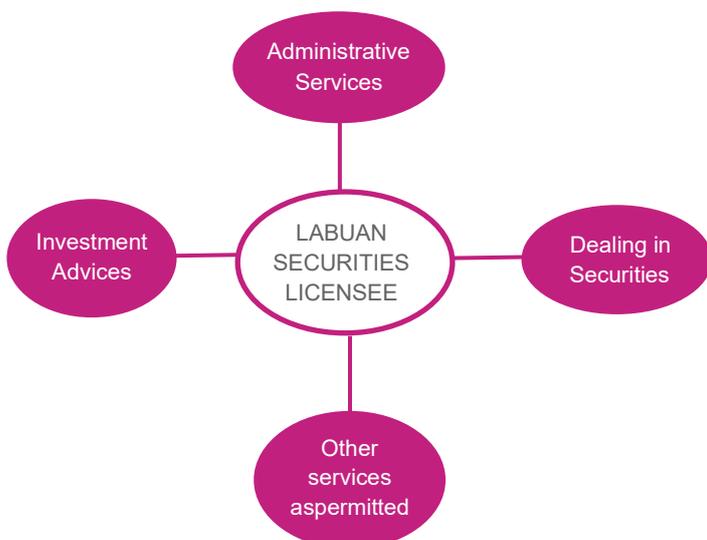
A Labuan securities licensee is differentiated from a Labuan fund manager, by the distinction of its principal activity which is the provision of management services. Additionally, a Labuan securities licensee is not permitted to hold clients’ monies or assets.

Application for Labuan securities licensee

Any person intending to carry out securities licensee activities may submit an application to Labuan FSA.

JTC Kensington, a licensed trust company in Labuan may assist you with license application, establishment and administration of your Labuan Company.

Permitted activities



Who Is eligible to apply?

- > An individual who holds a relevant degree or professional qualification to carry out securities licensee activities. Labuan FSA may also consider an applicant who possesses at least a diploma and a minimum of three (3) years of relevant experience in capital market or direct experience in the permitted activities of a securities licensee; or
- > A licensed or approved individual who is authorised to undertake such permitted activities by a relevant regulatory and supervisory authority or a jurisdiction who is a member of the International Organization of Securities Commission (IOSCO); or
- > A person who does not meet the above criteria may also be considered, provided that the Labuan securities licensee are run and managed by suitably qualified and experienced individuals.
- > The above is not exhaustive, Labuan FSA would also consider other factors in assessing the application for Labuan securities licensee.

Labuan securities licensee license fee

- > **Processing fee**
USD500
- > **Annual Fee**
USD1,500 (to be increased to USD2,000 in year 2027 and thereafter USD2,500 effective in year 2028 onwards)
The annual license fee is payable when the license is approved by Labuan FSA and remains valid until 31 December of the year of approval. All licensees are required to pay to Labuan FSA subsequently the annual license fees on or before 15 January of each calendar year.



Operational Requirements

- Paid up capital - Maintain at least RM150,000 of paid-up capital unimpaired by losses. equivalent in any foreign currency throughout its operations. Additional capital may need to be injected based on the securities licensee's risk management assessment, to commensurate its risk profile as well as the nature and complexity of its business.
- Professional indemnity insurance - Maintain a policy with coverage of not less than RM1 million or its equivalent in any foreign currency throughout its operations.
- Registered and management office - Maintain a registered and management office in Labuan and ensure that the business must be carried on in, from or through Labuan. A securities licensee may also apply for Labuan marketing office (LMO) anywhere in Malaysia outside of Labuan. that complies with the relevant requirements of the Malaysian authorities.
- Directors and principal officer - Ensure that the directors and principal officer and any other relevant person of the Labuan securities licensee meet the requirement of the Guidelines on Fit and Proper Person issued by Labuan FSA.
- Internal policies and procedures - Establish adequate policies and procedures for its operations, compliances, internal controls, corporate governance and risk management including the business continuity plan.
- Business conduct - Conduct its business with due diligence and sound principles, adequate and proper records- keeping in Labuan and ensure its name and license or registration number are indicated clearly on its letterhead, stationery and other documents.
- Auditor - Appoint an approved auditor in Labuan to carry out an annual audit of its accounts.
- Shariah advisory board - Appoint qualified person to sits on its internal Shariah advisory board for Labuan securities licensee undertaking Islamic securities licensee activities.
- Approval application - Obtain prior approval from Labuan FSA for any appointment of director(s) and shareholder(s).
- Notification - Notify Labuan FSA in writing on:
 - Any amendment or alteration to any of its constituent documents within 30 days of the changes being affected including the business plan.
 - For Islamic securities licensee, notification is required within 30 days from the appointment of internal Shariah advisory board.
- Regulatory compliance - Comply with relevant directive, guidelines, prudential and reporting requirements issued by Labuan FSA from time to time as well as the relevant laws and regulations of the jurisdictions where it intends to operate.

Labuan IBFC taxation system

- Labuan Business Activity Tax Act 1990 (“**LBATA**”) governs the imposition, assessment and collection of tax on a Labuan business activity carried on in, from or through Labuan.
- Labuan entities that carry on a **non-Labuan business activity** are subject to the provisions of the Malaysian Income Tax Act, 1967 (ITA).
- “Labuan business activity” means:
 - a Labuan trading or a Labuan non-trading activity carried on in, from or through Labuan,
 - excluding any activity which is an offence under any written law.
- Pursuant to the Labuan Business Activity Tax (Requirements for Labuan Business Activity) Regulations 2021 that took effect on 1st January 2019:
 - Labuan trading activity has been restricted to licensed business activities and selected type of trading activities only. Please refer to the above Regulations 2021.
 - Labuan non-trading activity has been restricted to holding company, namely Pure Equity Holding and Non-Pure Equity Holding.

Substance Requirements under LBATA

- Pursuant to section 2B(1) (b) of LBATA, the Labuan entities shall for the purpose of the Labuan business activity, have:-
 - (i) an adequate number of fit and proper full-time employees in Labuan; and
 - (ii) an adequate amount of annual operating expenditure in Labuan, as prescribed by the Minister by regulations made under this Act.
- Section 2B (1A) of LBATA further provides that a Labuan entity carrying on a Labuan business activity which fails to comply with the substance requirement for a basis period for a year of assessment shall be charged to tax at the rate of twenty four per cent (24%) upon its chargeable profits for that year of assessment.
- To benefit under LBATA, a Labuan securities licensee company will need to comply with the substance requirements of having at least two (2) fit and proper full-time employees in Labuan and incur a minimum annual operating expenditure of RM100,000 in Labuan.



Dealings with resident

All Labuan entities may conduct transactions with Residents of Malaysia in Ringgit Malaysia except for:

- > Issuing or offering to any Residents of Malaysia for subscription or purchase; or
- > Invite any resident to subscribe or purchase

any interest pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Interest Schemes Act 2016 where such issue or offer or invitation is made in Malaysia, other than Labuan, unless the provisions of the Interest Schemes Act 2016 are complied.

“Resident” here means:

- > in relation to a natural person, a citizen or permanent resident of Malaysia; or
- > in relation to any other person, a person who has established a place of business, and is operating in Malaysia.
- > and includes person who is declared to be a resident pursuant to paragraph 214(6)(a) of the Financial Services Act 2013 and paragraph 225(6)(a) of the Islamic Financial Services Act 2013.

The amount of deductions allowed in respect of payments made by Residents to Labuan entities are as follows:-

> Interest expense	75% deductible
> Lease rental	75% deductible
> General reinsurance premiums	100% deductible
> Other type of payments	3% deductible

Advantages and key benefits of Labuan securities licensee

- > No withholding tax on dividend and interest payments to non-residents.
- > No stamp duty on all instruments relating to offshore business activities including share transfer subject to compliance with economic substance requirements
- > No foreign exchange controls.
- > No inheritance tax.
- > No indirect tax.
- > Double Tax Agreements between Malaysia and over 70 countries.
- > Zakat Tax rebate.



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