

PUBLIC NOTICE

ISSUANCE OF A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE PROPOSED REVIEW OF LICENCE FEES FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS IN KENYA

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has released a Consultative paper (https://www.centralbank.go.ke/2025/03/10/11137/) on the proposed review of commercial bank licence fees for public consultation.

The paper proposes to update the current commercial bank licence fee structure that has been in place for over thirty (30) years. Additionally, it proposes a framework that is aligned with international standards and modern banking dynamics. This is aimed at covering the increasing supervisory and regulatory costs arising from the growing complexity of supervision including consolidated and cross-border supervision.

The Consultative paper also discusses various methodologies adopted by Domestic Regulators and selected international jurisdictions in assessing licence fees and proposes the adoption of Gross Annual Revenue methodology with a 1 percent fee rate, prorated over a period of three years.

In line with constitutional and statutory requirements for public participation, the Consultative paper and proposed Regulations are available on CBK's website (https://www.centralbank.go.ke) for access by the public for review and comments.

In this regard, CBK requests all interested stakeholders to share their comments on the document and provide further inputs to this consultation within 21 days from this communication.

We would appreciate receiving your comments or feedback on or before **March 31, 2025**, via e-mail to fin@centralbank.go.ke with the subject: COMMENTS – PROPOSED REVIEW OF LICENCE FEES FOR COMMERCIAL BANKS IN KENYA.