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Regulator	Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) [1]
License	Crypto-asset service licence under the CBB Rulebook (Volume 6, Crypto-asset module) [1]
Legal basis	Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law 2006; CBB Rulebook Volume 6 [1]
Minimum capital	Varies by category
Application fee	Not confirmed
Decision time	Not confirmed
Travel Rule	Not confirmed
Client asset segregation	Required [1]
Compensation scheme	None
Cross-border passport	No
Licensed firms	See the CBB register [1]

Public register	CBB register of licensees

In short: Crypto-asset service licence under the CBB Rulebook (Volume 6, Crypto-asset module) from the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB). [1] Minimum capital: Varies by category. Travel Rule: not confirmed. Compensation if the firm fails: none. As of November 2026.

Bahrain licenses crypto-asset businesses through the **Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB)**, which issued a dedicated crypto-asset module in its rulebook in 2019, making it one of the first regulators in the region to do so.

License types

The license used by crypto businesses in Bahrain: Crypto-asset service licence under the CBB Rulebook (Volume 6, Crypto-asset module). [1] Legal basis: Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law 2006; CBB Rulebook Volume 6. [1]

- **Crypto-asset licence** – in categories by activity, from reception and transmission of orders to operating an exchange

Capital and financial requirements

Minimum capital in Bahrain (2026): Set by licence category. Not confirmed.

Application fee: Not confirmed.

Capital is only the regulatory floor. Staff, audit, compliance, security and technology usually cost more than the capital itself.

Application process

Decision time: Not confirmed. The usual steps are:

1. Discuss the proposal with the CBB.
2. Submit the application with business plan, ownership, governance and AML/CFT documents.

3. Meet any licence conditions before starting operations.

Substance and governance

A company incorporated in Bahrain with local management. [1]

Client protection

What the rules in Bahrain require, as of November 2026. See Client protection for the same rules in every jurisdiction.

Protection	Rule in Bahrain
Travel Rule	Not confirmed.
Client asset segregation	Required: client crypto-assets must be held separately from the licensee's own. [1]
Custody	Not confirmed.
Compensation if the firm fails	None.
Serving clients abroad	No.

Number of licensed firms

Licensees are listed by the CBB. [1]

The public register is the only current source of who holds a license.

How to verify a license

1. Find the exact legal name and license number of the entity you would contract with, usually in the website footer or the client agreement.
2. Search for it on the regulator's own register: CBB register of licensees .

3. Check that the website address and contact details on the register match the site you are using, to rule out an impostor site.
4. Check which group entity your account would be opened with: crypto brands often run several entities under different regulators.

Frequently asked questions

Who regulates crypto in Bahrain?

The Central Bank of Bahrain, under the crypto-asset module of its rulebook.

Figures as of November 2026. Requirements, fees and capital change; confirm with the CBB or a qualified adviser before applying. Where we could not confirm a figure from an official source, this article says so.

See also

- Crypto licenses compared
- Crypto license in the United Arab Emirates
- How to verify a crypto business's license
- All jurisdictions

References

Entries marked **Official** are the regulator, the law or another public body.

1. Official Central Bank of Bahrain . CBB. Accessed November 2026.

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