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Regulator	Gibraltar Financial Services Commission (GFSC) [1]
License	Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) Provider licence [1]
Legal basis	Financial Services Act 2019 and the Financial Services (Distributed Ledger Technology Providers) Regulations [1]
Minimum capital	Not confirmed
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 GFSC register [1]
Public register	GFSC public register

In short: Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) Provider licence from the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission (GFSC). [1] Minimum capital: Not confirmed. Travel Rule: not confirmed. Compensation if the firm fails: none. As of November 2026.

Gibraltar was one of the first places to license blockchain businesses, with its **DLT Provider** framework of 2018. Firms that use distributed ledger technology to store or transmit value belonging to others need a licence from the **Gibraltar Financial Services Commission (GFSC)**.

License types

The license used by crypto businesses in Gibraltar: Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) Provider licence. [1] Legal basis: Financial Services Act 2019 and the Financial Services (Distributed Ledger Technology Providers) Regulations. [1]

- **DLT Provider licence** – for businesses that use distributed ledger technology to store or transmit value belonging to others

Capital and financial requirements

Minimum capital in Gibraltar (2026): Set case by case. 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 GFSC.
2. Submit the application with business plan, ownership, governance and AML/CFT documents.
3. The GFSC assesses the firm against the regulatory principles for DLT providers.

Substance and governance

The firm must be managed from Gibraltar and meet the GFSC's regulatory principles for DLT providers. [1]

Client protection

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

Protection	Rule in Gibraltar
Travel Rule	Not confirmed.
Client asset segregation	Required in principle: the DLT regulatory principles require client assets to be protected. [1]
Custody	Not confirmed.
Compensation if the firm fails	None for crypto-assets.
Serving clients abroad	No. Gibraltar is outside the EU, so there is no MiCA passport.

Number of licensed firms

DLT providers are listed on the GFSC register. [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: GFSC public register .
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

Does a Gibraltar DLT licence give access to the EU?

No. Gibraltar is not part of the EU, so a DLT licence does not carry a MiCA passport.

Figures as of November 2026. Requirements, fees and capital change; confirm with the GFSC 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 Lithuania
- Crypto license in Malta
- Crypto license in Germany
- Crypto license in Estonia
- 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 Gibraltar Financial Services Commission . GFSC. Accessed November 2026.

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