



PUBLIC NOTICE

To: All Registrants and Licensees (all “Insurers”)

Date: June 3, 2026

Re: Rescission and Replacement of Covid-19 Dividend Directive – Requirement for Prior Written Approval to Declare or Pay Dividends

The Insurance Commission of The Bahamas (the “Commission”) hereby advises all Registrants and Licensees (all “Insurers”) that the Notice titled **“Coronavirus (Covid-19) Directive - Insurers to Request Approval from the Insurance Commission of The Bahamas to Declare and Pay Dividends** is hereby rescinded and replaced with this Notice. The rescindment of the Covid-19 specific Notice does not remove, waive or suspend the Commission’s requirement that all Insurers must obtain prior written approval before declaring, approving or paying any dividend or distribution.

This Notice is issued as a formal prudential supervisory directive that all Insurers must obtain the Commission’s prior written approval before declaring, issuing or paying any dividend or other distribution to shareholders, parent entities or related group entities.

All dividend requests must be submitted to the Commission at least **thirty (30) business days** prior to the proposed declaration or payment date. In considering an application, the Commission will assess whether the proposed dividend may adversely affect the Company’s solvency, liquidity, capital adequacy and overall prudential soundness of the Insurer.

Each request must include, at a minimum:

1. A formal request signed by approved key personnel (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or another duly authorized officer);
2. Board approval or resolution, clearly stating the proposed dividend amount, payment date, basis for the proposed payment **and** confirming that the proposed payment is subject to the Commission’s prior written approval;
3. Most recent audited financial statements and latest management accounts;
4. Pre and post dividend capital ratio calculations;
5. Confirmation that the proposed payment will not impair capital adequacy, solvency or the Insurer’s ability to meet policyholder obligations; and
6. Any other information the Commission may require.

This Notice takes effect immediately and remains in force until amended, revoked or withdrawn by the Commission. Where an Insurer fails to comply with this Notice, the Commission may take any supervisory or enforcement action as it considers appropriate.

Any queries regarding this Notice or the dividend approval process should be directed to the Commission at icu@icb.gov.bs.

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