



# Establishing a Bank in Malta



# The Application and Licensing Process

## 1 Preparatory

- Initial meeting with the MFSA Authorisation Unit.
- Communication of the applicant's intended activities to the Regulator.
- Preliminary indication by the Regulator to move to the second stage.

## 2 Licence Application

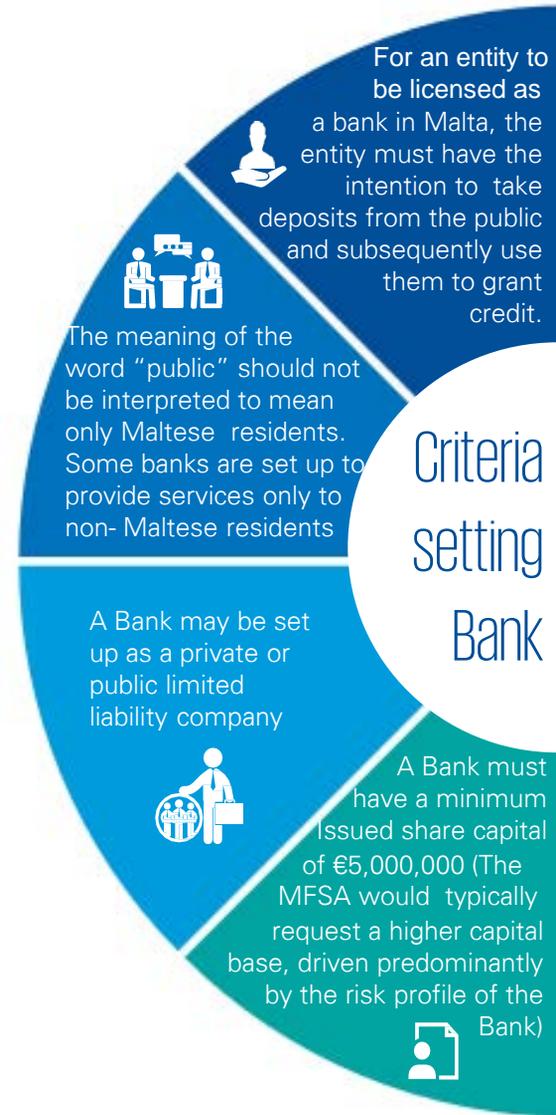
- Submission of documents in draft form to the MFSA Authorisation Unit
- Fit and proper tests carried out by MFSA on the applicant.
- MFSA feedback on documents.
- Provision of replies to queries from MFSA by applicant.
- Applicant to finalise all outstanding matters and submit full application in final format.
- Completion of review of the application and all documents to the satisfaction of the MFSA and the ECB, which has the final say.
- MFSA will issue its 'in principle' approval subject to licence conditions.
- Registration of company establishing the institution requesting a licence.
- Issue of official licence.

## 3 Post Licensing & Pre Commencement of Business

- Applicant to satisfy all post licensing matters prior to formal commencement of business.
- Ongoing supervision by the Banking Supervision Unit.

# Application Documents

- Form 1 – Application Form.
- Form 2 - Questionnaire for Institutional Shareholders.
- Personal Questionnaire for individuals who are, or are proposing to become Directors, Controllers or Managers.
- A Business plan covering the first 3 years of operations, including;
  - Three year Financial projections and projected regulatory ratios on base case, pessimistic and optimistic case scenarios.
- Audited financial statements of the parent institution for the last 3 years (if applicable).
- Memorandum and Articles of Association of the parent undertaking (if applicable).
- Draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Bank.
- Details of the operations of the parent institution/entity.
- Internet and Electronic Banking Questionnaire (if required).
- Outsourcing agreements.

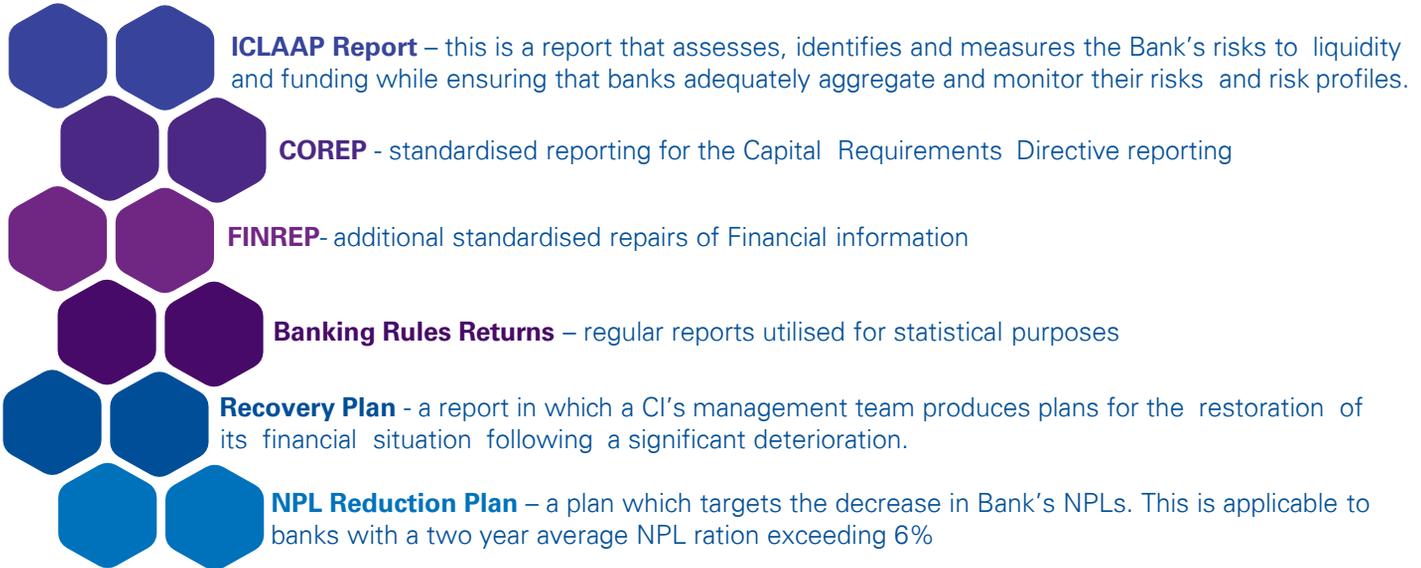


# Reporting Requirements

## Financial Reporting Requirements

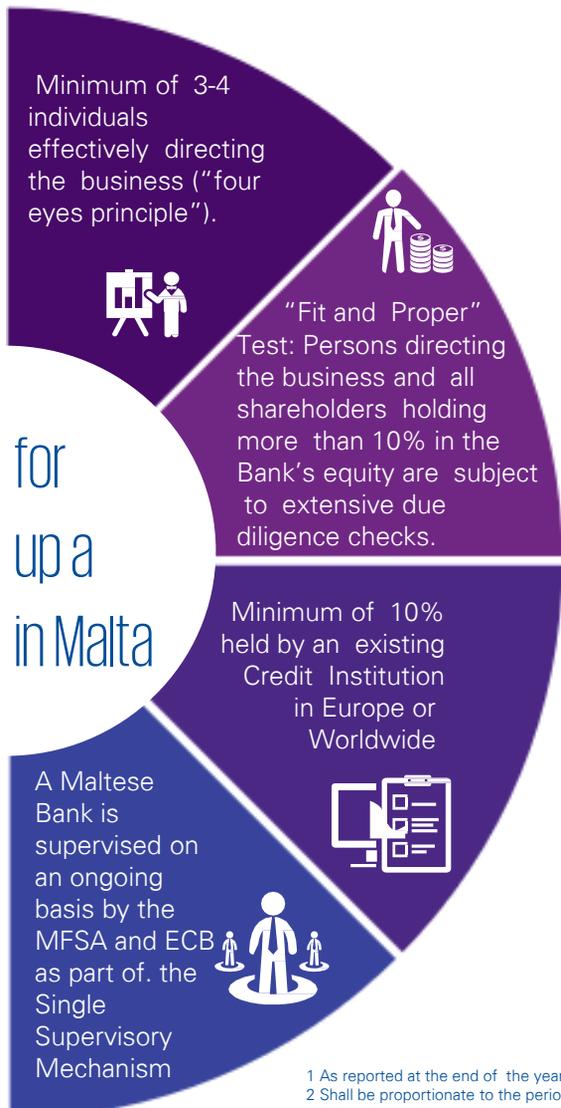
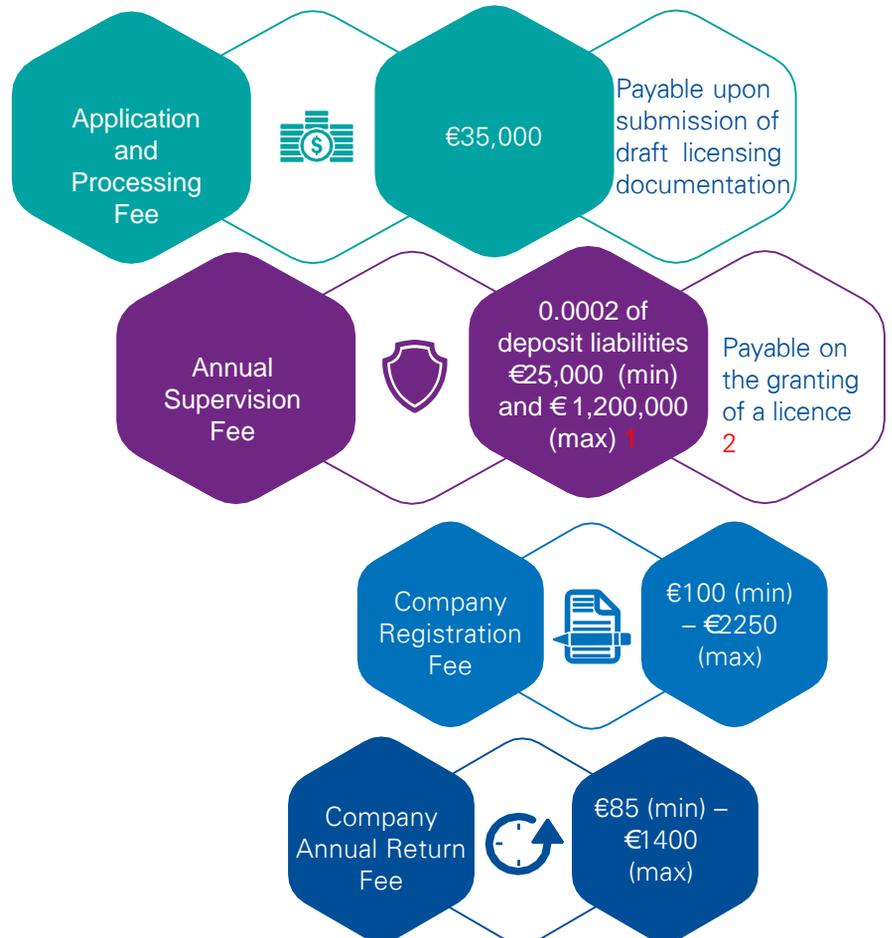
Banks are required to publish Interim and Annual Reports 4 months following year end.

## Regulatory Reports Requirements



The Regulatory Reporting is submitted at specific intervals dependent upon the MFSA’s requirement upon authorisation or as updated during ongoing supervision

## Ongoing Obligation Fees



<sup>1</sup> As reported at the end of the year immediately before the year in which the fee is payable

<sup>2</sup> Shall be proportionate to the period between the date when the license is granted and the end of that calendar year



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