

# DIGITAL FINANCE

Unlocking **Opportunities**  
in a Trusted Global Hub



BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
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BERMUDA

# EXPERTISE

Bermuda offers a forward-thinking and highly regulated environment designed to support innovation in the digital finance sector.

Our robust licensing framework, led by the Bermuda Monetary Authority (Authority or BMA), provides clear pathways for businesses at all stages – whether testing ideas under the Test (“Class T”) Licence, expanding operations for a limited period with a Modified (“Class M”) Licence, or operating comprehensively under the Full (“Class F”) Licence.

Bermuda’s strategic location and BMA’s commitment to continuously refining its approach and adapting to changing market needs make it an ideal base for digital asset companies seeking to establish credibility and access international markets. The island’s commitment to innovation is reinforced by initiatives like the Insurance Regulatory Sandbox and the Innovation Hub, which provide tailored support for emerging technologies and business models.

Join a vibrant ecosystem of pioneering companies, financial institutions, and technology providers that are shaping the future of finance. With Bermuda’s strong regulatory environment, world-class infrastructure, and proactive government support, your digital asset business will thrive, gaining trust and recognition on a global scale.

Discover Bermuda – where innovation meets regulation, and opportunity meets certainty.



Bermuda cited by the World Economic Forum as a leader in digital asset regulation.

## SINGLE FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATOR

The BMA regulates Bermuda’s financial services sector and develops risk-based financial regulations that apply to the supervision of Bermuda’s digital asset businesses, banks, trust companies, investment businesses, investment funds, fund administrators, money service businesses, corporate service providers and (re)insurance companies. It also regulates the Bermuda Stock Exchange and the Bermuda Credit Union.

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Digital Asset Business licences issued to date by the Bermuda Monetary Authority

2018

Bermuda passes Digital Asset Business Act — among the first global frameworks for digital assets

# BERMUDA'S APPROACH TO INNOVATION

## DIGITAL ASSETS

Bermuda created one of the world's first DAB regimes with the passing of the Digital Asset Business Act 2018. This licensing framework allows for a wide range of services, including issuing, selling, or redeeming tokens, offering custodial wallets, derivatives, and related solutions, and operating as a "digital asset services vendor". This comprehensive approach provides entities with flexibility and regulatory confidence to explore and grow their digital asset operations.

## INSURTECH AND INNOVATION

The BMA recognises the growing importance of innovation in the insurance and broader financial services industry, and the critical role that innovation plays in promoting efficiency and enhancing competitiveness in the market. Therefore, the Authority launched two parallel innovation tracks: an Insurance Regulatory Sandbox (Sandbox) and an Innovation Hub, initially targets both Insurance Technology (InsurTech) companies.

## INSURANCE REGULATORY SANDBOX

The Sandbox is an innovation track for companies, where testing of new technologies or business models is conducted on a limited number of clients in a controlled environment for a limited period of time. The Sandbox is reserved for companies that will be undertaking licensable activities as defined under the Insurance Act 1978.



### The PINK Sandbox

Enabling innovation through regulator collaboration

### Office of Privacy Commission

Manages the Privacy Innovation and Knowledge-Sharing (PINK) Sandbox



# TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

## INNOVATION HUB

The Innovation Hub offers an alternative pathway for companies testing new technologies or business models, similar to the Sandbox, but tailored for those not covered by the Insurance Act 1978 or other financial acts (e.g. innovative product or service providers) and for firms that are still developing their proof of concept or are not yet ready for the Sandbox.

## SEGREGATED ACCOUNTS COMPANIES (SAC)/ INCORPORATED SEGREGATED ACCOUNTS COMPANIES (ISAC)

These structures allow for effective legal segregation of assets between share classes and offer a cost-efficient option to run multiple investment strategies. Bermuda segregated cells can invest in other segregated cells in the same company – effectively creating a Master/Feeder structure. Incorporated cells have a separate legal personality.

## PINK SANDBOX

The Privacy Innovation and Knowledge-Sharing (PINK) Sandbox encourages a privacy-by-design approach that anticipates issues early, allowing partners to avoid missteps and build privacy into their products or services as a default setting. Working through the PINK Sandbox provides entrepreneurs with access to PrivCom expertise to enable them to feel more confident in their product or service, as well as their organisational approach to privacy issues.

## FINTECH BUSINESS WORK PERMIT

The Fintech Business Work Permit allows any new DAB/fintech company to receive automatic approval of up to five Fintech Business Work Permits within the first six months of obtaining the first new Fintech Business Work Permit. There is no need to advertise the positions. Fintech Business Work Permits will be issued for one, two, three, four or five years. The fees for Fintech Business Work Permits are the same as the fees for Global Work Permits.



# \$10,000

Minimum net assets for Class T  
(test) sandbox environment

# \$100,000

Minimum net assets for Class F  
(full) regular environment

# WHY BERMUDA?

01

## Safety, security and stability

Bermuda is a well-regulated, politically stable jurisdiction with a strong legal framework rooted in English common law. Its commitment to transparency, compliance, and international cooperation provides businesses and investors with a secure and predictable operating environment.

03

## Open, accessible and business-friendly

Bermuda offers a pragmatic, solutions-driven approach to business. Close collaboration between government, regulators, and industry enables efficient decision-making and supports companies at every stage of their lifecycle—from establishment through to growth and expansion.

05

## Sophisticated island lifestyle

With quality education and top-tier healthcare services, Bermuda offers a forward-thinking and highly regulated environment designed to support innovation in the digital asset and insurtech sectors. Robust licensing frameworks, led by the Bermuda Monetary Authority.

02

## A blue-chip jurisdiction

Bermuda is recognised globally as a premier international financial centre, known for its depth of expertise and regulatory credibility. It is the market leader in risk solutions, particularly in (re) insurance, and continues to attract high-calibre firms across financial services, fintech, and digital assets.

04

## Global connectivity

Located in close proximity to the U.S. East Coast, Bermuda provides convenient access to major global markets. Direct flights to key cities such as New York, London, Miami, and Toronto, combined with a favourable time zone, facilitate seamless international business operations.

# 50+ years

of Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA) recognised as an internationally respected regulator

## → Regulatory Excellence

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## → Accessibility

The BDA offers a comprehensive Business Concierge Service, dedicated to connecting prospective businesses and investors with its network of contacts in industry, Government, and the regulators, as well as professional service providers.

## → Clarity

We act as a single point of contact for new business, streamlining everything from networking with industry leaders to immigration applications and purchasing real estate. Navigating new territory has never been this seamless.



**READY TO DO BUSINESS IN BERMUDA?**

# LET'S BUILD THE FUTURE – TOGETHER.

Bermuda offers a highly regarded regulatory environment, a skilled talent base, and a clear commitment to supporting innovation in the digital asset sector. Connect with the Bermuda Business Development Agency (BDA) to explore how your growth and resilience strategies can be advanced.

## CONNECT WITH OUR TEAM

Speak to our team about doing  
business in Bermuda.



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