

S.I. 2016 No.87

Financial Management and Audit Act

CAP. 5

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT (FINANCIAL)
(AMENDMENT) RULES, 2016**

The Cabinet, in exercise of its powers under section 48 of the *Financial Management and Audit Act*, makes the following Rules:

1. These Rules may be cited as the *Financial Management and Audit (Financial) (Amendment) Rules, 2016*.
2. *The Financial Management and Audit (Financial) Rules, 2011 (S.I. 2011 No. 54), in these Rules referred to as the principal Rules, are amended by deleting rule 200 and substituting the following:*

“Interpretation

200. For the purposes of this Part, reference to a card means a credit card that a bank or other financial institution licensed under the *Financial Institutions Act*, Cap. 324 issues to a head of a department for the purposes of procuring services or supplies of an amount that does not exceed \$30 000.”

3. *The principal Rules are amended by inserting immediately after rule 203, the following:*

“Application for temporary increase in card limit

203A.(1) Where a head of a department determines that the department requires a temporary increase in the credit card limit to facilitate the hosting of a one-off local or overseas conference or event, he shall apply to the Director for approval to obtain an increase in the card limit.

(2) Notwithstanding rule 200, on an application made by a head of a department under paragraph (1), the Director may authorize the disbursement of moneys for procuring services or supplies where the amount exceeds \$30 000 but does not exceed \$70 000.

Use of temporary increase in card limit

203B.(1) A person shall not use the temporary increase in the credit card limit for procuring services or supplies except for the purpose referred to in paragraph (1) of rule 203A.

(2) The Director may, in accordance with section 23 of the *Financial Management and Audit Act*, Cap. 5, bring a surcharge against an officer who contravenes paragraph (1).

(3) Where a person contravenes paragraph (1), the person is guilty of an offence and liable on indictment to imprisonment for 7 years.

Record of card for temporary increase in limit

203C. Where a head of a department receives approval from the Director for the temporary increase in the card limit under rule 203A and the head of the department uses the card, an accounting officer of the department shall

- (a) account in the accounts of the department for the expenses incurred by way of the card under the appropriate head of expenditure in the period the expenses were incurred;

- (b) prepare a monthly statement to reconcile card statement balances with the accounts records of the department.”.

Made by the Minister this 18th day of August, 2016.

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