

## Frequently Asked Questions on Common Reporting Standards (FAQ CRS)

### CRS overview

CRS is a global standard for the automatic exchange of financial information between countries that have agreed to implement it. In compliance to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) requirements to help fight tax evasion, countries around the world are cooperating for standardised form of financial account information gathering and reporting to be exchanged between governments and to improve cross-border tax compliance.

Malaysia is one of the participating countries in the CRS implementation starting 1 July 2017.

The tax authority, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) require financial institutions including Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad (BMMB) to collect and report tax information relating to the customers. We will ask you to complete a self-certification form when you open a new financial account with us.

If you are a tax resident outside Malaysia, BMMB is legally required to provide IRB on this information together with information relating to your financial account.

Under the CRS, BMMB is to determine where you are “tax resident” of which you are liable to pay income or corporate tax.

### Why is BMMB complying with CRS requirements?

CRS requires financial institutions to report on a person or corporation’s country of tax residence. Each participating country is expected to have these CRS requirements into local legislation, so as to make it mandatory for financial institutions to comply with the regulations. All financial institutions that include banks, insurers and asset management businesses in participating countries are required to be in compliant with the CRS.

### Why BMMB is asking for CRS forms from you?

Under the CRS, BMMB legally required to establish the tax residency status of all our customers even if you are tax resident in the same country as where you hold your account. In compliance with CRS requirement, BMMB will collect certain detail or documentation from customer, in order to establish the country tax residence.

BMMB will ask you to fill up the “self-certification” form available at all our business channels.

If you are tax resident in the similar country as where you maintain your account, the details will not be reported to the tax authorities for CRS purposes (i.e Malaysia). However, where CRS reporting obligations arise, BMMB will further report information regarding financial accounts maintained by you to IRB.

The IRB may exchange this information with the tax authority of another country in accordance with relevant laws.

**Will the BMMB respect your data privacy?**

Yes, BMMB will only disclose your information to IRB if we are legally required to do so.

**What can you expect as a result of this regulatory requirement?**

Generally, all new clients are expected to provide CRS forms to open any new financial account with BMMB.

Therefore, you may be required to provide to BMMB valid detail and documentation to establish your country of tax residence by providing the CRS self certification forms.

**Which countries are participating in the CRS?**

List of countries participating in the CRS together with dates of initial start of exchanging information - please see the OECD CRS portal - CRS by country.

**What information BMMB will ask from customers?**

You could refer to the CRS Forms available. Basically, we require the following details in the self-certification form:

| Individual  | Entity   | Controlling Person*   |
|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Name</li> <li>. Address</li> <li>. Place of birth</li> <li>. Date of birth</li> <li>. Taxpayers Identification Number</li> <li>. Country of tax residence</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Name</li> <li>. Address</li> <li>. Country of tax residence</li> <li>. Taxpayers Identification Number</li> <li>. Place of registration</li> <li>. Entity type</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Name</li> <li>. Address</li> <li>. Place of birth</li> <li>. Date of birth</li> <li>. Taxpayers Identification Number</li> <li>. Country of tax residence</li> </ul> |

\*Controlling Person refers to natural person who ultimately owns or controls an entity. It’s also includes those natural persons who exercise ultimate effective control over a legal person or arrangement.

## **BMMB CRS Self Certification Forms**

### **Individual and Sole Proprietor**

| <b>Form</b>                                 | <b>Purpose</b>   |
|---|--|
| <b>Self Certification Form - Individual</b> | <b>Provided by certain individual and sole proprietor clients. This is relevant across all banking segments.</b> |

### **Entity**

| <b>Form</b>                                 | <b>Purpose</b>   |
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| <b>CRS Self Certification Form - Entity</b> | <b>Provided by certain entity clients. This is relevant across all banking segments.</b> |

### **Controlling Person**

| <b>Form</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>  |
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| <b>CRS Self Certification Form - Controlling Person</b> | <b>Provided by certain natural person who exercise ultimate effective control an entity or over a legal person and arrangement. This is relevant across all banking segments.</b> |

For assistance to determine your tax status or in completing the relevant tax forms, please visit the OECD's CRS webpage or seek professional tax advice or legal counsel. As a financial institution, BMMB are not allowed to provide tax advice.

You are encouraged to seek professional legal counsel (if necessary) before providing us with a completed CRS form. The Bank is unable to accept responsibility if the incorrect form is completed or if there are errors on the submitted forms.