

# Securities Commission of The Bahamas

# CoRI

Compliance and Regulatory Interface External User Guide

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# 1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide registrants and licensees of the Securities Commission of The Bahamas ("SCB" or "Commission") with a manual on how to use the Compliance and Regulatory Interface (CoRI) to submit applications, filings and disclosures to the Commission.

Details on the following activities will be provided in this guide:

- Registering an account on CoRI
- Logging into CoRI
- Viewing registrant or licensee details
- Creating and submitting filings

### 2 User Flow

#### 2.1 User Account Registration

Before accessing and using CoRI, users are required to register an account by following the steps below.

First, visit the CoRI site by clicking <u>https://scbwebportal.scb.gov.bs</u>. You will be redirected to the login page (Figure 1).

Sign in with your existing account Email Address	
Email Address Password	
Password	
Forgot your password?	)
Sign in	
Don't have an account? Sign up now	



To register an account, click the "Sign up now" button, which will redirect you to the user details page where you will be required to provide an email address. Users should not use general/group email addresses, such as info@, compliance@, or similar. Rather, their direct work-related email address should be provided. For the initial roll-out, CoRI will reference emails provided for login against those on record for the user/firm.

Users will need to verify their email addresses by clicking the "Send Verification Code" button, which will send a verification code to the email address provided (Figure 2).

Cancel
Email Address
Send verification code
New Password
Confirm New Password
Display Name
Create

Figure 2: User Details Page

Once received, type in the verification code in the verification dialogue box as prompted and click the "Verify Code" button.

Once the email address has been verified, you can proceed with the registration process by adding and confirming a password. Users should also add a display name or user name.

After all the required information has been provided, click the "Create" button, which will redirect you to the original sign-in page.

#### 2.2 Creating a Digital Signature

Digital signatures are used on CoRI for SCB licensees and registrants to securely sign applications, filings and disclosures. On CoRI, digital signatures are in the form of a unique PIN code which users will create themselves.

After registration, users must perform an initial log-in. After you have registered your account (2.1 above), please log-in using your credentials. Upon initial login, users will receive an email with a link to create a digital signature/PIN (Figure 3). Importantly, users should log out and close the

browser before proceeding. Open the email that was forwarded and use the link provided to request a sign in and create your PIN. Continue with the instructions provided on screen.

Pin Creation	0
Email Address *	
New Pin*	Ø
SUBMIT	



First, you will need to enter the email address associated with your account as provided during registration. CoRI will validate the email address against your account.

Once the email address has been validated, a digital signature can be created. The PIN must meet the following criteria:

- The PIN needs to be at least 10 characters long
- The PIN needs at least one alphabetic character
- The PIN needs at least one number

After adding a PIN that satisfies the above criteria, click the "Submit" button, which creates your digital signature.

Note that a digital signature will be required to officially authorize submissions which ordinarily require a signature.

If you need to reset your PIN, please contact your Supervision Officer.

#### 2.3 Log-in to CoRI

Once you have registered your account and successfully created a PIN, an internal verification process occurs. Users should be able to complete filings and uploads on behalf of the firms they are associated with within 24 hours of successfully creating a PIN.

#### 2.4 Licensee Details

Upon logging in to CoRI, users will be directed to the *Licensees* landing page, containing a table of all the licensees that are currently accessible to the user on CoRI (Figure 4).

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Registration Number	Client Name	Team	License Type	Actio	ns	
123456	Client 1	Team A,	Investment Funds Act, Securities Industry Act,	1	0	
123456	Client 2	Team A,	Investment Funds Act, Securities Industry Act, Financial and Corporate Service Providers Act,	1	0	
123456	Client 3	Team A, Team B,	Investment Funds Act, Securities Industry Act, Financial and Corporate Service Providers Act, Digital Assets and Registered Exchanges Act,	1	0	
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Figure 4: Licensee Page

Note that you can also navigate to this page by clicking the "Licensees" button in the Main Menu displayed upon login (Figure 5).



Figure 5: Main Menu

On the *Licensees* page, the search bar can be used to quickly find licensees/registrants.

In order to view the details for a particular licensee, click the "Visibility" button (<sup>(O)</sup>) which can be found in the "Actions" column (Figure 4). This redirects users to the *Filings* page (Figure 6). More details on this page are provided in the upcoming sections (2.5).

Client 3					
Search	Date Uploaded	Created By	Status	Signed By	Actions
Compliance Declaration Form	Jan 22, 2021	Karl Bezzina	Awaiting Signature	Not Applicable	o 🖪 🗎
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#### 2.5 Regulatory Filing

#### 2.5.1 Eligible E-filings

At the time of launch, the following forms/submissions may be filed using CoRI:

#### Securities Industry Act (SIA)

• Application for Registration as a Registered Firm – Form 8

- Personal Questionnaire for Directors, Officers and Security Holders of Persons Registered Under Part V of the Act or Registered Firms – Form 4
- Notice of Terminations, Resignation or Retirement of Registered Individual by Registered Firm – Form 12
- Financial and Operational Report Form 13
- Notice of Change in Information Form 5

#### **Investment Funds Act (IFA)**

- Application for Fund License (SMART, Professional or Standard) Schedule 3, Form A
- Personal Questionnaire for Directors, Officers and Security Holders of Persons Registered Under Part V of the Act or Registered Firms – Form 4
- Statistical Information Sheet

#### Financial and Corporate Service Providers Act (FCSPA)

• Application for a Financial and Corporate Service License

#### SIA, IFA, FCSPA and the Digital Assets and Registered Exchanges Act

- Annual Information Update Form
- Extension Request Form
- Compliance Declaration re: UNCSRs

Please note that, generally, users will only be able to see forms applicable to the legislation under which the submitting entity is licensed or registered. This is not the case for application forms, however, which will be available for all users.

#### 2.5.2 Accessing Regulatory Filings

To access the Regulatory Filings page, click the "Menu" button (三) and select "Regulatory filing".

#### 2.5.3 Create a New Filing

The *New Filing* page allows users to create and submit applications, filings and disclosures per Section 2.5.1.

On the *New Filing* page (Figure 7), select a licensee from the respective dropdown menu and the applicable application or form from the "Applications and Forms" dropdown menu. Click the "Confirm Selection" button to continue.

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New Filing	
Regulation *	
Entity*	
CONFIRM SELECTION	



After a licensee and application or from are selected, users will be redirected to the actual form for the filing, displayed in tab view (Figure 8). Each tab corresponds to a section of the form. Users can navigate through each section by either clicking the specific tab on the top part of the form, or by utilizing the "Previous" and "Next" buttons at the bottom of the form.

Annual Information Update Form (IFA)				
DETAILS OF THE REGISTRANT / INV	REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DE	DIRECTORSHIP / OWNERSHIP DETA >		
Investment Fund Administrators Total Net Asset Value (as at 31st December)*				
Administrators Fiscal Year End* MM/DD/YYYY Date of Latest Submission of Audited Fir MM/DD/YYYY	nancial Statement*	•		
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#### Figure 8: Form

If users are unable to complete the form and want to save current progress, users can click the "Save as draft" button (Figure 8). The filing will be saved with a "Pending" status and can be edited/completed in the future.

#### 2.5.4 View and Continue Draft Filings

To view filings, navigate to the *Licensees* page and select the relevant licensee. Once redirected to the *Filings* page, click the "Edit" button ( </ ) to continue the filing (Figure 6).

Once the form has been completed and all required supporting documents have been uploaded, the filing can be submitted by clicking the "Submit" button (Figure 8).

Note that CoRI will validate that all mandatory/required fields have been filled before saving and submitting the filing. *If there are mandatory/required fields that were not filled, CoRI will prompt the user.* 

Once the form has been successfully submitted, the user will be redirected to licensee details screen as shown in section **Error! Reference source not found.** of this document.

#### 2.5.5 Sign Filing

In order to complete submissions, filings need to be digitally signed by authorized signatories based on the requirements of the filing and applicable regulation(s).

Authorized signatories are assigned based on the registered licensee information the Commission has on file. If you require any updates to your authorized signatories or any additional information, please contact your Supervision Officer.

To digitally sign a filing, navigate to the *Filings* page and click the "Sign Filing" Button (■) in the "Actions" column (Figure 6). A dialog box will be displayed prompting you to enter your PIN.

Pin Validation	×
Pin * The pin entered is valid	Ø



Note: If you have not yet setup your PIN, a prompt will be displayed indicating that the filing cannot be signed.

Enter your PIN and press the "Submit" button to digitally sign the filing.

Note: Some filings may require digital signatures by more than one authorized signatory. Therefore, the filing status will remain as "Awaiting Signature" until the filing is digitally signed by all required signatories.

#### 2.5.6 View and Download Filings and Attachments

On the *Filings* page, completed filings and their respective attachments can be viewed by clicking the "Visibility" button (<sup>(O)</sup>) (Figure 6).

In order to download a PDF version of the filing, click on the "PDF" button ( <sup>[22]</sup>) in the "Actions" column (Figure 6). This downloads a PDF copy of the form (Figure 9).



Figure 10: Generate PDF

Attachments can be viewed by clicking the "Attachments" button (  $\cong$  ). In order to download attachments, click the download button (  $\stackrel{*}{\bullet}$  ).

nual Information Update Form Attachments		×
Name	Actions	
Application for Registration as a Registered Firm (24) pdf	±	
Checklist for an Extension to file Audited Financial Statements pdf	<u>*</u>	
Application for Registration as a Registered Firm (22).pdf	*	

#### **Figure 11: View Attachments**