

*Government Notice No. 15 of 2025***THE FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT****FSC Rules made by the Financial Services Commission
under Section 93 of the Financial Services Act**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Financial Services (Framework for the Imposition of Administrative Penalties) (Amendment) Rules 2025.
2. In these Rules –

“principal Rules” means the Financial Services (Framework for the Imposition of Administrative Penalties) Rules 2022.
3. The Schedule to the principal Rules is amended–
 - (a) in Part II –
 - (i) in paragraph 2 –
 - (A) by deleting the comma after the word ‘shall’;
 - (B) by deleting the table and replacing it by the following new table –

Stage at which the licensee has communicated its intention to settle	Discount
<u>Stage 1</u> - Early settlement at any stage before the matter is referred to the Enforcement Committee	50%
<u>Stage 2</u> - Settlement between referral to the Enforcement Committee and the issue of a Warning Notice	20%

<u>Stage 3</u> - Settlement between the issue of a Warning Notice and the issue of a Decision notice	10%
<u>Stage 4</u> - Settlement after a matter has been remitted to the Enforcement Committee by the Financial Services Review Panel for reconsideration	0%

- (ii) by adding, after paragraph 2, the following new paragraph –

3. *For the avoidance of doubt,*

(1) *the discount referred to in paragraph 2 shall apply only in the instances where the Commission agrees to enter into settlement discussions which result in a conclusive settlement outcome.*

(2) *There shall be no settlement discussion where –*

(i) *a Decision Notice has already been issued;*

(ii) *an application for review is being heard by the Financial Services Review Panel; or*

(iii) *a matter has been remitted to the Enforcement Committee by the Financial Services Review Panel for reconsideration.*

- (b) in Part III, in Note 4 by adding, after paragraph 2, the following new paragraph –

(3) *For the purposes of paragraph (2), a breach of a serious nature includes a financial crime as defined in the Act.*

4. These Rules shall come into operation on 24 February 2025.

Made by the Financial Services Commission on 30 January 2025.
