

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

NAMIBIA FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

No. X

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**STANDARDS MADE UNDER THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS
ACT, 2021**

The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority has under section 410 of the Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021 (Act No. 2 of 2021), made the standards set out in the Schedule.

**Gersom Katjimune
Chairperson**

Windhoek,

2021

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS ACT, 2021 [Act No. 2 of
2021]

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF A FRIENDLY SOCIETY

NAMIBIA FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

Standard No: FS.S.6.5

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS ACT, 2021 [Act No. 2 of 2021]**Requirements for the annual report of a friendly society****Standard No. FS.S.6.5**

issued by NAMFISA under section 410(7)(h) of the Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021

Definitions

1. (1) In this Standard, “Act” means the *Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021* [Act No. 2 of 2021], and includes the regulations prescribed under the Act and the standards and other subordinate measures issued by NAMFISA under the Act;
- (2) Words and phrases defined in the Act have the same meaning in this Standard, unless the context indicates otherwise, including without limitation, the following-
 - (a) as defined in section 1 of the Act-
 - (i) auditor;
 - (ii) friendly society;
 - (iii) Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
 - (iv) International Auditing Standards;
 - (v) principal officer;
 - (vi) valuator; and
 - (b) as defined in section 284 of the Act-
 - (i) assets;
 - (ii) board;
 - (iii) fair value;
 - (iv) rules; and
 - (v) society.

Applicability

2. This standard applies to every friendly society registered under the Act and to the board, principal officer, auditor and valuator, if any, of the friendly society.

Requirements for annual report

3. Subject to clause 6(d), the information required under this Standard must be submitted in the form required by NAMFISA either electronically or manually.

4. A friendly society must submit the required annual report within 90 calendar days after the financial year end of the society.
5. Upon written application by a friendly society before the expiration of the period contemplated in clause 4, NAMFISA may grant the society an extension, to a maximum of 180 calendar days for the submission of the required annual report.
6. Financial statements must accompany the annual report submitted by a friendly society and must be prepared in accordance with:
 - (a) Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
 - (b) International Financial Reporting Standards;
 - (c) International Auditing Standards; and
 - (d) in the case of a friendly society with share capital that is incorporated under the Companies Act, the provisions of the Companies Act will apply specifying requirements relating to the form and content of a financial report.
7. Annual financial statements of a friendly society submitted to NAMFISA pursuant to this Standard, must be audited by the auditor appointed by the society.
8. Any certification of the financial soundness of a friendly society by the valuator appointed by the society must be submitted to NAMFISA at the same time as the information required to be provided to NAMFISA under this Standard, and any such certification must be in accordance with Standard No. FS.S.6.8, and with any applicable professional actuarial or valuation standards.
9. Notwithstanding the requirements of any of the accounting standards referred to in clause 6, the assets of each benefit fund of a friendly society must be measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in the income statement.
10. The financial statements of a friendly society must include the following:
 - (a) A statement of comprehensive income for the financial year that accurately represents the profit or loss of the society as well as each benefit fund kept for each object of the society determined in accordance with the rules of the society and the requirements of the Act;
 - (b) a statement of financial position that accurately represents the financial position of the society as well as each benefit fund consistent with the rules of the society and the requirements of the Act; and

- (c) additional information in relation to the financial statements, which must either be attached to or submitted with the statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position, including:
 - (i) a report of the board;
 - (ii) a report of the auditor; and
 - (iii) a report of the valuator, if any.
- 11. The report by the auditor of the friendly society referred to in clause 10(c)(ii) must be in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and International Auditing Standards.
- 12. There must be attached to the financial statements of a friendly society a declaration by the board, as contemplated in clause 10(c)(i), as to whether or not, in its opinion:
 - (a) the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Act and this Standard;
 - (b) the statement of comprehensive income accurately represents the profits or losses determined in accordance with the Act and this Standard;
 - (c) the statement of financial position accurately represents the financial position of the society consistent with the requirements of the Act and this Standard as at the end of the financial year of the society;
 - (d) the distribution of the surplus, if any, of the benefit funds of the friendly society has been made in accordance with the rules of the society; and
 - (e) any assets of the society have been applied or invested in contravention of the Act and any standards relating thereto.
- 13. The declaration of the board referred to in clause 12 must:
 - (a) be made in accordance with a resolution of the board;
 - (b) specify the day on which the resolution was made; and
 - (c) be signed by at least two members of the board.