# OFFICE OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

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## **COMPLAINT FORM**

You must complete this Form for the Financial Services Ombudsman (FSO) to investigate your complaint. You are assured that all of your personal information will be handled with the utmost confidentiality unless we are required by law to disclose any information.

Before the FSO can consider your complaint, you must have complained to the Bank/Insurance Company and either your complaint is still not resolved or you are unhappy with the Bank's/Insurance Company's final decision.

#### Step 1

### **Complainant's Information**

The complainant is the person who has the complaint with the Bank/Insurance Company.

First name:	Dr.	Mr.	Mrs.	Miss		
Surname:						
Date of birth:			Day	/	Month	Year
I.D./D.P./Passp	oort #:					
Occupation:						
Mailing addres	SS:					
Telephone nui	nber:		Hom	e	Work	Mobile
Fax number:						
Email address	:					

Would you like to receive information about the Agency via email?

Yes No

#### **Co-complainant's/Representative's details:**

The co-complainant is someone who has a joint account/policy with the complainant. A representative is someone who is submitting a complaint on behalf of someone else.							
Co-Compla	inant	<u>(</u>	<u>DR</u>	Represent	ative		
	Relationship:						
First name:	Dr. Mr.		Mrs.	Miss			
Surname:		1	l				
Date of birth:			Day		Month	Year	
I.D./D.P./Passport #:							
Occupation:							
Mailing address:							
Telephone number:			Home		Work	Mobile	
Fax number:							
Email address:							

\*If there are more than 2 persons making this complaint, please list the details of the other person(s) on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this Form.

#### Small business' details:

If the complainant is a small business, the Form must be completed by someone who is authorized to act for the small business. To be considered a small business, you must attach sound proof that the assets of the business, without its land or buildings, is not valued at more than TT\$1.5 million on the date when the complaint occurred. Proof includes audited financial statements or financial statements used for tax purposes.

Name of business:	
Address of business:	
Telephone:	
Audited financials submitt	

Audited financials submitted?

Yes No

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	Step 2	
Details	s of Bank/Insurar	ice Company
Name of the Bank/Insurance Com	nany you have the complain	t against
Branch address:		
Did you receive a claim number or	other reference number wh	en you made your complaint?
	laim/reference number:	
Did you receive the Bank's/Insurar		-
	r Outcome:	
Yes No		
Please tick the type of co	mplaint:	
BANK	F	
Accounts and Transactions	Loan Account	
Card Services	Other. Please Spec	sify:
	<u>OR</u>	
	Bronorty	Individual Health
Motor Vehicle	Property	
Individual Annuity	Life Insurance	Other. Please Specify:

# In the case of a Motor Vehicle Claim (Complainant's Information):

Date of incident/accident: Location: (dd/mm/year)
Registration number of complainant's vehicle:
Complainant's Insurance Company:
Type of insurance coverage: Comprehensive Third party
Please attach a copy of the certified copy of ownership of the motor vehicle to the Form.
Information on the other vehicle involved in the accident:
Registration number:
Owner's/Driver's name:
Insurance Company:
Other:
Date of Incident:
Insurance details:
OR
Date of Incident:
Bank details:

			Step 3				
	S	umm	ary of Co	mplaint			
Please summarize space.	Please summarize your complaint. You can attach a separate page if you need more space.						
In the case of a motor vehicle claim, describe the accident and indicate which of the following is the reason for the complaint:							
Inadequate Se	ttlement		Undue Delay		Denia	al of Claim	
Other. Please	specify:						

How would you	like the Bank	/Insurance (	Company to	resolve this con	aplaint?
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If you are making a claim for monetary compensation, provide a detailed list of the items comprising the amount of the claim. For example, parts (\$.....) and/or labour (\$.....). Please include supporting evidence.

#### Step 4

#### **Complainant's Authority**

#### In order for the FSO to proceed with the investigation, you must give us your authority. This means that you are stating that:

- 1. The FSO will need to access personal details, including financial information about me, in order to deal with my complaint effectively. The FSO will handle such information in the strictest confidence unless compelled by law to disclose this information.
- 2. The FSO, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago and other organizations and official bodies, including the Bank/Insurance Company I am complaining about, have the authority to exchange information about this complaint.
- 3. My case may be published for educational purposes or be reflected in the FSO's statistics but the identity of the parties would not be revealed.
- 4. Complaints are handled in a different manner from a Court of law and the FSO would not usually require parties to attend hearings in person. Instead, disputes are resolved by correspondence, telephone or other means of communication.
- 5. The FSO may dismiss my complaint if I fail to provide information when requested, or, if I fail to reply to letters from the Office within a reasonable time. My complaint may also be dismissed if I upsetting, abusive or insulting when communicating with the Office. The FSO has the sole right to determine whether I have been upsetting, abusive or insulting.
- 6. If at any time I am not satisfied with the process or the outcome, I am free to take the matter to Court or elsewhere. In such a case, I would inform the FSO immediately, in writing, and the FSO will close its files on my complaint.

### Step 5

## **Complainant's Agreement**

#### By signing this Complaint Form, I agree to:

- 1. Give my consent to the Bank/Insurance Company against which I am complaining, to release any necessary information to the FSO which is related to my complaint.
- 2. Give my consent to the FSO and the Bank/Insurance Company to exchange any information relevant to my complaint.
- 3. Keep all discussions between the Bank/Insurance Company, the FSO and I confidential. Should my complaint be the subject of a Court matter or any other dispute-resolving process, neither my representative nor I, will subpoen any documents in my file or the Ombudsman or any member of her staff. Neither my representative nor I will order that any of these documents be discovered in terms of any rules of Court.

Even if you have appointed someone else to make the complaint on your behalf, your authorized representative should also sign and state his/her capacity for representing you. If the account/policy is joint, all account/policy holders must sign. The information provided by me in this Form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Signature of Complainant

Signature of Co-complainant/Representative

Signature on behalf of a small business

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affix Company's stamp

Date

Date

Date

# Step 6 Supporting Documents

#### Please tick the box(es) for the documents you have included:

Copy of Proof of Ownership of Property	Copy of Bank Statement(s)
Copy of Insurance Certificate	Copy of the Bank's/ Insurance Company's final decision letter
Copy of Certified Copy of Ownership	Copy of Estimate
Copy of Bill(s) for Repairs	Copy of Loan Agreement
Copy of Police Report	Copy of Policy Contract
Pictures	Witness Statement
Other. Please specify:	

You can drop off or mail the completed Complaint Form to:

Office of the Financial Services Ombudsman 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Central Bank Building Eric Williams Plaza, Independence Square Port of Spain

Tel: 1 (868) 625-4835 or 5028 Exts. 2657, 2637, 2675, 2681, 2650, 2685, 2636 or 2604

Fax: 1(868) 627-1087

Website: www.ofso.org.tt

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