

BNM - AML/CFT/CPF Newsletter 01/2026

On 27 March 2026, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) issued the AML/CFT/CPF Newsletter 01/2026 relating to the following:

1. Enforcement Actions on DNFBPs for AML/CFT/CPF Non-Compliance

BNM has taken enforcement actions including issuing Directive Orders to several RIs across DNFBP sectors, including registered estate agents, lawyers, company secretaries and dealers in precious metals or precious stones, to address identified compliance gaps. Non-compliance with these directives may result in stricter enforcement actions, including imposing monetary penalties.

RIs are expected to demonstrate strong commitment and accountability in fulfilling their AML/CFT/CPF obligations.

2. Amendment to the Anti-Money Laundering Act

The Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities (Amendment) Act 2025 came into force on 1 March 2026, amending the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (Act 613). The amendments provided clarity on reporting obligations, strengthening accountability and expanding the scope to include anti-restricted activity financing regime, and introducing imposition of administrative monetary penalty of up to RM1 million for each offence committed.

3. Notification of AML/CFT/CPF Compliance Officer

RIs that have not yet appointed an AML/CFT/CPF Compliance Officer (CO), or that have made changes to the appointed CO, are required to notify BNM through the designated notification form. RIs are also encouraged to refer to the available guidance materials outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Compliance Officer.

Please click [here](#) for the AML/CFT/CPF Newsletter 01/2026.