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# FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MARKETS

# The Electronic Money Regulations 2011

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# THE ELECTRONIC MONEY REGULATIONS 2011

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- 5. A description of the applicant's governance arrangements and internal control...
- 6. A description of the internal control mechanisms which the applicant...
- 7. A description of the applicant's structural organisation, including, where applicable,...
- 8. In relation to each person holding, directly or indirectly, a...
- 9. (1) The identity of directors and persons who are or...
- 10. The identity of the auditors of the applicant, if any....
- 11. (1) The legal status of the applicant and, where the...
- 12. The address of the head office of the applicant.
- 13. For the purposes of paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, a...

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- 1. For the purposes of these Regulations "initial capital" comprises the...
- 2. An applicant for authorisation as an electronic money institution must...
- 3. (1) Where the business activities of an applicant for registration...

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# Qualifying items

- 4. For the purposes of these Regulations "own funds" means the...
- 5. The items specified in paragraph 4(a) to (d) must be—...
- 6. Own funds are not to include guarantees provided by the...

# Deductions from own funds

- 7. The deductions from own funds are—(a) own shares at...
- 8. Where shares in another credit institution, financial institution, insurance undertaking,...

# Limits on qualifying items

- 9. (1) The limits referred to in paragraph 4 are—...
- 10. The Authority may in temporary and exceptional circumstances direct that...
- 11. An electronic money institution must not include in its own...
- 12. An authorised electronic money institution that carries on activities other...

#### Own funds requirement

- 13. An authorised electronic money institution must calculate its own funds...
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- 15. The Authority may direct in respect of an authorised electronic...
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20. (1) "Method A" means the calculation method set out in...

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21. (1) "Method B" means the calculation method set out in...

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- 22. (1) "Method C" means the calculation method set out in...
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- 12. The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001
- 13. The Enterprise Act 2002 (Merger Fees and Determination of Turnover)
  Order 2003
- 14. The Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Business Regulations 2003
- 15. The Financial Services (Distance Marketing) Regulations 2004
- 16. The Credit Institutions (Reorganisation and Winding Up) Regulations 2004
- 17. The Building Societies Act 1986 (Modification of the Lending Limit and Funding Limit Calculations) Order 2004
- 18. The Pension Protection Fund (Entry Rules) Regulations 2005
- 19. The Money Laundering Regulations 2007
- 20. Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008
- 21. The Payment Services Regulations 2009

**Explanatory Note**