



MINISTRY OF FINANCE- ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

MIGRATING FROM THE USE OF CHEQUES TO ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) BY THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

The Ministry of Finance through the Accountant General's Department wishes to inform the general public that from September, 2021, it will no longer be issuing cheques to its clients. This follows the rolling out of SAP based Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) to all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on July 1, 2021. One of the requirements for this new system is that it mandates all users to go paper less.

In this regard, the Accountant General's Department will be processing payments using Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) mode instead of issuing cheques. This entails that once a payment has been done; government will be remitting the value (money) into the beneficiary's bank registered account.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) mode of payment has more advantages because apart from reducing long queues (to those who come to collect cheques) at the department, it will also be efficient as clients will be accessing money instantly. Meanwhile, the Department had been using bank transfer instructions to process payments since July 1, 2021 in readiness for EFT.

The Ministry would also like to assure the general public that the Accountant General will continue to provide all the necessary support to all MDAs in the transition to the new system.

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