

## **Banking Act No. 30 of 1988**

[ § 2, 33 of 1995.]

*Acts*  
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39 of 1990  
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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND OPERATION OF A PROCEDURE FOR THE LICENSING OF PERSONS CARRYING ON BANKING BUSINESS AND OF CARRYING ON THE BUSINESS OF ACCEPTING DEPOSITS AND INVESTING SUCH MONEY; FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF MATTERS RELATING TO SUCH BUSINESS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

[ *Act No. 30 of 1988 – 25th August, 1988* ]  
[ *Act No. 39 of 1990 – 12th November, 1990* ]  
[ *Act No. 33 of 1995 – 19th December, 1995* ]  
[ *Act No. 2 of 2005 – 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2005* ]  
[ *Act No 15 of 2006-31<sup>ST</sup> March, 2006* ]  
[ *Act No 46 of 2006- 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2006* ]

Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

Short title and date of operation

[ \* 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1988]

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988.

(2) The provisions of this Act other than Part V shall come into operation on such date\*as may be appointed by the Minister by Order published in the Gazette (hereinafter referred to as the “appointed date”).

[\*20<sup>th</sup> September 1988]

(3) The provisions of Part V of this Act shall come into operation on such later date\* as may be appointed by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette*.

### **PART I**

#### **LICENSING OF PERSONS CARRYING ON BANKING BUSINESS**

Licensing of banks.

2. (1) On or after the appointed date, no banking business shall be carried on except by a company under the authority of a licence issued by the Monetary Board with the approval of the Minister.

(2) Where such company is a company incorporated outside Sri Lanka no licence shall be issued unless such company has complied with the provisions of Part XIII of the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982.

(3) Any company, which has been issued a licence under the provisions of this Part, shall, hereinafter, be referred to as a “ licensed commercial bank ” (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section and of section 3 of this Act, all commercial banks specified in Schedule I to this Act, which on the appointed date are carrying on banking business, shall be issued a licence in accordance with the provisions of this Act.