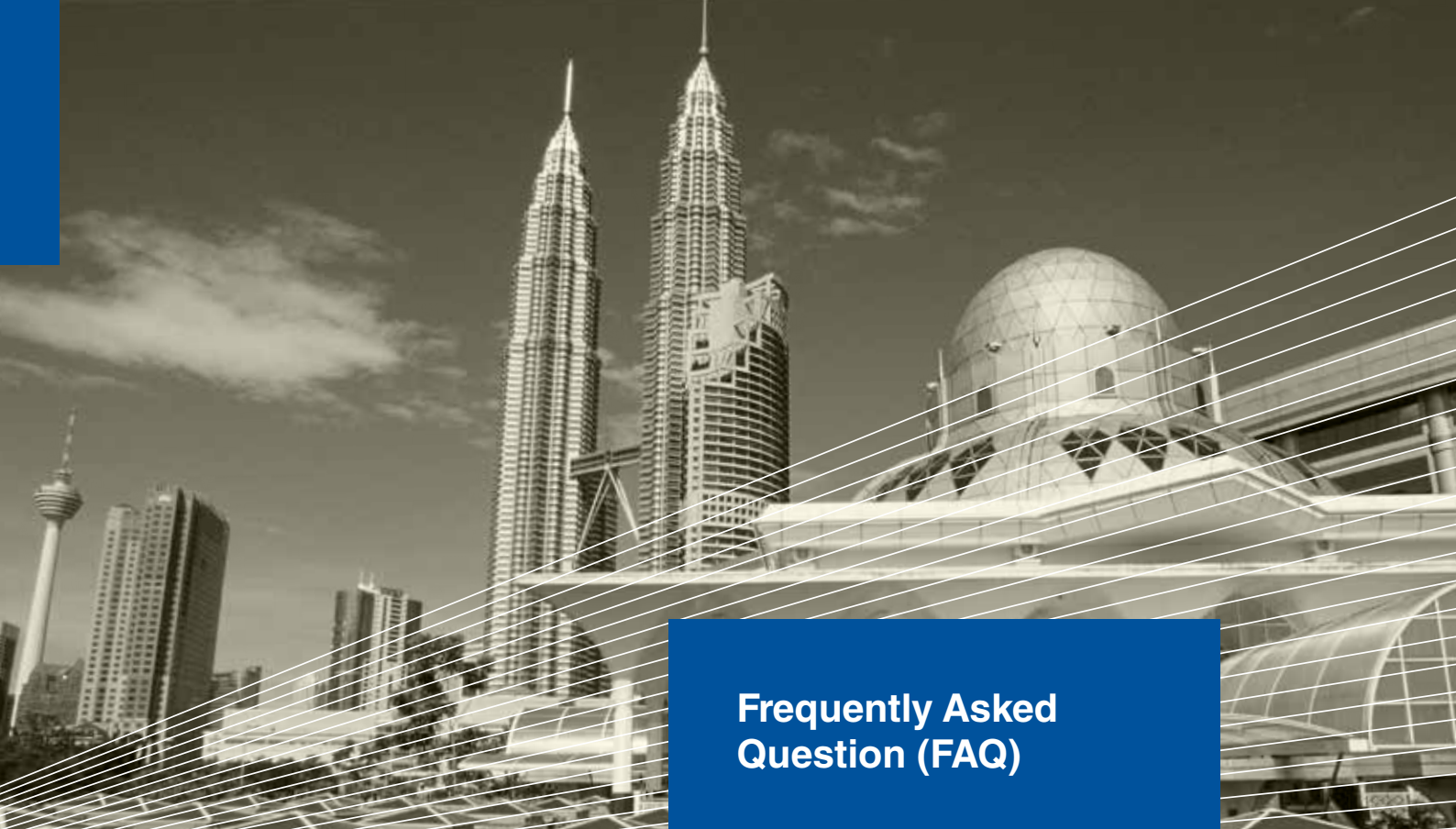




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Frequently Asked
Question (FAQ)

**LEGAL
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(LEI)**

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)

The Financial Markets Committee (FMC) together with the Bank has commenced on initiatives to strengthen financial market infrastructure, particularly on enhancing information reporting and settlement infrastructure for great transparency and to facilitate surveillance in the onshore financial market. This includes adopting the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) as a unique identifier, in line with global practices and complements the implementation of segregated securities account structure in the large value payment system, Real-time Electronic Transfer of Funds and Securities System (RENTAS).

What is an LEI code?

- The LEI is a unique 20-character, alpha-numeric code based on the ISO17442 standard that serves as a global reference data to identify legally distinct entities which engage in financial transactions.
- The publicly available LEI data pool can be regarded as a global directory, which greatly enhances transparency in the global marketplace besides improving risk management in firms as well as facilitating better assessment of micro and macro prudential risks.
- The LEI is issued by accredited Local Operating Units (LOUs), which are supervised by the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) under the oversight of the Legal Entity Identifier Regulatory Oversight Committee (LEI ROC) who coordinates and oversees a worldwide framework of legal entity identification, the Global LEI System.
- Further info on LEI as well as LEI search is available via GLEIF's website at the following link:
<https://www.gleif.org/en/>

Who is required to obtain LEI?

- All investors (excluding individual investors) investing in Malaysian debt securities are required to obtain the LEI for securities account opening and reporting purposes by 14 May 2018. [Kindly refer to the FAQs on RENTAS Segregated Account at the following link: http://www.bnm.gov.my/index.php?rp=rentas_segregated_securities_acc].
- Detailed list of regulatory use of the LEI is available via the following link:
<https://www.gleif.org/en/about-lei/regulatory-use-of-the-lei>

How to register for LEI?

- Investors can register for the LEI via LOUs who are accredited to issue LEI in their respective jurisdictions, i.e. Bloomberg Finance L.P., Business Entity Data B.V., London Stock Exchange, etc.
- List of LEI issuing organizations could be found via the following link:
<https://www.gleif.org/en/about-lei/how-to-get-an-lei-find-lei-issuing-organizations>

How long does it take?

- This will depend on the number of requests raised and the capacity to validate the submitted data.
- Depending on respective LOUs, it would typically take between 1 - 5 business days upon complete data submission and payment.

Global practices

- The use of LEI is mandated for all EU counterparties by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for the reporting of derivative transactions to Trade Repositories under European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR), in addition to reporting within Dodd-Frank Act in the United States.
- Global standard-setting initiatives have also called for the use of LEI, including CPMI-IOSCO.
- The list of regulations that mandate the use of LEIs can be found at the following link:
<http://isda.link/gleifregs>.

What fees are involved?

- The basic charge for a registration request is dependent on the respective LOUs. Selective LOUs include the USD19 per LEI surcharge for GLEIF's fee into their pricing and also offers pricing based on economies of scale for bulk registration of LEIs.
- Upon registration, all approved LEI are also subject to an annual renewal fee which is also dependent on the respective LOUs.

Sample fees

Bloomberg Finance LP

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| Initial Registration Fee ¹ | USD75 |
| Annual Maintenance Fee ¹ | USD50 |
| Weblink | http://lei.bloomberg.com |

Business Entity Data B.V.

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| Initial Registration Fee ¹ | USD119 |
| Annual Maintenance Fee ¹ | USD99 |
| Weblink | https://www.gmeiutility.org |

London Stock Exchange

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| Initial Registration Fee ¹ | £115 + vat |
| Annual Maintenance Fee ¹ | £70 + vat |
| Weblink | http://www.lseq.com/LEI |

Note: ¹Initial registration fee and annual fee is inclusive of GLEIF fee and will be priced based on economies of scale for bulk registration of LEIs. Kindly refer to the respective LOU website