

**FSCA Press Release**

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**FSCA imposes an administrative penalty on ABSA Bank Limited**

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (Authority) has imposed an administrative penalty of R100 000 on ABSA Bank Limited Over the Counter Derivatives Provider (ABSA ODP) after it failed to meet a licence condition. The penalty is payable within 30 days from the date of the order.

ABSA ODP was granted a licence to operate as an Over the Counter Derivatives Provider (ODP) on 01 September 2020. One of the licence conditions stipulates that an ODP must submit a report from its independent auditors regarding its systems, processes, procedures and capacity to report all its OTC derivatives transactions to the Authority, within six months of licensing, thereafter annually.

On 01 March 2021, ABSA ODP did not submit the said independent audit report, thus it contravened the licence condition. It is worth noting that ABSA ODP was made aware of this requirement in 2019. In the determination of the enforcement action, the Authority also considered the fact that ABSA ODP did not request any extension to comply with this licence condition.

Abisa ODP has accepted the administrative penalty and the Authority is satisfied with the outcome of this matter. The full order is available for download [here](#).

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