

## Will I be disqualified from holding public Office?

A member who is convicted of an offence under Section 51 or 56 is liable of, in addition to any penalty prescribed by law, to be disqualified from holding public office for such period the court considers appropriate, not exceeding five years from the date of conviction.

## What if I have acquired prohibited interests?

Where the Commission is of the opinion that a member has acquired a prohibited interest in a contract with the Government contrary to the rules made pursuant to Sections 51(4) & 63(2), it may request attendance to an inquiry of to furnish further information or documents. A written report of its findings will be sent to the Speaker of the House.

## How do I make my return?

Members are asked to complete FORM 1A which can be obtained at the Office of the Commission.

## Where do I make my return?

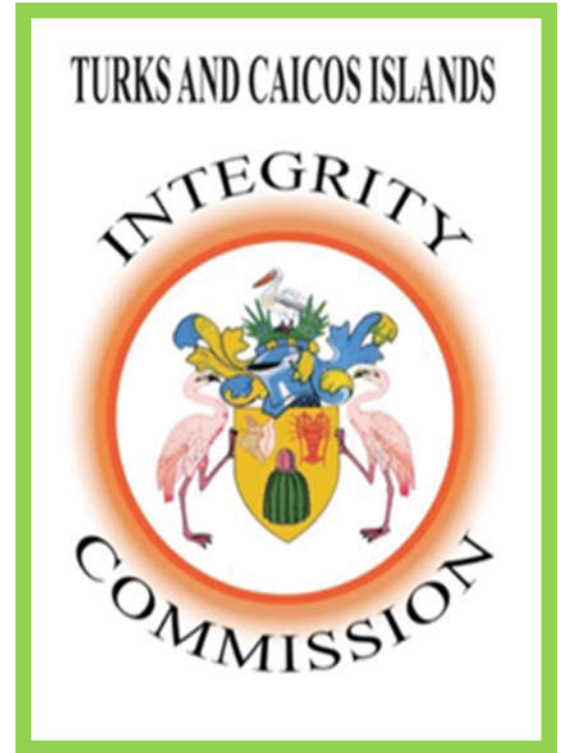
Completed and signed Forms must be submitted in person to the [Compliance Unit Office of the Integrity Commission, Turks and Caicos Islands.](#)

**“Members shall file 90 days after which he becomes a member.”**

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**Register of Interests**

*Promoting Integrity, Honesty and Good Faith in Public Life*

# Declaring your Interests

## Why should I declare?

In September 2012 the Integrity Commission Ordinance (2008) was amended to provide a system for members of the House of Assembly to register their interests in addition to their declaration under Section 39 of the Main Ordinance.

The purpose of the Register is to promote and strengthen public trust and confidence in the parliamentary process by improving transparency, openness, and accountability. It furnishes a protection against arguments that a possible conflict might arise between a member's public duty and private interests. If certain things are made known and registered, the question of any conflict of interest can be minimised.

## What should I declare?

A statement of Registrable Interests should contain the following information:-

- particulars of any directorship held
- particulars of any contract with Government
- the name of any company (s) of which you are an investor
- a concise description of any Trust to which you are a beneficiary or trustee
- any beneficial interest held in land
- particulars of any political, trade or professional association to which you belong
- particulars relating to sources of income; and
- any other substantial interest whether of a pecuniary nature or not which may raise a material conflict of interest

## When is my return due?

A member shall file a return within ninety (90) days after the day on which he becomes a member or within ninety (90) days after December 31<sup>st</sup> in each year during which he was a member of the House, in respect of his interests on December 31<sup>st</sup> that year.

## What happens if a member dies?

If a member dies the administrator of his estate is not required to file a Statement of Registrable Interests which the member would have required to file if he had lived.

## What happens to my return?

The Commission shall maintain a Register of Interests as required by Section 103 (1) of the Constitution, in the form required by the Regulations.

The Commission shall compile and cause to be entered in the Register of Interests all information furnished by the members and shall at the request of the public, permit the inspection of the Register.

## What if my interests changes?

A member shall notify the Commission of any changes which may occur in his interests or those of his spouse or children, within six weeks of the change occurring.

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## Do I need to make a full disclosure?

The Commission may require further particulars so as to ascertain if there has been full disclosure. It may require the member to attend to answer such questions and to furnish such documents or information as it may require.

Or the Commission will make such independent investigations as it thinks necessary.

## What if I fail to file or fail to make a full disclosure?

A member of the House of Assembly who-

- fails to file
- or knowingly file an incomplete or false declaration
- or fails without reasonable cause to attend an inquiry or knowingly gives false or incomplete information

Commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of \$15000 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both.

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