

CRIMINAL OFFENCES (STANDARD SCALE OF FINES) ACT, 2021

(Act 26 of 2021)

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I assent

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Wavel Ramkalawan
President

15th July, 2021

AN ACT to make provision for a standard scale of fines for offences against any written law.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Offences (Standard Scale of Fines) Act, 2021.

Standard scale of fines

2.(1) There shall be a standard scale of fines for offences which shall be known as the “standard scale”.

(2) The standard scale is set out in Schedule 1.

(3) The President may by regulation amend the standard scale set out in Schedule 1.

Construction of enactments

3.(1) Where any written law provides or confers a power to provide that a person convicted of an offence shall be liable on conviction to a fine by reference to a specified level on the standard scale, that reference shall be construed as a reference to the standard scale for the time being in force.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not extend to include a default fine, a fixed fine or a daily fine that is imposed under any written law in respect of the commission of an offence.

Transitional provision

4.(1) Notwithstanding any law, in any written law in operation before the commencement of this Act, and until such written law is amended, the monetary fine specified in that written law shall be replaced by a fine on the level in Schedule I corresponding to the amount of the fine in the written law.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to legal proceedings instituted against a person before the commencement of this Act.

SCHEDULE 1*[Section 2(2)]***THE STANDARD SCALE**

First Column	Second Column
Level on the scale	Amount of fine
1	A fine not exceeding SCR10, 000
2	A fine not exceeding SCR25, 000
3	A fine not exceeding SCR50, 000
4	A fine not exceeding SCR125, 000
5	A fine not exceeding SCR250, 000
6	A fine not exceeding SCR500, 000
7	A fine not exceeding SCR1, 000, 000

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 7th July, 2021.



Mrs. Tania Isaac
Clerk to the National Assembly