



## CENTRALE BANK VAN ARUBA

### **NEW**

*Most frequently asked questions received from the public with regard to the CBA Public Announcements of March 17, 2020 and March 27, 2020 in which it was, respectively, announced that the CBA will not grant new foreign exchange licenses that relate to outgoing capital transactions, including dividend declarations and that the Decree Concerning Foreign Exchange Transactions 2013/K.2 (General Foreign Exchange License) has been suspended for all outgoing capital transactions until further notice<sup>1</sup>.*

#### **Question 11: Credit card**

In the Public Announcement of the CBA of March 17, 2020, it is mentioned that the general foreign exchange license 02/K.1 is no longer applicable for outgoing capital transactions as of March 17, 2020.

- a) Can I still repay my credit card of a foreign bank?
- b) Can I still buy goods and services online in a foreign country with my credit card?

#### **Answer 11:**

- a) Yes, the repayment of your debt on your credit card is allowed under the condition that the transaction is directly made to and on behalf of the issuing foreign bank. A transfer from your local bank account to your foreign bank account is an outgoing capital transaction, which is not permitted for the time being.
- b) Yes, residents are allowed to buy goods and services abroad online with their credit card.

#### **Question 12: Can I transfer management fees to an affiliated company abroad for performed services?**

#### **Answer 12:**

No, it is not allowed to pay management fees to affiliated companies for the time being. Management fees entails, for example, back- and front office support regarding IT, administration, internal audit, compliance, and marketing.

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<sup>1</sup> The answer of these questions are in the context of the measurements taken because of the impact of COVID-19 on the economy of Aruba. Other regulations like AML/CFT are still in place.



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**Question 13: Can I repay my mortgage loan held with a foreign bank?**

**Answer 13:**

The same requirements apply as for loan repayments.

If you already have received a special foreign exchange license from the CBA for the mortgage in question, the repayments and interest payments on the mortgage can be continued as normal.

If you have a mortgage with a foreign third party under the amount of Afl. 300,000 (natural person) or Afl. 750,000 (legal entities) which was granted before March 17, 2020 and, thus, fell under the general foreign exchange license 02/K.1, repayments and interest payments on this mortgage can also be continued as normal. The commercial banks may require relevant documents to proof the date on which the mortgage was granted to you.

**Question 14: My child studies abroad. Can I transfer money to my child from my bank account in Aruba to my child's bank account abroad?**

**Answer 14:**

Yes, you can transfer money directly from your bank account in Aruba to the bank account of your child abroad for the purpose of study allowances.

For the sake of completeness, it is not permitted to transfer the money from your own bank account in Aruba to your own foreign bank account. If you have an and/or account with your child this is considered as your own (foreign) bank account. For that reason it is not possible to transfer money from your and/or bank account in Aruba to the foreign bank account you have with your child.

**Question 15: I want to send money to my parents who live abroad, because they are in financial need. Is that possible?**

**Answer 15:**

Yes, you can, but you have to transfer the money directly from your bank account in Aruba to the bank account of your parents abroad.

**Question 16: Can I still transfer money to family abroad to support them through money transfer companies?**

**Answer 16:**

Yes.

For further questions you can contact by sending a mail to [legalservices@cbaruba.org](mailto:legalservices@cbaruba.org).