

PARTIES RENDERING PAYMENT SERVICES IN UZBEKISTAN

	Service Providers	Governing Law	Main types of activity performed by the Subject	Applied Regulatory Permissions	Comments
1.	Banks	Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On payment and payment systems" №578 dated from 01.11.2019	<p>The banks are allowed to provide all payment services listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) accepting and making payments using the bank account; 2) accepting of cash for crediting to bank accounts, including those of third parties; 3) accepting of cash for making payments without opening a bank account by the payer; issue and redemption of electronic money; 4) issuance of bank cards; 5) issuance of electronic money; 6) acceptance and processing of payments made using electronic money; 7) processing of payments in electronic form and transfer of necessary information to the bank for making payments or accepting funds for such payments; 8) acceptance and processing of money transfers through money transfer systems. <p>Additionally, banks can carry out other financial operations stipulated in Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On banks and banking activities" №580 dated from 05.11.2019.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Qualified parties</u> Only banks can carry the provided activities. 2. <u>Form of the subject</u> The banks shall be established in the form of a joint-stock companies (JSC). 3. <u>Licensing requirement</u> The banks must obtain licenses for performing banking activity. This license covers activities relating to payment services. 4. <u>Charter capital</u> The minimum value of the charter capital of a bank is in the amount equivalent to 500 billion soums (UZS). The requirement enters into force from January 1, 2025. 5. <u>Beneficiaries of the Subject</u> The founders of the bank may be legal entities and individuals, both residents and non-residents. 	-
2.	Payment organizations	Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On payment and payment	<p>The payment organizations provide the following payment services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) accepting and making payments using the bank account; 2) accepting of cash for making payments without opening a bank account by the payer; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Qualified parties</u> A non-banking organization can engage in the given type of activities. 2. <u>Form of the Subject</u> Payment organization shall be established in the form of JSC. 3. <u>Licensing requirement</u> 	The list of payment services provided for payment services is limited as opposed to banks

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		systems” №578 dated from 01.11.2019	3) acceptance and processing of payments made using electronic money; 4) processing of payments in electronic form and transfer of necessary information to the bank for making payments or accepting funds for such payments; 5) acceptance and processing of money transfers through money transfer systems.	It shall operate on the basis of a license issued by the Central Bank. 4. <u>Charter capital</u> The minimum value of the charter capital is 20 billion soums (UZS). The requirement enters into force from July 1, 2025. 5. <u>Admission of non-residents</u> Non-residents may be founders of the payment organization, but their share shall not exceed 50%.	
3.	Payment Agents and Payment Subagents	Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On payment and payment systems” №578 dated from 01.11.2019	All services permitted for banks and payment organizations provided above	1. <u>Form of the Subject</u> Payment Agents are legal entities (not banks). Payment Subagents can be both a legal entity and an individual entrepreneur. 2. <u>Licensing requirement</u> The license requirement does not apply to Payment Agents and Payment Subagents. 3. <u>Other requirements</u> Payment Agents and Payment Subagents are permitted carry out payment services only on the basis of the Agreement on rendering payment services, concluded with the bank or the payment organization.	The law does not specify whether foreign legal entities can provide payment services
4.	Microfinancing organizations	Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On non-bank credit organizations and microfinance activities” №765	Microfinancing organizations provide the following service: 1) to carry out microfinance service; 2) to perform functions of a payment agent (subagent) of banks, insurance and other financial organizations; 3) provide consulting and information services related to their activities; 4) provide loans, leasing, guarantees, factoring services and Islamic financing services to	1. <u>Form of the subject</u> The microfinancing organization is created in the form of a legal entity. 2. <u>Licensing requirements</u> The microfinancing organization must register at the Central Bank of Uzbekistan. 3. <u>Charter capital</u> The amount of the charter capital is 2 billion soums (UZS). 4. <u>Admission of non-residents</u>	A microfinance organization may perform the functions of a payment agent (subagent) of banks, insurance and other financial organizations

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		dated from 20.04.2022	business entities in an amount exceeding the amount of a microcredit.	Founders and participants (shareholders) of a microfinancing organization can be legal entities and individuals - residents and non-residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan.	