

Asset Declaration

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) introduced the system of asset declaration for public officials in 2006 as part of the overall anti-corruption strategy. Asset Declaration (AD) is an important tool to hold public officials accountable. It is a means to anchor the issue of ethics and integrity in the public sector, thus promoting responsibility, accountability and transparency in governance.

AD Rules, first enacted in 2008, required public officials using public resources, their spouse(s) and dependents to declare their income, assets and liabilities. The Rules were revised in 2012 with a view to facilitate greater compliance.

Further, based on the practical experiences gained, stakeholder consultations and feedback received, AD Rules 2012 has been revised to make it comprehensive, practical and effective. AD Rules 2017 widens the scope of AD and incorporates the additional objective of facilitating the management of Conflicts of Interest (CoI). Greater clarity has also been brought to the Rules by making changes in the specification of the frequency of declarations; declaration contents; roles and responsibilities of the administrator and head of the agency; and penalties.

The on-line AD Administration system has also been updated in accordance with the AD Rules 2017. The User manual is available online and the ADAs Guidelines are circulated to the concerned ADAs of the agencies.