

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FIMA?

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS ACT (FIMA) (Act No. 2 of 2021)





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MISSION

Our mission is to regulate and supervise financial institutions and financial intermediaries to foster a stable and fair non- banking financial sector, to promote consumer protection, and provide sound advice to the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises.

VISION

To have a safe, stable and fair financial system contributing to the economic development of Namibia in which consumers are protected.

VALUES

TEAMWORK

- We have a shared urgency to achieve our vision.
- We support, respect and care for each other and are collectively responsible for our actions.
- We recognise that success depends on a skilled, diverse, coordinated team committed to their highest standards of trust, hard work, coorperation and communication.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

- We commit to operational, regulatory and supervisory excellence.
- We provide quality service on time.
- We are courteous, professional and respectful.

INTEGRITY

- We act with honesty, fairness and transparency.
- We treat information confidentially.
- We act independently and consistently.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- We are accountable to our customers and stakeholders.
- We are prudent in the management of our resources.
- We take accountability for our decisions.

AGILITY

- We commit to being adaptable to our changing environment.
- We commit to embracing change while maintaining regulatory certainty.
- We commit to creating innovative solutions.

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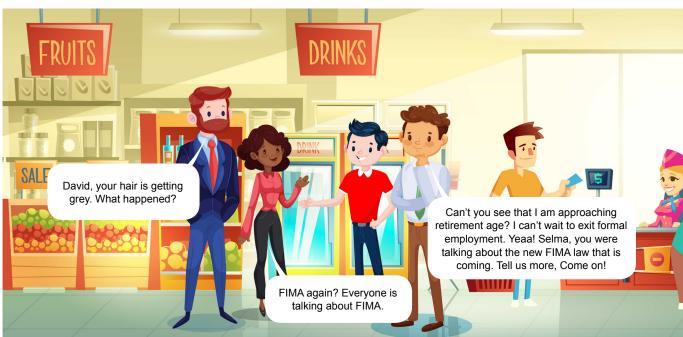
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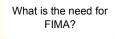








Interesting! What deficiencies are



Some laws governing non-banking financial service sectors are outdated. As such, there is a need to reform the legislation to consolidate and harmonize them.

FIMA matters because it will address deficiencies identified in the current legislation.

And importantly, FIMA introduces legislation to protect consumers of financial services.

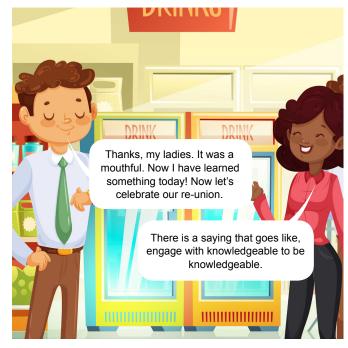
Things aren't done the same way as they were 50 years ago. Over the past 50 years, different approaches to supervision have evolved.

One of the deficiencies is the lack of an adequate consumer protection framework in the outdated legislation. This can lead to consumer exploitation by financial service providers.

Why should a single deficiency lead to change of laws, Loide?

It's not the only deficiency, but also lack of powers to enforce fair treatment of consumers and to ensure financial inclusion.





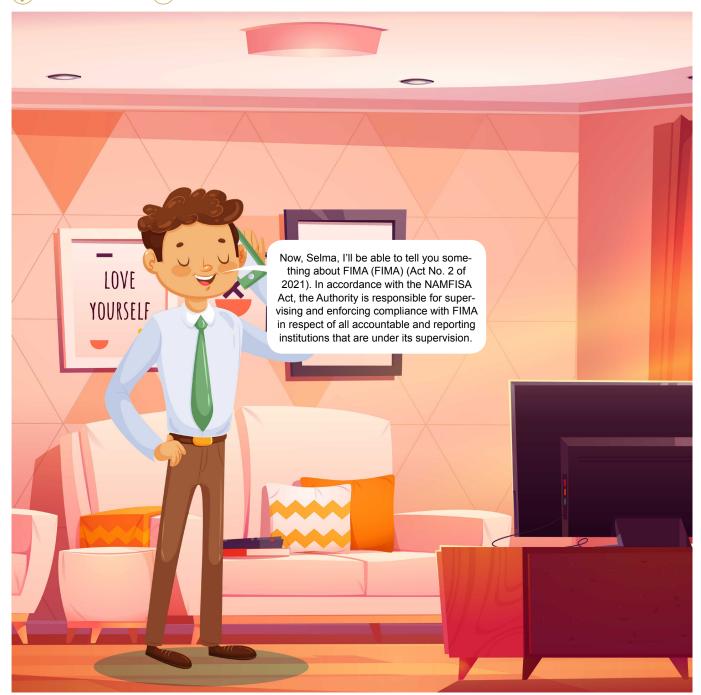












WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

- FIMA stands for Financial Institutions and Markets Act 2021 (Act No. 2 of 2021).
- FIMA governs the non-banking financial services sector that is regulated by NAMFISA.
- Some laws governing non-banking financial service sectors are outdated.
- FIMA will reform the legislation to consolidate and harmonize the laws regulating the non-banking financial institutions.
- FIMA addresses deficiencies identified in the current legislation, such as:
 - lack of adequate consumer protection framework and mechanism.
 - lack of powers to enforce fair treatment of consumers.
 - powers to ensure financial inclusion.
 - allowing administrative board regulatory functions.
 - maintain confidence in the financial system.
 - public awareness on financial services.
 - encourages innovation and entrepreneurship and financial stability.

NAMFISA is in charge of overseeing and enforcing adherence to FIMA.



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