



MiCA Licensing for Crypto-Asset Service Providers





Built Differently

To Make the Difference

With over half a century of dedicated experience, CLA Malta is committed to your financial success. Learn more about our services. We invest time in understanding your unique goals, ensuring personalised strategies to get you where you want to be.



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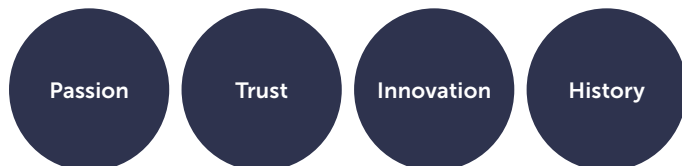
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CLA Malta

CLA Malta stands out from the rest. We are built differently and structured to provide innovative and client-first services in taxation, legal advisory, and corporate support to various industries.

Our philosophy is rooted in creating a collaborative environment where our team and clients prosper, guided by our core values of flexibility, engagement, and dedication.

With half a century of expertise, CLA Malta is dedicated to providing top-tier service, ensuring efficiency, and driving businesses towards success.



We're passionate about staying adaptable and ensuring active participation from everyone to accomplish all goals.

Drawing from our extensive knowledge, we support local businesses' growth and assist international companies in establishing and succeeding in Malta.

At CLA Malta, building your success is not just our priority.
It's our passion.

CLA Global

CLA Global Limited (CLA Global) was founded by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and Evelyn Partners.

The organisation offers one of the largest financial outsourcing services and private client and wealth advisory platforms of any global accounting organisation. Moreover, it hosts a culture of diversity and inclusion that uses combined strengths as its greatest competitive advantage.

Professionals in its member firms support clients by speaking their language and serving as their eyes and ears from a business, regulatory, and tax perspective — so they can help them cross borders confidently and efficiently.



Getting Started

The European Union's financial ecosystem is evolving to embrace innovation while safeguarding stability — and the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCA) is at the heart of this transformation. The regulation introduces a clear and harmonised framework for both crypto-asset issuers and service providers, making it the new standard for compliance across Europe.

For businesses providing crypto-asset services — whether offering trading platforms, custody services, or exchange functionalities — securing a Crypto-Asset Service Provider (CASP) licence is now essential to operate legally within the EU.

At CLA Malta, we guide you through every step of the licensing process. Our team of experienced advisors and legal professionals ensures your application meets all technical, financial, and regulatory expectations. From crafting your business plan to drafting internal compliance policies, we help you build a strong foundation for sustainable growth in the crypto-asset industry.

Navigating the complexities of MiCA is no longer optional — it's a necessity. With CLA Malta by your side, you gain a trusted partner dedicated to ensuring your business is ready to succeed in this regulated landscape.



CASP License Applications Services

The MiCA regulation sets the gold standard for crypto-asset service providers (CASPs) operating across the EU. CLA Malta guides you through the entire licensing process, from initial application to final approval.



General Advisory



Assistance with the registration of your whitepaper with the MFSA



Tax Advice



Regulatory Compliance



Assistance with applying and obtaining a CASP license from the MFSA



Drafting of internal policies and procedures



Corporate Services and Accounting

Understanding CASP License Classes

MiCA categorises crypto service providers into three classes:

Class 1

Basic services like order execution and crypto advice

Execution of orders on behalf of clients, placing of crypto-assets, providing transfer services for crypto-assets on behalf of clients, reception and transmission of orders for crypto-assets on behalf of clients, providing advice on crypto-assets; and/or providing portfolio management on crypto-assets

Class 2

Includes Class 1 services and the below

Providing custody and administration of crypto-assets on behalf of clients, exchange of crypto-assets for funds; and/or exchange of crypto-assets for other crypto-assets.

Class 3

Emcompasses Class 2 and the below

Operation of a trading platform for crypto-assets.

We help you assess your business model and apply for the correct licence class — ensuring all application components meet MFSA's requirements.

Minimum Capital Requirements



Class 1

€50,000



Class 2

€125,000



Class 3

€150,000

Professional Fees & Engagement Terms

We offer a clear and straightforward fee structure based on your licensing class and specific advisory needs. Templates for policies, AML/CFT documents, and business plans are available, supported by our dedicated team.





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Your Success is Our Mission

At CLA Malta, we offer a wide range of services designed to support your financial journey. No matter your needs, we have the expertise to help. Discover all we have to offer and find the right solution for you.



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