

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ARE YOU DEPOSITING BUSINESS INCOME INTO YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OR PERSONAL CREDIT CARD?

The Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago (BATT) advises the following:

- ▶ On occasion, business owners deposit the proceeds of their business to their personal accounts or personal credit card.
- ▶ Best practice suggests that business and personal funds should be separate and properly accounted for as this allows for the accurate representation of a business' true state of affairs and prevents misrepresentation or concealment of same to their bankers, auditors, the tax authorities etc.
- ▶ The deposit of business proceeds into personal accounts or personal credit card aids in tax evasion as it artificially reduces the total business income which has to be assessed for tax purposes for businesses who are required to pay taxes under the law.
- ▶ It should be noted that Tax evasion is an offence under the Corporation Tax Act, the Value Added Tax Act and a specified offence under the Second Schedule of the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- ▶ Banks have developed products to meet the specific needs of diverse customer segments and can provide Business accounts or Business credit cards to carry out Business Activities.
- ▶ Banks will generally not facilitate the deposit of business proceeds into personal accounts or personal credit cards.

For further details on this issue,
please see your Relationship Officer.

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