

**FSCA Press Release**

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**FSCA warns the public against African Credit Solutions trading as Khula Guarantees**

The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) warns the public against doing any financial services business with African Credit Solutions trading as Khula Guarantees. Khula Guarantees is not authorised to give any financial advice or render any intermediary services in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002 (FAIS Act).

The FSCA received information that Khula Guarantees issues guarantees on behalf of civil contractors to municipalities and alleges to be an authorised financial services provider when it is not. It is the FSCA's view that Khula Guarantees is conducting unregistered business and providing financial services without the necessary authorisation.

Members of the public should always check that an entity or individual is registered with the FSCA to provide Financial Advisory & Intermediary Services and what category of advice it is that the entity is registered to provide. There are instances where persons are registered to provide basic advisory services for a low risk product and then offer services of a far more complex and risky nature. The FSCA again reminds consumers who wish to conduct financial services with an institution or person to check beforehand with the FSCA on either the toll free number (0800 110 443) or on the website [www.fsc.co.za](http://www.fsc.co.za) as to whether or not such institution or person is authorised to render financial services.

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