

Guidance on notifying the Central Bank about payment institutions and electronic money institutions operating illegally without a license

According to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Payment Services and Payment Systems", payment and e-money institutions operating in the country must obtain a corresponding license from the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan. According to Article 65.1 of the Law, the Central Bank keeps public registry of licensed payment and e-money institutions. Thus, the existence of a license for the relevant type of activity of any person can be checked from the list of payment and electronic money institutions published on the official website of the Central Bank (<https://www.cbar.az/page-853/electronic-money-institutions>).

In accordance with Article 51.3 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan", if the Central Bank finds out that an activity, which is subject to a license (permit), is being carried out in the financial markets without a corresponding license (permit), it shall send a notice to the persons engaged in such activity with a request for immediate cessation of their activity and advertising of provided services (products) or any other form of broadcasting. The Central Bank publishes such information on its official website and in the media and applies to the relevant state body (institution) to take the measures provided for by law.

In this regard, the Central Bank requests to be notified in case of detecting persons illegally operating as a payment or electronic money institution without a license (<https://contact.e-cbar.az/>). The confidentiality of the informant is guaranteed by the Central Bank.

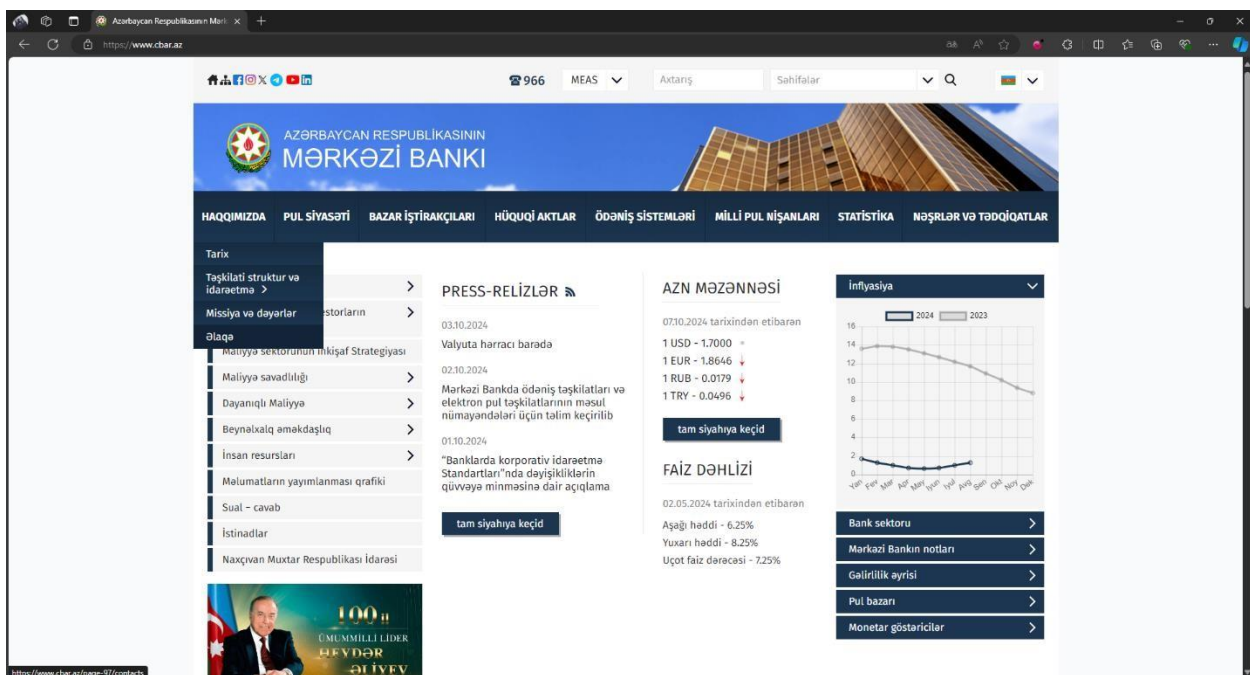
Organizations providing payment services other than banks, the national postal operator and payment institutions and e-money institutions and their agents, which are listed on the website of the Central Bank, are responsible according to the legislation of the country.

A payment agent is a legal entity or an individual who carries out entrepreneurial activities without establishing a legal entity and provides payment services on behalf of a bank, payment institution or e-money institution on the basis of an agreement concluded with them. The payment service provider is fully responsible for the payment service activities of its engaged payment agents.

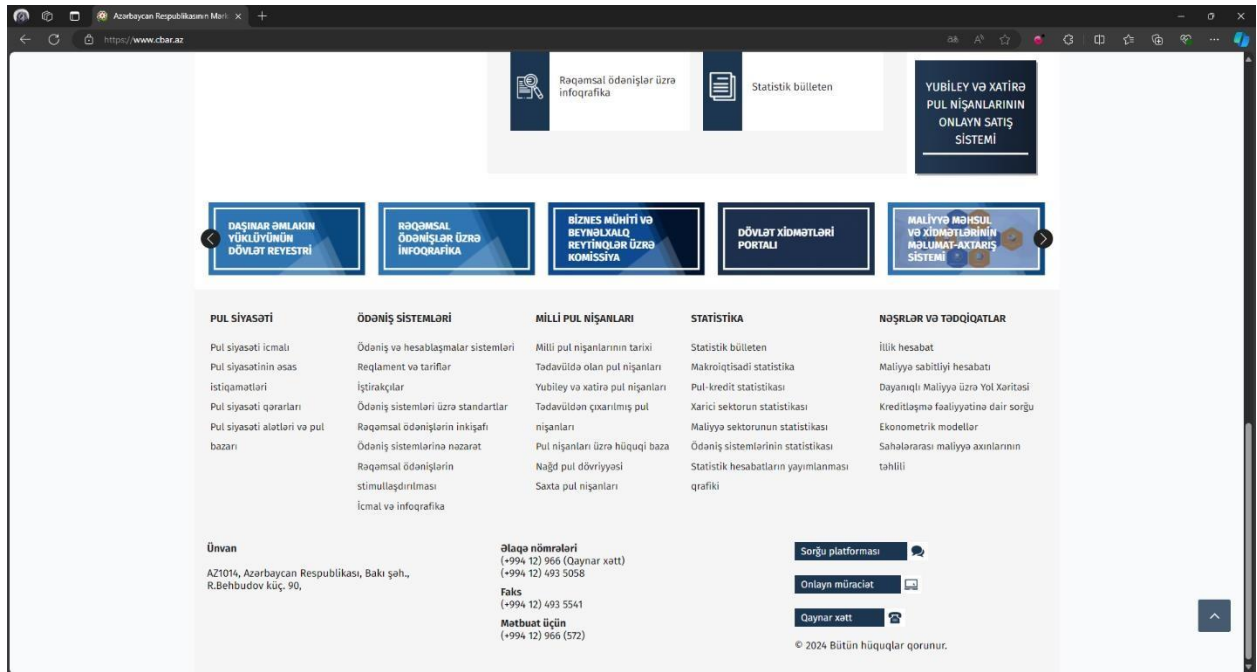
Whether the agent is authorized can be checked from the list of agents published on the Central Bank website.

The procedure for notifying the Central Bank of payment institutions and e-money institutions operating illegally without a license is as follows:

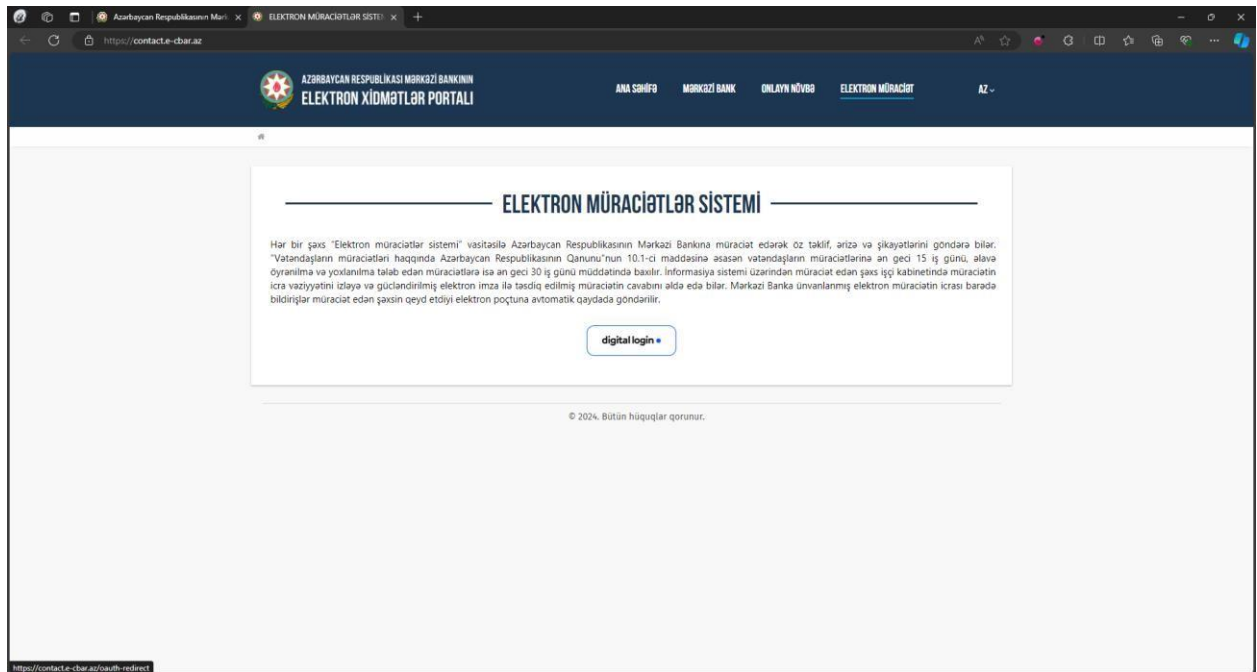
1. Enter the Central Bank's website (www.cbar.az) and go to the "Contact" subsection of the "About us" section on the main page.



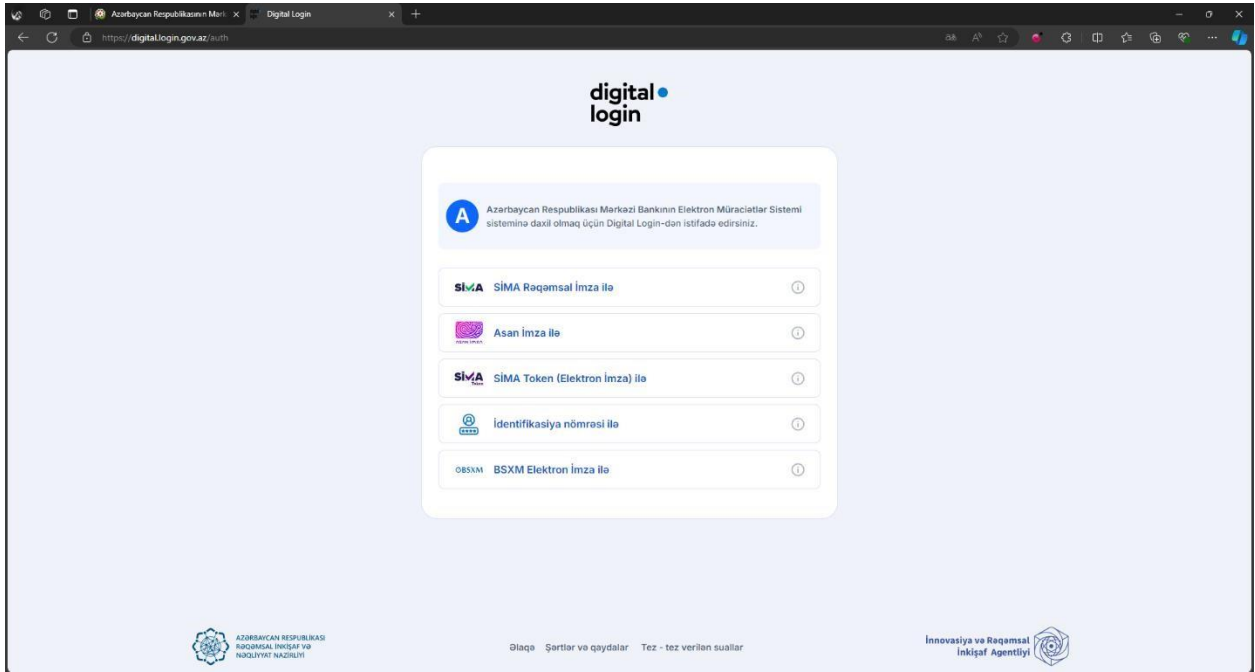
2. You can also access the "Online application" section at the bottom of the main page.



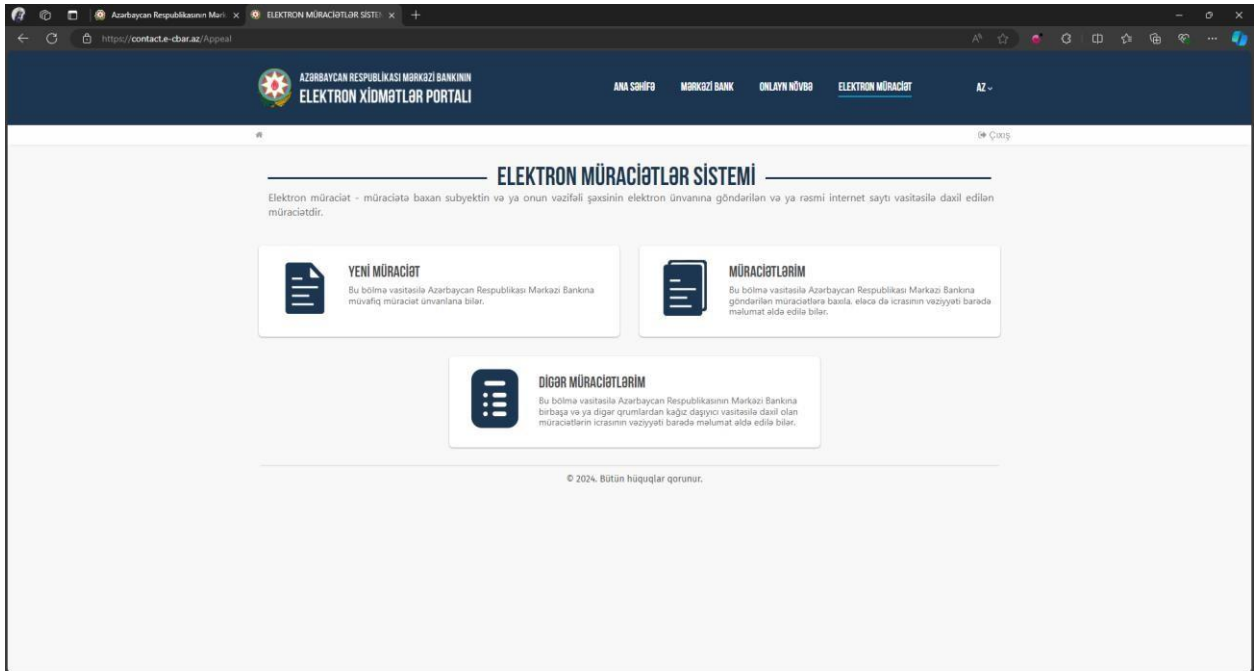
3. On the page that opens in the next window, enter the "Digital login" section.



4. On the next page that opens, log in to the system using one of the authentication methods shown.



5. On the page that opens, select the "New application" section.



6. On the page that opens, select your application and press the "Submit" button.

