

MISCONDUCT IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 12A (1) & Section 12B (1), Prevention of Corruption Act (Chapter 131)

Section 12A (1)

It is an offense for a public officer, in carrying out any of their official duties, to purposely -

- (a) Use public funds or resources for private purposes or in furtherance of private interests;
- (b) Fail to act impartially, or give undue preferential treatment to any person;
- (c) Misuse information acquired in the course of his or her duties;
- (d) conducts himself in such a manner as to bring his private interests into conflict with his public duties;
- (e) interferes in, or seeks to influence, otherwise than as part of his duty, the appointment, promotion, suspension, demotion or dismissal of a public officer or other person



Section 12B (1)

It is an offence for any public officer to purposely:

- (a) **misconduct himself;**
or
- (a) **neglect to perform his duty**

To such a degree as to amount to an abuse of public trust in the office holder



If found guilty,
the penalty is a fine of **\$30,000.00** and **imprisonment for 7 years**

