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 ofnprivate 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

It is an offence for any public officer to purposely:

(a) misconduct himself; or

(b) 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**