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Fraud**Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation**

The Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation (GBFI) is a specialist bureau that investigates fraud-related crime involving complex issues of criminal law or procedure.

The Bureau was established in April 1996 and is based at Harcourt Square, Dublin 2. It is headed by a Detective Chief Superintendent who reports to the Assistant Commissioner, National Support Services.

The Bureau investigates serious and complex cases of commercial fraud, cheque and payment card fraud, counterfeit currency, money laundering, computer crime and breaches of the Companies Acts and the Competition Act. The Bureau is divided into five operational units with a Detective Inspector allocated to each specialist area -

- Fraud Assessment Unit & Commercial Fraud Investigation Unit
- Money Laundering Investigation Unit including the Financial Intelligence Unit
- Cheque, Payment Card, Counterfeit Currency and Advance Fee Fraud Investigation Unit
- Computer Crime Investigation Unit.
- Corporate Enforcement – Detectives from GBFI are seconded to the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement (ODCE)

How does the GBFI decide to accept a case?

Cases are assessed as to the complexity and gravity of the offences. The Bureau is not in a position to investigate every referred case of suspected fraud. For optimum resource utilisation, investigations are focused on major and complex fraud based on the following criteria -

- Monetary loss.
- Investigations involving a significant international dimension
- Investigations involving widespread public concern
- Investigations requiring specialised knowledge
- Investigations involving complex issues of law or procedure

Other Bureau functions include:

- The gathering of information and intelligence
- Acting as a resource centre on fraud-related matters
- The Bureau takes a pro-active role in the prevention and detection of fraud

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