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## Central Bank of Ireland Issues Warning on Unauthorised Firm – Blarney Finance Group

21 December 2023 Warning Notice

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| Warning:                 | Unauthorised Retail Credit Firm  |
| Unauthorised Firm Name   | Blarney Finance Group  |
| Website                  | <a href="https://www.blarneyfinancegroup.com">https://www.blarneyfinancegroup.com</a>  |
| Email address(es) used   | info@blarneyfinancegroup.com<br>Note: The firm's also operates via Telegram under the username <b>loanteam1</b>  |
| Phone number(s) used     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 083 3231347</li><li>• 086 8006174</li><li>• +353 1 4458500</li><li>• +353 85 1218011</li><li>• +353 86 3876820</li></ul>   |
| Authorisation in Ireland | This firm is <u>not authorised</u> to provide retail credit services or any other financial services in Ireland.   |
| Additional information   | This scam is an example of an 'advanced fee fraud', where a payment is sought upfront prior to providing a loan. The loans are never provided. The firm cloned the details of a Central Bank authorised firm and has been seeking to pass itself off as E&L Credit Limited in order to deceive consumers. It should be noted there is no connection whatsoever between the Central Bank authorised firm and the fraudulent entity. |

### Notes:

1. Any person wishing to contact the Central Bank with information regarding such firms / persons may telephone (01) 224 5800.
2. For more information on how to protect yourself from financial scams, please visit [www.centralbank.ie/financialscams](http://www.centralbank.ie/financialscams)
3. The name of the above firm is published under section 53 of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013