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Non-Callable Deposits - Master Direction on Interest Rate on Deposits

Please refer to the instructions contained in Section 7 of the Master Direction (MD) on Interest Rate on Deposits dated March 03, 2016 and Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Co-operative Banks - Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016 dated May 12, 2016. In terms of these instructions, banks have been permitted to offer domestic term deposits (TDs) without premature withdrawal option, provided that all TDs accepted from individuals for an amount of Rupees fifteen lakh and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility. Further, the banks have also been permitted to offer differential rate on interest on TDs based on non-callability of deposits (i.e., non-availability of premature withdrawal option) in addition to tenor and size of deposits.

- 2. On a review, it has been decided that (i) the minimum amount for offering non-callable TDs may be increased from Rupees fifteen lakh to Rupees one crore i.e., all domestic term deposits accepted from individuals for amount of Rupees one crore and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility and (ii) these instructions shall also be applicable for Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) Deposit / Ordinary Non-Resident (NRO) Deposits.
- 3. Accordingly, the relevant sections of the Master Direction have been amended as indicated in the <u>Annex</u>.
- 4. All other instructions shall remain unchanged.



Applicability

- 5. This circular is applicable to all Commercial Banks and Co-operative Banks.
- 6. These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

(Sunil T S Nair) Chief General Manager



ANNEX

[Encl. to circular DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.No 51/13.03.00/2023-24 dated October 26, 2023]

<u>Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016 dated March 03, 2016</u>

Section of MD	Existing Provisions	Amended Provisions
7 (a) (iii)	Banks shall have the freedom to offer term deposits without premature withdrawal option.	Banks shall have the freedom to offer term deposits without premature withdrawal option.
	Provided that all term deposits accepted from individuals (held singly or jointly) for amount of Rupees fifteen lakh and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility.	Provided that all term deposits accepted from individuals (held singly or jointly) for amount of Rupees one crore and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility.
15 (c)	Interest rates on NRE/NRO term deposits shall vary only on account of one or more of the following reasons:	Interest rates on NRE/NRO term deposits shall vary only on account of one or more of the following reasons:
	(i) Tenor of Deposits:	(i) Tenor of Deposits:
	Banks shall have the freedom to determine the maturity/tenor of the deposit subject to the condition that minimum tenor of NRE term deposits shall be one year and that of NRO term deposits shall be seven days.	Banks shall have the freedom to determine the maturity/tenor of the deposit subject to the condition that minimum tenor of NRE term deposits shall be one year and that of NRO term deposits shall be seven days.
	(ii) Size of Deposits:	(ii) Size of Deposits:
	Differential interest rate shall be offered only on bulk deposits.	Differential interest rate shall be offered only on bulk deposits.
		(iii) Non-availability of Premature withdrawal option:
		Banks shall have the freedom to offer NRE / NRO term deposits without premature withdrawal option, provided that all NRE / NRO term deposits accepted from individuals (held singly or jointly) for amount of Rupees one crore and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility.



<u>Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016 dated May 12, 2016</u>

Section	Existing Provisions	Amended Provisions
7 (a) (iii)	Co-operative Banks shall have the freedom to offer term deposits without premature withdrawal option,	Co-operative Banks shall have the freedom to offer term deposits without premature withdrawal option,
	Provided that all term deposits accepted from individuals (held singly or jointly) and Hindu Undivided Families for amount of Rupees fifteen lakh and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility.	Provided that all term deposits accepted from individuals (held singly or jointly) and Hindu Undivided Families for amount of Rupees one crore and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility.
14 (c)	Interest rates on NRE/NRO term deposits shall vary only on account of one or more of the following reasons:	Interest rates on NRE/NRO term deposits shall vary only on account of one or more of the following reasons:
	(i) Tenor of Deposits:	(i) Tenor of Deposits:
	Co-operative Banks shall have the freedom to determine the maturity/tenor of the deposit subject to the condition that minimum tenor of NRE term deposits shall be one year and that of NRO term deposits shall be seven days. (ii) Size of Deposits: Differential interest rate shall be offered only on bulk deposits.	Co-operative Banks shall have the freedom to determine the maturity/tenor of the deposit subject to the condition that minimum tenor of NRE term deposits shall be one year and that of NRO term deposits shall be seven days. (ii) Size of Deposits: Differential interest rate shall be offered only on bulk deposits. (iii) Non-availability of Premature
		withdrawal option:
		Co-operative Banks shall have the freedom to offer NRE / NRO term deposits without premature withdrawal option, provided that all NRE / NRO term deposits accepted from individuals (held singly or jointly) for amount of Rupees one crore and below shall have premature-withdrawal-facility.