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All Scheduled Commercial Banks (including Regional Rural Banks)
All Small Finance Banks
All Local Area Banks
All Payments Banks
All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks/ DCCBs /State Cooperative Banks

Madam / Sir,

Interest Rates on Foreign Currency (Non-resident) Accounts (Banks) [FCNR(B)] Deposits

Please refer to paragraph 2 of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies](#) issued as a part of the [Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2024-25 dated December 06, 2024](#) read with instructions regarding interest rates on FCNR(B) deposits contained in Section 19 of the [Master Direction \(MD\) on Interest Rate on Deposits dated March 03, 2016](#) and Section 18 of the [Master Direction on Co-operative Banks - Interest Rate on Deposits dated May 12, 2016](#), as amended from time to time.

2. In terms of clause (g) of the above sections of the MDs, *ibid*, interest rates on FCNR(B) deposits are subject to ceilings of Overnight Alternative Reference Rate (ARR) for the respective currency/swap, plus 250 basis points for deposits of 1 year to less than 3 years maturity and overnight ARR plus 350 basis points for deposits of 3 years and above and up to 5 years maturity. It has been decided to increase the interest rates ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits raised by the banks with effect from December 06, 2024 as under:

Period of Deposit	Ceiling Rate
1 year to less than 3 years	Overnight Alternative Reference Rate for the respective currency/ Swap plus 400 basis points
3 years and above upto and including 5 years	Overnight Alternative Reference Rate for the respective currency/ Swap plus 500 basis points

3. The above relaxation shall be available till March 31, 2025.

Yours faithfully,

(Veena Srivastava)
Chief General Manager