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**Basel III Capital Regulations - Eligible Credit Rating Agencies**

RBI/2022-23/162  
DOR.STR.REC.94/21.06.008/2022-23

January 09, 2023

All Scheduled Commercial Banks  
(including Small Finance Banks)  
(excluding Local Area Banks, Payments Banks and Regional Rural Banks)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Basel III Capital Regulations - Eligible Credit Rating Agencies**

Please refer to paragraph 6.1.2 of the [Master Circular DOR.CAP.REC.3/21.06.201/2022-23 dated April 01, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12278) on Basel III Capital Regulations, wherein the list of domestic credit rating agencies accredited for the purpose of risk weighting banks' claims for capital adequacy purposes has been prescribed.

2. On a review, banks are advised to use the ratings of the following domestic credit rating agencies (arranged in alphabetical order) for risk weighting their claims for capital adequacy purposes:

1. Acuite Ratings & Research Limited (Acuite)
2. Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE);
3. CRISIL Ratings Limited;
4. ICRA Limited;
5. India Ratings and Research Private Limited (India Ratings); and
6. INFOMERICS Valuation and Rating Pvt Ltd. (INFOMERICS)

3. A reference is also invited to the [Press Release: 2022-2023/1033 dated October 12, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54531) in terms of which, Regulated Entities/ Market Participants were advised that in respect of ratings/credit evaluations required in terms of any guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank, no such fresh ratings/evaluations shall be obtained from Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited. Banks shall continue to be guided by the press release ibid till further review.

4. All other provisions regarding external credit ratings stipulated in the Master Circular ibid remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12435&Mode=0>

**Operational Risk Management: Price / Yield range setting in e-Kuber**

RBI/2022-23/163  
IDMD.No.S2800/08.02.032/2022-23

January 11, 2023

All participants in the Government Securities Market

Dear Sir / Madam

**Operational Risk Management: Price / Yield range setting in e-Kuber**

Please refer to our [circular IDMD/1615/08.02.032/2019-20 dated December 12, 2019](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11753&Mode=0) advising the participants in the Government Securities (G-Sec) market about the “Price / Yield range setting” facility provided on the e-Kuber platform as a risk management measure. The facility allows a market participant to define a range i.e., a maximum and a minimum value for bids they intend to submit in an auction. The range can be set in either price or yield terms, for each security in every auction, which can be set before the auction and can also be modified during the auction. Once the limits are set by the participating entity, the bids in the auction are automatically validated against the set limits. This is expected to eliminate instances of Fat-finger / Big-figure error by the bidders in the G-Sec auctions.

2. As there have been a few instances of Fat-finger / Big-figure error by the bidders in the G-Sec auctions conducted by Reserve Bank, it suggests that some of the market participants are yet to put in place the “Price / Yield range setting” facility in their system.

3. All the market participants are, therefore, advised to utilize the “Price / Yield range setting” facility provided on the e-Kuber platform before placing bids in the Primary Market auctions. It may be noted that no request for cancellation of bids will be entertained after the close of auction window.

Yours faithfully

(S Venkataraman)  
General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12436&Mode=0>

**Governance, measurement and management of Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book**

RBI/2022-23/180  
DOR.MRG.REC.102/00-00-009/2022-23

February 17, 2023

Madam / Sir,

**Governance, measurement and management of Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book**

Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book (IRRBB) refers to the current or prospective risk to banks’ capital and earnings arising from adverse movements in interest rates that affect its banking book positions. Excessive IRRBB can pose a significant risk to banks’ current capital base and/or future earnings. These guidelines, accordingly, require banks to measure, monitor, and disclose their exposure to IRRBB.

2. The final guidelines on Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book (IRRBB), in alignment with the revised framework issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS), are enclosed in [Annex](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12456&Mode=0#AS).

**3. Commencement**

(a) The date for implementation will be communicated in due course. Banks are advised to be in preparedness for measuring, monitoring, and disclosing their exposure to interest rate risk in the banking book in terms of this circular.

(b) Ahead of the implementation, banks shall submit the disclosures stipulated in Table B of [Appendix-3](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/GMMIRRAPP_3.pdf) to the Department of Regulation, Reserve Bank of India (by e-mail: [mrgdor@rbi.org.in](mailto:mrgdor@rbi.org.in)) within two months from the end of the respective quarter, as per following schedule:

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| **Entities** | **Frequency** | **Return to be submitted from the quarter ended** |
| D-SIBs | Quarterly | March 2023 |
| Other Banks | Quarterly | June 2023 |

4. It may be noted that the extant instructions on interest rate risk management issued vide [circular DBOD.No.BP.BC.8/21.04.098/99 dated February 10, 1999](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=3805&Mode=0) on ‘Asset Liability Management (ALM) system’ which require banks to undertake Traditional Gap Analysis and [circular DBOD.No.BP.BC.59/21.04.098/2010-11 dated November 04, 2010](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=6081&Mode=0) on ‘Guidelines on Banks’ Asset Liability Management Framework - Interest Rate Risk’ which require banks to undertake Duration Gap Analysis, shall be phased out post implementation of these guidelines, the details of which shall be advised in due course.

**Applicability**

5. This circular is applicable to all commercial banks (other than Regional Rural Banks, Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks and Local Area Banks).

(Usha Janakiraman)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12456&Mode=0>

**Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) – Net Worth and Capital Adequacy**

RBI/2022-23/189  
DOR.CAP.REC. No.109/09.18.201/2022-23

March 28, 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) – Net Worth and Capital Adequacy**

Please refer to para 7 of the [circular DOR.CAP.REC.No.86/09.18.201/2022-23 dated December 01, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12418&Mode=0) on ‘Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) – Net Worth and Capital Adequacy.

2. It has been decided that the instructions shall come into effect from March 31, 2023.

3. All other instructions of the circular ibid remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

(R. Lakshmi Kanth Rao)  
Chief General Manager-in-Charge

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12465&Mode=0>

**Master Circular on Credit Facilities to Minority Communities**

RBI/2023-24/02  
FIDD.GSSD.BC.No.02/09.10.001/2023-24

April 01, 2023

The Chairman/Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer  
All Scheduled Commercial Banks  
(excluding RRBs and Foreign Banks with less than 20 branches)

Madam/ Dear Sir,

**Master Circular on Credit Facilities to Minority Communities**

The Reserve Bank of India has periodically issued guidelines/instructions/directives to banks with regard to providing credit facilities to Minority Communities. The [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12467&Mode=0#MC) enclosed consolidates the circulars issued by Reserve Bank on the subject till date, as listed in the [Appendix](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12467&Mode=0#APP).

Yours faithfully,

(Nisha Nambiar)  
Chief General Manager

Encl: As above

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12467&Mode=0>

**Master Circular - Credit facilities to Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (STs)**

RBI/2023-24/01  
FIDD.CO.GSSD.BC.No.03/09.09.001/2023-24

April 01, 2023

The Chairman / Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer  
All Scheduled Commercial Banks (including Small Finance Banks)

Madam / Dear Sir,

**Master Circular - Credit facilities to Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (STs)**

The Reserve Bank of India has, from time to time, issued a number of guidelines/instructions to banks on credit facilities to Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (STs). The enclosed [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12468&Mode=0#MC) consolidates the circulars issued by Reserve Bank on the subject till date, as listed in the [Appendix](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12468&Mode=0#APP).

Yours faithfully,

(Nisha Nambiar)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12468&Mode=0>

**Master Circular - Guarantees, Co-Acceptances & Letters of Credit – UCBs**

RBI/2023-24/05  
DoR.STR.REC.4/09.27.000/2023-24

April 1, 2023

The Managing Director / Chief Executive Officers  
All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Master Circular - Guarantees, Co-Acceptances & Letters of Credit - UCBs**

Please refer to our [Master Circular DoR.STR.REC.9/09.27.000/2022-23 dated April 1, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12272) on the captioned subject (available at RBI website <https://rbi.org.in/>). The enclosed [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12469&Mode=0#MC1) consolidates and updates all the instructions / guidelines on the subject issued up to March 31, 2023 as listed in the [Annex](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12469&Mode=0#AN1).

Yours faithfully

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12469&Mode=0>

**Master Circular - Guarantees and Co-acceptances**

RBI/2023-24/04  
DOR.STR.REC.5/13.07.010/2023-24

April 1, 2023

All Scheduled Commercial Banks  
(excluding Payments Banks and RRBs)

Dear Sir / Madam

**Master Circular - Guarantees and Co-acceptances**

Please refer to the [Master Circular DOR.STR.REC.8/13.07.010/2022-23 dated April 1, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12276) consolidating the instructions / guidelines issued to banks till March 31, 2022, relating to Guarantees and Co-acceptances. This [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12471&Mode=0#MC) consolidates the instructions on the above matter issued up to March 31, 2023.

Yours faithfully

Manoranjan Mishra  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12471&Mode=0>

**Master Circular - Prudential norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances**

RBI/2023-24/06  
DOR.STR.REC.3/21.04.048/2023-24

April 1, 2023

All Commercial Banks (excluding RRBs)

Madam/Dear Sir

**Master Circular - Prudential norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances**

Please refer to the [Master Circular DOR.STR.REC.4/21.04.048/2022-23 dated April 1, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12281) consolidating instructions / guidelines issued to banks till March 31, 2022 on matters relating to prudential norms on income recognition, asset classification and provisioning pertaining to advances.

2. This [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12472&Mode=0#MC) consolidates instructions on the above matters issued up to March 31, 2023. A list of circulars consolidated in this Master Circular is contained in [Annex 5](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12472&Mode=0#AN5).

Yours faithfully

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

Encl.: As above

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12472&Mode=0>

**Master Direction on Outsourcing of Information Technology Services**

RBI/2023-24/102  
DoS.CO.CSITEG/SEC.1/31.01.015/2023-24

April 10, 2023

The Chairman/Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer  
Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks);  
Local Area Banks; Small Finance Banks; Payments Banks;  
Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks;  
Non-Banking Financial Companies;  
Credit Information Companies; and  
All India Financial Institutions (EXIM Bank, NABARD, NaBFID, NHB and SIDBI)

Madam/Dear Sir,

**Master Direction on Outsourcing of Information Technology Services**

Regulated Entities (REs) have been extensively leveraging Information Technology (IT) and IT enabled Services (ITeS) to support their business models, products and services offered to their customers. REs also outsource substantial portion of their IT activities to third parties, which expose them to various risks.

2. In order to ensure effective management of attendant risks, the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies dated February 10, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=53248), proposed the issuance of suitable regulatory guidelines on Outsourcing of IT Services. Accordingly, a draft Master Direction on Outsourcing of IT Services was released for public comments in [June 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=53911). Based on feedback received, the finalised Reserve Bank of India (Outsourcing of Information Technology Services) Directions, 2023 are [enclosed](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12486&Mode=0#MD) herewith.

3. The underlying principle of these Directions is to ensure that outsourcing arrangements neither diminish REs ability to fulfil its obligations to customers nor impede effective supervision by the RBI.

4. With a view to provide REs adequate time to comply with the requirements, the enclosed Directions shall come into effect from October 1, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

(T.K.Rajan)  
Chief General Manager

Encl: Reserve Bank of India (Outsourcing of Information Technology Services) Directions, 2023

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12486&Mode=0>

**Framework for acceptance of Green Deposits**

RBI/2023-24/14  
DOR.SFG.REC.10/30.01.021/2023-24

April 11, 2023

All Scheduled Commercial Banks including Small Finance Banks  
(excluding Regional Rural Banks, Local Area Banks and Payments Banks)  
All Deposit taking Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)

Madam/Dear Sir,

**Framework for acceptance of Green Deposits**

Climate change has been recognised as one of the most critical challenges faced by the global society and economy in the 21st century. The financial sector can play a pivotal role in mobilizing resources and their allocation thereof in green activities/projects. Green finance is also progressively gaining traction in India.

2. Deposits constitute a major source for mobilizing of funds by the Regulated Entities (REs). It is seen that some REs are already offering green deposits for financing green activities and projects. Taking this forward and with a view to fostering and developing green finance ecosystem in the country, it has been decided to put in place the enclosed [Framework for acceptance of Green Deposits](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12487&Mode=0#GD) for the REs.

3.The framework shall come into effect from June 1, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

(Sunil T. S. Nair)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12487&Mode=0>

**Master Circular- Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy - Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)**

RBI/2023-24/17  
DOR.CAP.REC.11/09.18.201/2023-24

April 20, 2023

All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Master Circular - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy - Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)**

Please refer to our [Master Circular DOR.CAP.REC.2/09.18.201/2022-23 dated April 1, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12279) on the captioned subject.

2. The enclosed [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12490&Mode=0#MC) consolidates and updates all the instructions / guidelines on the subject issued up to April 19, 2023 as listed in the [Appendix](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12490&Mode=0#APP).

Yours faithfully

(Usha Janakiraman)  
Chief General Manager

Encl: As above

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12490&Mode=0>

**Provisioning for standard assets by primary (Urban) co-operative banks – revised norms under four-tiered regulatory framework**

RBI/2023-24/18  
DOR.STR.REC.12/21.04.048/2023-24

April 24, 2023

All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks,

Madam / Dear Sir,

**Provisioning for standard assets by primary (Urban) co-operative banks – revised norms under four-tiered regulatory framework**

Please refer to [circular DOR.REG.No.84/07.01.000/2022-23 dated December 01, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12416&Mode=0), in terms of which Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) have been categorized into four Tiers namely Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 for regulatory purposes.

2. The current standard assets provisioning norms for UCBs, consolidated in the [Master Circular DOR.STR.REC.5/21.04.048/2022-23 dated April 01, 2022](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12283), are based on the earlier categorization of UCBs into Tier I and Tier II as defined in para 4 of [circular UBD.CO.LS.Cir.No.66/07.01.000/2008-09 dated May 06, 2009](https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=4970&Mode=0), as given below:

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| **Sl. No.** | **Category of Standard Asset** | **Rate of Provisioning** | |
| **Tier II** | **Tier I** |
| (a) | Direct advances to Agriculture and SME sectors | 0.25% | 0.25% |
| (b) | Commercial Real Estate (CRE) sector | 1.00% | 1.00% |
| (c) | Commercial Real Estate-Residential Housing Sector (CRE-RH) | 0.75% | 0.75% |
| (d) | All other loans and advances not included above | 0.40% | 0.25% |

3. On a review, it has been decided to harmonise the provisioning norms for standard assets applicable to all categories of UCBs, irrespective of their Tier in the revised framework.

4. Accordingly, the standard asset provisioning norms applicable to Tier I, Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 UCBs under the revised framework shall be as under:

1. Direct advances to agriculture and SME sectors which are standard, shall attract a uniform provisioning requirement of 0.25 percent of the funded outstanding on a portfolio basis.
2. Advances to commercial real estate (CRE) sector which are standard shall attract a uniform provisioning requirement of 1.00 percent of the funded outstanding on a portfolio basis.
3. For advances to commercial real estate - residential housing (CRE-RH) sector, which are standard, the provisioning requirement shall be 0.75 percent
4. For all other advances, banks shall maintain a uniform general standard asset provision of a minimum of 0.40 percent of the funded outstanding on a portfolio basis.

Yours faithfully,

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12491&Mode=0>

**Master Circular - Income Recognition, Asset Classification, Provisioning and Other Related Matters – UCBs**

RBI/2023-24/26  
DOR.STR.REC.14/21.04.048/2023-24

May 08, 2023

The Chief Executive Officers  
All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks

Madam / Dear Sir,

**Master Circular - Income Recognition, Asset Classification, Provisioning and Other Related Matters - UCBs**

Please refer to our [Master Circular DOR.STR.REC.5/21.04.048/2022-23 dated April 1, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12283) on the captioned subject. The enclosed [Master Circular](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12499&Mode=0#MC) consolidates and updates all the instructions / guidelines on the subject issued till date as listed in the [Annex 9](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12499&Mode=0#AN9).

Yours faithfully

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

Encl: As above

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12499&Mode=0>

**Formalisation of Informal Micro Enterprises on Udyam Assist Platform**

RBI/2023-24/27  
FIDD.MSME & NFS.BC.No.09/06.02.31/2023-24

May 09, 2023

The Chairman/ Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer  
All Commercial Banks  
(including Small Finance Banks, Local Area Banks and Regional Rural Banks)  
All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks/State Co-operative Banks  
/ District Central Co-operative Banks  
All-India Financial Institutions  
All Non-Banking Financial Companies

Dear Sir / Madam

**Formalisation of Informal Micro Enterprises on Udyam Assist Platform**

Please refer to the [Circular FIDD.MSME & NFS.BC.No.4/06.02.31/2020-21 dated August 21, 2020](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11951&Mode=0) on ‘New Definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises – clarifications’ wherein all lenders were advised to obtain ‘Udyam Registration Certificate’ for classification of entities as MSME.

2. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (‘MSME’), Government of India has launched the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) to facilitate formalisation of Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) through online generation of Udyam Assist Certificate. Registration on the platform is done with the assistance of Designated Agencies which are RBI regulated entities (including scheduled commercial banks, non-banking financial companies, etc.).

3. The Government of India, vide [Gazette Notification S.O. 1296(E) dated March 20, 2023](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/IndianGazzate20032023.pdf), has specified that the certificate issued on the UAP to IMEs shall be treated at par with Udyam Registration Certificate for the purpose of availing Priority Sector Lending (PSL) benefits.

4. Government of India has clarified to RBI that IMEs are those enterprises which are unable to get registered on the Udyam Registration Portal (URP) due to lack of mandatory required documents such as Permanent Account Number (PAN) or Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN). Hence such enterprises are unable to avail the benefits of Government schemes or programmes. Further, it has been clarified that the turnover of enterprises exempted from filing returns under the provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 shall be the sole criterion to be defined as IMEs for the purpose of UAP. Accordingly, IMEs are those enterprises that are not covered in the Goods and Services Tax regime.

5. An interface has been created between the UAP and Udyam Registration Portal (URP) to enable the transition and migration of the IMEs from UAP to URP, once IMEs obtain the mandatorily required documents.

6. In view of the aforementioned notification and clarification, IMEs with an Udyam Assist Certificate shall be treated as Micro Enterprises under MSME for the purposes of PSL classification.

Yours faithfully

(Nisha Nambiar)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12500&Mode=0>

**Master Circular – Basel III Capital Regulations**

RBI/2023-24/31  
DOR.CAP.REC.15/21.06.201/2023-24

May 12, 2023

All Scheduled Commercial Banks  
(Excluding Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks  
and Regional Rural Banks)

Madam / Dear Sir,

**Master Circular – Basel III Capital Regulations**

Please refer to the [Master Circular No. DOR.CAP.REC.3/21.06.201/2022-23 dated April 1, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12278), consolidating therein the prudential guidelines on Basel III capital adequacy issued to banks till that date.

2. The instructions contained in the aforesaid [Master Circular](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/31MC12052023_A.pdf) have been suitably updated / amended by incorporating relevant guidelines, issued as on date. A list of circulars consolidated in this Master Circular is contained in Annex 26.

3. Small Finance Banks and Payments Banks may refer to their respective licensing guidelines and operating guidelines issued by Reserve Bank, for prudential guidelines on capital adequacy.

Yours faithfully,

(Usha Janakiraman)  
Chief General Manager

Encl.: As above

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12504&Mode=0>

**Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings - Non-deliverable derivative contracts (NDDCs)**

RBI/2023-24/36  
A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 05

June 06, 2023

All Authorised Dealer Category – I Banks

Madam / Sir,

**Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings - Non-deliverable derivative contracts (NDDCs)**

Please refer to Paragraph 1 of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55473) announced as a part of the [first Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2023-24 dated April 06, 2023](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55472) regarding development of the onshore non-deliverable derivative market. Attention of Authorised Dealers Category – I (AD Cat-I) banks is invited to the Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Exchange Derivative Contracts) Regulations, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 ([Notification No. FEMA.25/RB-2000 dated May 3, 2000](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=179&Mode=0)), as amended from time to time, and [Master Direction – Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings dated July 5, 2016](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=10485), as amended from time to time.

2. As per the extant regulatory framework, AD Cat-I banks operating International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Banking Units (IBUs) are permitted to offer non-deliverable derivative contracts (NDDCs) to persons resident outside India. Such derivatives are cash-settled in foreign currency. With a view to developing the onshore INR NDDC market and providing residents the flexibility to efficiently design their hedging programmes, it has been decided to permit:

(a) AD Cat-I banks operating IBUs to offer NDDCs involving INR to resident non-retail users for the purpose of hedging. Such transactions shall be cash settled in INR; and

(b) The flexibility of cash settlement of NDDCs transactions between two AD Cat-I banks, and between an AD Cat-I bank and a person resident outside India in INR or any foreign currency.

3. Accordingly, the amendments being made to the [Master Direction – Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings dated July 5, 2016](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=10485), as amended from time to time, are placed at [Annex](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12509&Mode=0#AS) herewith.

4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions/ approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12509&Mode=0>

**Framework for Compromise Settlements and Technical Write-offs**

RBI/2023-24/40  
DOR.STR.REC.20/21.04.048/2023-24

June 08, 2023

Commercial Banks (including Small Finance Banks, Local Area Banks and Regional Rural Banks)  
Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks/State Co-operative Banks/ Central Co-operative Banks  
All-India Financial Institutions  
Non-Banking Financial Companies (including Housing Finance Companies)

Madam/Dear Sir,

**Framework for Compromise Settlements and Technical Write-offs**

The Reserve Bank of India has issued various instructions to regulated entities (REs) regarding compromise settlements in respect of stressed accounts from time to time, including the [Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets dated June 7, 2019](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11580&Mode=0) (**“Prudential Framework”**), which recognises compromise settlements as a valid resolution plan. With a view to provide further impetus to resolution of stressed assets in the system as well as to rationalise and harmonise the instructions across all REs, as announced in the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies released on June 8, 2023](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55815), it has been decided to issue a comprehensive regulatory framework governing compromise settlements and technical write-offs covering all the REs, as detailed in the [Annex](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12513&Mode=0#AN).

2. The provisions of this framework shall be applicable to all REs to which this circular is addressed and shall be without prejudice to the provisions of the Prudential Framework, or any other guidelines applicable to the REs on resolution of stressed assets.

3. These instructions on operationalising the framework have been issued in exercise of the powers conferred by the Sections 21 and 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949; Chapter IIIB of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and Sections 30A, 32 and 33 of the National Housing Bank Act, 1987. They shall come into force with immediate effect and REs shall take necessary steps to ensure compliance with these instructions.

Yours faithfully,

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12513&Mode=0>

**Guidelines on Default Loss Guarantee (DLG) in Digital Lending**

RBI/2023-24/41  
DOR.CRE.REC.21/21.07.001/2023-24

June 08, 2023

All Commercial Banks (including Small Finance Banks),  
Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks, State Co-operative Banks,  
Central Co-operative Banks; and  
Non-Banking Financial Companies (including Housing Finance Companies)

Madam/ Dear Sir,

**Guidelines on Default Loss Guarantee (DLG) in Digital Lending**

A reference is invited to Para (3.4.3.1) of Section C of Annex-II to the [RBI Press Release “Recommendations of the Working group on Digital Lending – Implementation” dated August 10, 2022](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54187) in terms of which it was stated that the recommendation pertaining to First Loss Default Guarantee (FLDG) was under examination with the Reserve Bank.

2. Arrangements between Regulated Entities (REs) and Lending Service Providers (LSPs) or between two REs involving default loss guarantee (DLG), commonly known as FLDG, has since been examined by the Bank and it has been decided to permit such arrangements subject to the guidelines laid down in the [Annex](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12514&Mode=0#AN) to this circular. DLG arrangements conforming to these guidelines shall not be treated as ‘synthetic securitisation’[1](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12514&Mode=0#FN1) and/or shall also not attract the provisions of ‘loan participation’[2](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12514&Mode=0#FN2).

3. The guidelines shall come into effect from the date of this Circular.

4. These directions are issued under sections 21, 35A and 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, sections 45JA, 45L and 45M of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, section 30A of the National Housing Bank Act, 1987 and section 6 of the Factoring Regulation Act.

Yours faithfully,

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12514&Mode=0>

**Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets / sub-targets and contribution against shortfall in achievement of PSL targets – Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) - Extension of time**

RBI/2023-24/42  
DOR.CRE.REC.18/07.10.002/2023-24

June 8, 2023

Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks other than Salary Earners’ Banks

Madam / Dear Sir,

**Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets / sub-targets and contribution against shortfall in achievement of PSL targets – Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) - Extension of time**

Please refer to para 3 of the [circular DOR (PCB).BPD.Cir No.10/13.05.000/2019-201 dated March 13, 2020](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11819&Mode=0), and para 5 of [Master Direction on Priority Sector Lending (PSL) - Targets and Classification dated September 4, 2020](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=11959), in terms of which, a glide path for achieving overall PSL target and sub-target for advances to weaker sections was prescribed till March 31, 2024.

2. As announced in the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies ([para no. 4 Annexed](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12515&Mode=0#ANNN)), in order to address implementational challenges faced by the UCBs and to make the transition non-disruptive, it has been decided to extend the glide path for these PSL targets by an additional period of two years as under:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Financial Year ended** | **March 31, 2024** | **March 31, 2025** | **March 31, 2026** |
| Overall PSL Target@ | 60% of ANBC[2](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12515&Mode=0#F2) or CEOBSE[3](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12515&Mode=0#F3), whichever is higher | 65% of ANBC or CEOBSE, whichever is higher | 75% of ANBC or CEOBSE, whichever is higher |
| Sub-target for advances to weaker sections#,[4](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12515&Mode=0#F4) | 11.50% of ANBC or CEOBSE, whichever is higher | 11.75% of ANBC or CEOBSE, whichever is higher | 12.00% of ANBC or CEOBSE, whichever is higher |
| @ The targets for March 31, 2023 (at 60 %) shall continue till March 31, 2024. # The sub-target set for March 31, 2023 (at 11.50%) shall continue till March 31, 2024. | | | |

3. In terms of para 28 of [Master Direction on Priority Sector Lending (PSL) - Targets and Classification dated September 4, 2020](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=11959) and para 2 of the [circular DOR (PCB).BPD.Cir.No.12/09.09.002/2019-205 dated April 24, 2020](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11879&Mode=0), all UCBs (excluding those under all-inclusive directions), were advised to contribute to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) established with NABARD and other Funds with NABARD / NHB / SIDBI / MUDRA Ltd., against their PSL shortfall vis-à-vis the prescribed target/ sub-targets, with effect from March 31, 2021.

Yours faithfully,

(Manoranjan Mishra)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12515&Mode=0>

**Status of MIFOR as a Significant Benchmark**

RBI/2023-24/46  
FMRD.FMSD.03/03.07.25/2023-24

June 23, 2023

To

All the Financial Benchmark Administrators

Madam/Sir

**Status of MIFOR as a Significant Benchmark**

Please refer to the [RBI circular dated January 01, 2020](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11777&Mode=0) and [December 01, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12414&Mode=0), notifying, inter-alia, the financial benchmarks administered by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) viz., Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR) and Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR) as ‘significant benchmark’.

2. In light of the cessation of the publication/non-representativeness of US Dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (USD LIBOR) settings after June 30, 2023, FBIL has been accorded approval to cease the publication of the MIFOR after June 30, 2023, in terms of provisions of the [Financial Benchmark Administrators (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2019](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11601&Mode=0). Accordingly, the MIFOR administered by FBIL shall cease to be a ‘significant benchmark’ after June 30, 2023.

3. The updated list of ‘significant benchmarks’ administered by FBIL is given below:

(i) Overnight Mumbai Interbank Outright Rate (MIBOR)

(ii) USD/INR Reference Rate

(iii) Treasury Bill Rates

(iv) Valuation of Government Securities

(v) Valuation of State Development Loans (SDL)

(vi) Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR)

4. The updated list of ‘significant benchmarks’ shall come into effect from July 01, 2023.

Yours faithfully,  
  
(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12519&Mode=0>

**Master Direction on Minimum Capital Requirements for Operational Risk**

RBI/DOR/2023-24/103  
DOR.ORG.REC.22/21.06.050/2023-24

June 26, 2023

**Reserve Bank of India – Master Direction on Minimum Capital Requirements for Operational Risk**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Reserve Bank of India being satisfied that it is necessary and expedient in the public interest to do so, hereby issues the Directions hereinafter specified. These Directions require a specified Commercial Bank (covered under ‘Applicability’) to hold sufficient regulatory capital against its exposures arising from operational risk.

**Part A**

**1. Short Title and Commencement**

These Directions shall be called the Reserve Bank of India (Minimum Capital Requirements for Operational Risk) Directions, 2023.

**2. Effective Date**

2.1 The effective date of implementation of these Directions shall be communicated separately.

2.2 All existing approaches viz. Basic Indicator Approach (BIA), The Standardised Approach (TSA)/ Alternative Standardised Approach (ASA) and Advanced Measurement Approach (AMA) for measuring minimum operational risk capital (ORC) requirements shall be replaced by **the new Standardised Approach** (hereafter referred to as the ‘**Basel III Standardised Approach**’) with coming into effect of these Directions.

2.3 Until then, the minimum operational risk regulatory capital requirements shall be computed in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraph 9 of ‘Master Circular – Basel III Capital Regulations’ issued vide [circular DOR.CAP.REC.15/21.06.201/2023-24 dated May 12, 2023](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12504), as amended from time to time.

**3. Applicability**

3.1 The provisions of these Directions shall apply to all Commercial Banks (excluding Local Area Banks, Payments Banks, Regional Rural Banks, and Small Finance Banks).

3.2 The scope of application shall be in accordance with paragraph 3 of ‘Master Circular – Basel III Capital Regulations’ issued vide [circular DOR.CAP.REC.15/21.06.201/2023-24 dated May 12, 2023](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasCirculardetails.aspx?id=12504), as amended from time to time.

3.3 The provisions contained in [Part A](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12520&Mode=0#PartA) of these Directions are mandatory. Banks are encouraged to comply with the guidelines listed in [Part B](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12520&Mode=0#PartB). [Part C](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12520&Mode=0#PartC) and [Part D](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12520&Mode=0#PartD) contain Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Illustrations, respectively (for general guidance of banks).

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12520&Mode=0>