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## **1. Preface**

One of the important functions of the Bank is to accept deposits from the public for the purpose of lending. In fact, depositors are the major stakeholders of the Banking System. The depositors and their interests form the key area of the regulatory framework for banking in India and this has been enshrined in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Reserve Bank of India is empowered to issue directives / advices on interest rates on deposits and other aspects regarding conduct of deposit accounts from time to time. With liberalization in the financial system and deregulation of interest rates, banks are now free to formulate deposit products within the broad guidelines issued by RBI.

This policy document on deposits outlines the guiding principles in respect of formulation of various deposit products offered by the Bank and terms and conditions governing the conduct of the account. The document recognizes the rights of depositors and aims at dissemination of information with regard to various aspects of acceptance of deposits from the members of the public, conduct and operations of various deposits accounts, payment of interest on various deposit accounts, closure of deposit accounts, method of disposal of deposits of deceased depositors, etc., for the benefit of customers. It is expected that this document will impart greater transparency in dealing with the individual customers and create awareness among customers of their rights. The ultimate objective is that the customer will get services they are rightfully entitled to receive without demand.

While adopting this policy, the bank reiterates its commitments to individual customers outlined in the code of Bank's Commitment to Customers. This document is a broad framework under which the rights of common depositors are recognized. Detailed operational instructions on various deposit schemes and related services will be issued from time to time.

## **2. Types of Deposit Accounts**

While various deposit products offered by the Bank are assigned different names, the deposit products can be categorized broadly into the following types. Definition of major deposits schemes is as under:

- i) "Demand deposits" means a deposit received by the Bank which is withdrawable on demand.
- ii) "Savings deposits" means a form of Demand deposit which is subject to restrictions as to the number of withdrawals as also the amounts of withdrawals permitted by the Bank during any specified period.
- iii) "Term deposit" means a deposit received by the Bank for a fixed period withdrawable only after the expiry of the fixed period and includes deposits such as Recurring / Double Benefit Deposits / Short Deposits / Fixed Deposits /Monthly Income Certificate /Quarterly Income Certificate etc.
- iv) "Notice Deposit" means term deposit for specific period but withdrawable on giving at least one

complete banking day's notice.

v) "Current Account" means a form of demand deposit wherefrom withdrawals are allowed any number of times depending upon the balance in the account or up to a particular agreed amount and will also include other deposit accounts which are neither Savings Deposit nor Term Deposit.

vi) **"Bulk Deposit" means Single Rupee term deposits of Rupees two crore and above.**

### **3. Account Opening and Operation of Deposit Accounts**

A) The Bank before opening any deposit account will carry out due diligence as required under "Know Your Customer" (KYC) guidelines issued by RBI Anti- Money laundering rules and regulations and or such other norms or procedures as per the Customer Acceptance Policy of the bank. If the decision to open an account of a prospective depositor requires clearance at a higher level, reasons for any delay in opening of the account will be informed to him and the final decision of the Bank will be conveyed at the earliest to him.

B) The Bank is committed to providing basic banking services to disadvantaged sections of the society. Banking services will be offered to them through "Basic Savings Bank deposit" accounts and accounts will be opened with relaxed customer acceptance norms as per regulatory guidelines.

C) The account opening forms and other material would be provided to the prospective depositor by the Bank. The same will contain details of information to be furnished and documents to be produced for verification and or for record, it is expected of the bank official opening the account, to explain the procedural formalities and provide necessary clarification sought by the prospective depositor when he approaches for opening a deposit account.

D) The regulatory guidelines require banks to categories customers based on risk perception and prepare profiles of customers for the purpose of transaction monitoring. Inability or unwillingness of a prospective customer to provide necessary information/details could result in the bank not opening an account.

E) Inability of an existing customer to furnish details required by the bank to fulfill statutory obligations could also result in closure of the account after due notice(s) is provided to the customer.

F) For Deposit products like Savings Bank Account and Current Deposit Account, the bank will normally stipulate certain minimum balances to be maintained as part of terms and conditions governing operation of such accounts. Failure to maintain minimum balance in the account will attract levy of charges as specified by the bank from time to time. For Saving Bank Account the bank may also place restrictions on number of transactions, cash withdrawals, etc., for given period. Similarly, the bank may specify charges for issue of cheque books, additional statement of accounts, duplicate passbook, folio

charges, etc. All such details, regarding terms and conditions for operation of the account and schedule of charges for various services provided will be communicated to the prospective depositor while opening the account.

G) Savings Bank Accounts can be opened for eligible person/persons and certain organizations/agencies (as advised by Reserve Bank of India from time to time).

H) Current Accounts can be opened by individuals / partnership firms / Private and Public Limited Companies / HUFs / Specified Associates / Societies / Trusts. Departments of Authority created by Government (Central or State) Limited Liability Partnership, etc.

**While opening current accounts, Bank shall obtain a declaration from the prospective account-holder to the effect that he is not enjoying any credit facility with any other bank or obtain a declaration giving particulars of credit facilities enjoyed by him with any other bank(s). The bank shall seek No-objection certificate from banks mentioned in the declaration form received from the customer. Accounts shall be opened only after receiving NOC.**

I) Term Deposits Accounts can be opened by individuals / partnership firms / Private and Public Limited Companies / HUFs/ Specified Associates / Societies / Trusts, Departments of Authority created by Government (Central or State), Limited Liability Partnership, etc.

J) The due diligence process, while opening a deposit account will involve satisfying about the identity of the person, verification of address, satisfying about his occupation and source of income. Obtaining recent photograph of the person/s opening / operating the account is a part of due diligence process.

K) In addition to the due diligence requirements, under KYC norms the Bank is required by law to obtain Permanent Account Number (PAN) or alternatively declaration in Form No. 60 or 61 as specified under the Income Tax Act / Rules.

L) Deposit accounts can be opened by an individual in his own name (status: known as account in single name) or by more than one individual in their own names (status: known as Joint Account). Savings Bank Account can also be opened by a minor jointly with natural guardian or with mother as the guardian (Status: known as Minor's Account). Minors above the age of 10 will also be allowed to open and operate saving bank account independently. However, no overdrafts will be granted to these minors. SB account can also be opened by a minor represented by guardian or jointly with a major, where minor is represented by natural guardian. Minors above the age of 10 will also be allowed to open and operate SB account subject to restrictions on transactions and no cheque books will be provided to such accounts.

M) Operation of Joint Account – The Joint Account opened by more than one individual can be operated by single individual or by more than one individual jointly. The mandate for operating the account can

be modified with the consent of all account holders. The Savings Bank Account opened by minor jointly with natural guardian / guardian can be operated by such guardian only.

N) The joint account holders can give any of the following mandates for the disposal of balance in the above accounts:

i Either or Survivor: If the account is held by two individuals say, A &B, the final balance along with interest, if applicable, will be paid to survivor on death of anyone of the account holders.

ii. Anyone or Survivor/s : If the account is held by more than two individuals say, A, B and C, the final balance along with interest, if applicable, will be paid to the survivor on death of any two account holders.

The above mandates will be applicable to or become operational only on or after the date of maturity of term deposits. This mandate can be modified by the consent of all the account holders.

In case of fixed deposit with a survivorship clause, the Bank shall be discharged by paying the fixed deposit proceeds prematurely to survivor on request, in the event of death of one or more joint depositor.

O) At the request of the depositor, the Bank will register mandate / power of attorney given by him authorizing another person to operate the account on his behalf.

P) The term deposit account holders at the time of placing their deposits can give instructions with regard to closure of deposit account or renewal of deposit for further period on the date of maturity. Where there are no instructions for disposal of the deposit at maturity, the term deposit account holder will be informed in advance through letter / mail / SMS about impending maturity of the term deposit. In case no instruction is received from the term deposit account holder, the Bank reserves the right at its discretion to renew the deposit (excluding deposits like tax savings deposits etc) along with accrued interest thereon at prevailing rate of interest for a similar tenor of the deposit which was matured.

In case of absence of any instructions deposits will be treated as an auto renewal deposit and should be renewed for a similar period.

Q) Nomination facility is available on all deposit account opened by individuals. Nomination is also available to an account opened by a sole proprietor. Nomination can be made in favour of one individual only. Nomination so made can be cancelled or changed by the account holder/s any time.

While making nomination, cancellation or change thereof, the thumb impression(s) of the account holder(s) is/are required to be witnessed by a third party. Nomination can be modified by the consent of account holder/s. Nomination can be made in favour of a minor also.

R) Bank recommends that all depositors avail nomination facility. The nominee, in the event of death of the depositor/s, would receive the balance outstanding in the account as a trustee of legal heirs. The depositor will be informed of the advantages of the nomination facility while opening a deposit account.

S) A statement of account will be provided by the Bank to Savings Bank as well as Current Deposit Account Holders periodically as per terms and conditions of opening of the account. Alternatively, the Bank may issue a Pass Book to Savings Bank account holders.

T) The deposit accounts may be transferred to any other branch of the Bank at the request of the depositor.

#### **4. Interest Payments**

i) Interest shall be paid on savings account at the rate specified by the Bank from time to time. However, term deposit interest rates are decided by the Bank within the general guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

ii) In terms of Reserve Bank of India directives, interest shall be calculated at quarterly intervals on term deposits and paid at the rate decided by the Bank depending upon the period of deposits. In case of monthly deposit scheme, the interest shall be calculated for the quarter and paid monthly at discounted value. The interest on term deposits is calculated by the Bank in accordance with the formulate and conventions advised by Indian Banks' Association.

iii) The rate of interest on deposits will be prominently displayed in the branch premises. Changes, if any, with regard to the deposit schemes and other related services shall also be communicated upfront and shall be prominently displayed. All these details will be displayed in the Bank's website also.

iv) The Bank has statutory obligation to deduct tax at source if the total interest paid / payable on all term deposits held by a person exceeds the amount specified under the Income Tax Act. The Bank will issue a tax deduction certificate (TDS Certificate) for the amount of tax deducted. The depositor, if entitled to exemption from TDS can submit declaration in the prescribed format at the beginning of every financial year.

v) Senior citizens are eligible for an additional interest rate of 0.50% p.a. for all domestic term deposits of 1 year and above except for Dhanam Tax Advantage deposits. The additional rate of interest of 0.50% p.a. offered to Senior Citizen on Dhanam Tax Advantage has been withdrawn from 19.12.2014.

#### **5. Manner of calculation of interest**

For SB products, actual number of days in the month and year will be reckoned for interest application. Further, for regular/reinvestment/ cumulative term deposits manner of calculation of interest is as under:



### Term Deposits under Indian Rupee

For all term deposits under Non IBA Scheme, Interest is calculated for actual number of days reckoning the year at 366 days in a Leap year and 365 days in other years. For deposits under cumulative scheme, compounding is done on calendar quarter basis.

For all term deposits under IBA Scheme, Interest is calculated reckoning the month at 30 days and year at 360 days. For deposits under cumulative scheme, compounding is done on anniversary quarter basis. For Broken period interest is calculated for actual number of days reckoning the year at 365 days.

### Term deposits under Foreign Currency

Interest is calculated by reckoning actual number of days of month and year at 360 days. For deposits under cumulative scheme, compounding is done on anniversary half yearly basis.

For Broken period interest is calculated for actual number of days reckoning the year at 360 days.

Interest on overdue deposits will be paid at savings bank rate of interest from maturity date as per RBI guideline dated August 22, 2008.

The rate of interest on deposits will be prominently displayed in the branch premises. Changes, if any, with regard to the deposit schemes and other related services shall also be communicated upfront by prominently displaying it on the website.

### Opening, holding and maintaining accounts in India by a person resident outside India (PIO)

'Authorised Bank' is a bank including a co-operative bank authorised by the Reserve Bank to maintain an account of a person resident outside India. 'Authorised Dealer' is a person authorised as an authorised dealer under sub-section (1) of section 10 of FEMA.

'Non-resident Indian' (NRI) is a person resident outside India who is a citizen of India.

'Person of Indian Origin (PIO)' is a person of Indian Origin or ancestry who is not a citizen of India, but is a citizen of another country other than Bangladesh or Pakistan or such other country as may be specified by the Central Government. 'Person of Indian Origin (PIO) might have been a citizen of India and subsequently taken the citizenship of another country, or have ancestors born in India.

Non-resident Indians (NRIs) and Person of Indian Origin (PIOs) are permitted to open and maintain accounts with authorized dealers and with banks (including cooperative banks) authorised by the Reserve Bank to maintain such accounts.

The accounts may be maintained in any form, e.g. savings, current, recurring or fixed deposit account etc.

The regulations for sanction of loans are detailed below:

Authorized Dealers/ banks in India can grant loans against the security of the funds held in NRE accounts to the account holder/ third party in India, without any limits, subject to the usual margin requirements. The loan cannot be repatriated outside India and shall be used for the following purposes:

- (a) personal purposes or for carrying on business activities except for the purpose of relending or carrying on agricultural/ plantation activities or for investment in real estate business.
- (b) making direct investment in India on non-repatriation basis by way of contribution to the capital of Indian firms/ companies subject to the provisions of the relevant Regulations made under the Act.
- (c) acquiring flat/ house in India for his own residential use subject to the provisions of the relevant Regulations made under the Act.

In case of loans sanctioned to a third party, there should be no direct or indirect foreign exchange consideration for the non-resident depositor agreeing to pledge his deposits to enable the resident individual/ firm/ company to obtain such facilities.

In case of the loan sanctioned to the account holder, it can be repaid either by adjusting the deposits or through inward remittances from outside India through banking channels or out of balances held in the NRO account of the account holder.

The facility for premature withdrawal of deposits will not be available where loans against such deposits are availed of. The term "loan" shall include all types of fund based/ non-fund based facilities.

#### Recurring Deposits

Interest on a Recurring Deposit will be calculated from the date the installment is paid, if paid after calendar month end. In RD accounts, interest is calculated by actual/365 days method and compounding is done on quarterly basis. The maturity amount mentioned on the Recurring deposit passbook is subject to the payment of all installments on time. In case of any delay in the payment of scheduled installments, the maturity amount shall change.

#### TDS applicability in Recurring Deposits

TDS on RD is applicable as per Finance Act 2015 and will be deducted when interest payable on RD per customer across all branches, exceed Rs.10,000/- in a financial year.

## **6. Minimum Period of Term Deposits**

The minimum periods of Domestic/NRO, FCNR (B) and NRE term deposits are 7 days and 1 year respectively.

## **7. Minors' Accounts**

i) The minor can open Savings Bank Account and the same can be operated by the natural guardian or by minor himself / herself, if he/she is above the age of 10 years. The account can also be opened jointly.

ii) Minors above the age of 10 shall be allowed to open and operate Savings Bank account independently. The accounts will not have cheque book facility. On attaining majority, the erstwhile minor should confirm the balance in his/her account and if the account is operated by the natural guardian / guardian, fresh specimen signature of erstwhile minor duly verified by the natural guardian would be obtained and kept on record for all operational purposes.

## **8. Account of Illiterate/Blind Persons**

The Bank may at its discretion open deposit accounts other than Current Accounts of an illiterate person. The account of such person may be opened provided he/she calls on the Bank personally along with a witness who is known to both the depositor and the Bank. Normally, no cheque book facility is provided for such Savings Bank Account. At the time of withdrawal/ repayment of deposit amount and/or interest, the account holder should affix his / her thumb impression or mark in the presence of the authorized officer who should verify the identity of the person. The Bank will explain the need for proper care and safe keeping of the passbook etc. given to the account holder. The Bank official shall explain the terms and conditions governing the account to the illiterate person.

## **9. Addition or deletion of the name/s of joint account holders**

The bank may at the request of all the joint account holders allow addition or deletion of name/s of joint account holder/s if the circumstances so warrant or allow an individual depositor to add the name of another person as a joint account holder.

## **10. Customer information**

The customer information collected from the customers shall not be used for cross selling of services or products by the Bank, their subsidiaries and affiliates. If the Bank proposes to use such information, it should be strictly with the consent of the accountholder.

**11. Secrecy of customer's accounts**

The Bank shall not disclose details / particulars of the customer's account to a third person or party without the expressed or implied consent from the customer. However, there are some exceptions, viz. disclosure of information under compulsion of law, where there is a duty to public to disclose and where interest of the Bank requires disclosure.

**12. Premature Withdrawal of Term Deposit**

The Bank on request from the depositor, at its discretion may allow withdrawal of term deposit before completion of the period of the deposit agreed upon at the time of placing the deposit. The Bank shall declare their penal interest rates policy for premature withdrawal of term deposit. The Bank shall make depositors aware of the applicable rate along with the deposit rate. No premature withdrawal of deposits is permitted for deposits under Dhanam Tax Savings Deposit.

In view of the existing market trends and based on the assessment of emerging interest rate scenario, the ALCO meeting held on 18.03.2016 has decided to introduce a penalty of 1% for domestic, NRO and NRE term deposits of Rs 5,00,000 and above and 0.5% for domestic, NRO and NRE term deposits less than Rs 5,00,000 upon premature closure with effect from April 18, 2016.

Our Bank does not charge any penalty on premature withdrawal of FCNR (B) and RFC deposits. However the deposit should run for the stipulated minimum period of one year and six months respectively to be eligible to earn interest. No Interest is paid if the deposit is prematurely closed before the minimum period of one year and six months respectively.

**13. Premature Renewal of Term Deposit**

In case the depositor desires to renew the deposit by seeking premature closure of an existing term deposit account, the bank will permit the renewal at the applicable rate on the date of renewal, provided the deposit is renewed for a period longer than the balance period of the original deposit. While prematurely closing a deposit for the purpose of renewal, interest on the deposit for the period it has remained with the bank will be paid at the rate applicable on the date of deposit to the period for which the deposit remained with the bank and not at the contracted rate. Further, the bank may levy penalty for premature closure of an existing deposit at such rates as may be decided by the bank from time to time.

**14. Renewal of Overdue Term Deposits**

When a term deposit is renewed on maturity, on renewed deposit interest rate for the period specified by the depositor as applicable on the date of maturity would be applied. All overdue term deposits are eligible for renewal with interest from its original due date if depositor submits original deposit receipt within 6 months from the due date of deposit. If the overdue period from the date of maturity exceeds 6 months, Savings Bank interest rate will be paid on the matured amount for the overdue period if the term deposit is renewed / withdrawn subsequently.

Overdue term deposits or a portion thereof, renewed within 14 days from the date of maturity (inclusive of date of renewal) will be at the rate of interest, as prevailing on the date of maturity of the original deposit for the period of renewal. If the overdue period exceeds 14 days and within 6 months from the date of maturity, the rate of interest on the deposit so renewed shall be the applicable rate of interest for the period of renewal as prevailing on the date of maturity or on the date of renewal whichever is lower. If the overdue period from the date of maturity exceeds 6 months, Savings Bank interest rate will be paid on the matured amount for the overdue period if the term deposit is renewed / withdrawn subsequently.

For a term deposit to be eligible for backdated renewal, the depositor will have to submit the original deposit receipt within 6 months from the due date of the deposit. Branches may renew overdue deposits or part thereof for any period extending upto at least 15 days beyond the date of renewal.

If the overdue deposit is not renewed for a minimum period of 15 days from the date of renewal, no interest will be paid for the overdue period, even if the deposit was with the Bank for an overdue period of more than 15 days. In the case of NRE deposits the renewal should be for a period which will cover the minimum period norms of RBI, presently one year.

#### **15. Advances Against Deposits**

The Bank may consider request of the depositor/s for loan / overdraft facility against term deposits duly discharged by the depositor/s on execution of necessary security documents. The Bank may also consider loan against deposit standing in the name of minor, however, a suitable declaration stating that loan is for the benefit of the minor, is to be furnished by the depositor - applicant. No loan against deposit will be granted for deposits under Dhanam Tax Savings Deposit.

#### **16. Settlement of Dues in Deceased Deposit Account**

- i) If the depositor has registered nomination with the Bank, the balance outstanding in the account of the deceased depositor will be transferred to the account of / paid to the nominee after the Bank satisfies about the identity of the nominee, etc.
- ii) The above procedure will be followed even in respect of a joint account where nomination is registered with the Bank.
- iii) In a joint deposit account, when one of the joint account holders dies, the Bank is required to make payment jointly to the legal heirs of the deceased person and the surviving depositor(s). However, if the joint account holders had given mandate for disposal of the balance in the account in the forms such as “either or survivor, former / latter or survivor, anyone of survivors or survivor” etc., the payment will be made as per the mandate to avoid delays in production of legal papers by the heirs of the deceased.

iv) In the absence of nomination and when there are no disputes among the claimants, the Bank will pay the amount outstanding in the account of deceased person against joint application and indemnity by all legal heirs or the person mandated by the legal heirs to receive the payment on their behalf without insisting on legal documents up to the limit approved by the Bank's Board. This is to ensure that the common depositors are not put to hardship on account of delays in completing legal formalities.

In case of death of the primary holder of term deposit prior to the maturity date, premature termination of the deposit would be as per the terms of contract subject to necessary restrictions and submission of proof of death of the depositor. Such premature withdrawals will not attract any penal charge.

### **17. Interest payable on Term Deposit in Deceased Account**

i) In the event of death of the depositor before the date of maturity of deposit and amount of the deposit is claimed after the date of maturity, the Bank shall pay interest at the contracted rate till the date of maturity. From the date of maturity to the date of payment, the Bank shall pay simple interest at the applicable rate obtaining on the date of maturity, for the period for which the deposit remained with the Bank beyond the date of maturity; as per the Bank's policy in this regard.

ii) However, in the case of death of the depositor after the date of maturity of the deposit, the bank shall pay interest at savings deposit rate obtaining on the date of maturity from the date of maturity till the date of payment.

### **18. Insurance Cover for Deposits**

All bank deposits are covered under the insurance scheme offered by Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC) subject to certain limits and conditions. The details of the insurance cover in force will be made available to the depositor.

### **19. Stop Payment Facility**

The Bank will accept stop payment instruction from the depositors in respect of cheques issued by them. Charges, as specified, will be recovered.

### **20. Dormant Accounts**

Savings / Current Accounts which are not operated for a continuous period of two years by the customer will be transferred to a separate dormant / inoperative account status in the interest of the depositor as well as the Bank. The depositor will be informed 3 months in advance of categorizing the account as dormant. The depositor can request the Bank to activate the account for operating it.

## **21. Redressal of Complaints and Grievances**

Depositors having any complaint / grievance with regard to services rendered by the Bank has a right to approach authority (ies) designated by the Bank for handling customer complaint / grievances. The details of the internal set up for redressal of complaints / grievances will be displayed in the branch premises. The branch officials shall provide all required information regarding procedure for lodging the complaint. In case the depositor does not get response from the Bank within 30 days from date of complaint or he is not satisfied with the response received from the Bank, he has a right to approach Banking Ombudsman appointed by the Reserve Bank of India.

## **22. Safe Deposit Lockers**

This facility is not offered through all bank branches and wherever the facility is offered, allotment of safe deposit vault will be subject to availability and compliance with other terms and conditions attached to the service. Safe deposit lockers may be hired by an individual (being not a minor) singly or jointly with another individual(s), HUFs, firms, limited companies, associates, societies, trusts etc. Nomination facility is available to individual(s) holding the lockers singly or jointly. In respect of lockers held in joint names, up to two nominees can be appointed. Joint locker holders can give mandate for access to the lockers in the event of death of one of the holders on the lines similar to those for deposit accounts. In the absence of nomination or mandate for disposal of contents of lockers, with a view to avoid hardship to common persons, the Bank will release the contents of locker to the legal heirs against indemnity on the lines as applicable to deposit accounts.

As per the direction from Reserve Bank of India, nomination should be a rule while allotting lockers to customers. It should be ensured that “Nomination” is taken for all locker hirers in respect of lockers rented by the Bank. In case the customer does not want to nominate any one, a declaration to this effect should be obtained.

While allotting Safe Deposit Lockers to customers, it should be ensured that “Nomination” is captured in the Nomination Register and the Safe Deposit Locker Register.

A nomination or cancellation of nomination or variation of nomination can be made at anytime during which the locker is under hire. A nomination, cancellation or variation shall be made by all the joint hirers if the hirer is more than one. The same should be updated in the Nomination Register and the Safe Deposit Locker Register.

## **23. Standing Instructions**

Standing instructions can be given to the Bank for transfer/remittance of funds from one account to other account(s) maintained in the same branch, any other branch of the bank.

## **24. Basic Savings Bank Account**

The Bank offers Basic Savings Bank account with all the basic banking facilities with Zero Initial Pay-

In and Zero balance account. Details about the product offering are available with all the branches.

### **25. Tax Deducted at Source**

Interest on term deposit shall be liable to tax deducted at source as per provisions of Income Act amended from time to time. As per provisions of Finance Act 2009, w.ef. April 01, 2010, valid PAN is required to be submitted for all customers whose tax needs to be deducted. In the absence of valid PAN, tax will be deducted at the prevailing rate or 20% whichever is higher. For exemption from tax deduction at source, customers will have to submit Form 15G/H for fixed deposits including renewed fixed deposits. The benefit of Form 15G/H shall be granted only on furnishing valid PAN. The Form 15G/15H is valid for only one financial year. Fresh Form 15G/H declaration is to be provided to the customers before the beginning of every financial year so as to avoid tax deduction. As per the current provisions of Income Tax Act, interest on recurring deposits are subject to tax deduction at source with effect from June 1, 2015.

### **26. Unclaimed Deposits**

Unclaimed deposit accounts means accounts which have not been operated upon for ten years (In the case of money deposited for a fixed period, the said term of ten years shall be reckoned from the date of expiry of such fixed period). In an effort to play a more proactive role in finding out the whereabouts of the account holders of unclaimed deposits, the list of such accounts which are inoperative for ten years or more has been displayed on our Bank's website. For individual customers, the list so displayed on our website contains the names of the account holder(s) and his/her address in respect of unclaimed deposits. For non individual customers, the list so displayed on the website contains the names of the Entity and its address in respect of unclaimed deposits. We are transferring unclaimed deposits to Reserve Bank of India on a monthly basis and the list of deposits / accounts (as available from Core Banking Solutions) that are transferred to RBI have been displayed on the bank's website.

### **27. Policy Revision**

This policy is subject to revision based on the extant RBI and IBA guidelines from time to time. Review of the policy will be carried out on an annual basis.

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