



Maintenance of Cash Reserve Ratio(CRR) by Banks ¹

Period Ended	Deposit Base ²		Average Cash Balances held for the Period ³		Required Minimum Cash Balances CRR of (A)		Excess Cash Holdings		Average CRR	
	(A)		(B)		(C)		(B) - (C)			
	MUR [^]	FCY [*]	MUR [^]	FCY [*]	MUR [^]	FCY [*]	MUR [^]	FCY ^{*4}	MUR [^]	FCY [*]
	(Rs million)								Per cent	
11-Apr-19	390,350	100,858	44,599	20,000	35,149	6,040	9,450	13,960	11.43	19.83
25-Apr-19	388,828	97,784	44,686	19,522	35,012	5,855	9,674	13,667	11.49	19.96
9-May-19	390,016	99,230	46,374	19,726	35,119	5,942	11,256	13,784	11.89	19.88
23-May-19	395,179	99,675	46,781	19,691	35,583	5,969	11,198	13,722	11.84	19.76
6-Jun-19	393,234	99,207	52,311	19,818	35,408	5,941	16,903	13,877	13.30	19.98
20-Jun-19	396,539	102,752	44,244	19,916	35,705	6,154	8,539	13,762	11.16	19.38
4-Jul-19	397,096	104,783	47,177	20,473	35,755	6,276	11,422	14,198	11.88	19.54
18-Jul-19	401,180	106,951	48,175	20,233	36,123	6,406	12,052	13,827	12.01	18.92
1-Aug-19	397,858	108,224	50,976	20,494	35,824	6,482	15,152	14,012	12.81	18.94
15-Aug-19	400,564	107,017	48,870	20,342	36,068	6,410	12,803	13,932	12.20	19.01
29-Aug-19	400,881	105,526	48,057	20,638	36,096	6,320	11,961	14,318	11.99	19.56
12-Sep-19	401,079	109,835	46,958	21,064	36,114	6,579	10,844	14,485	11.71	19.18
26-Sep-19	397,450	108,825	49,787	19,902	35,787	6,518	14,000	13,384	12.53	18.29
10-Oct-19	399,307	117,200	47,170	19,418	35,954	7,021	11,216	12,397	11.81	16.57
24-Oct-19	400,650	115,858	44,252	21,080	36,075	6,941	8,178	14,139	11.05	18.19
7-Nov-19	400,330	113,967	45,448	21,417	36,046	6,827	9,402	14,590	11.35	18.79
21-Nov-19	405,136	112,841	44,862	21,002	36,463	6,770	8,399	14,233	11.07	18.61
5-Dec-19	406,263	115,068	46,752	23,918	36,565	6,903	10,187	17,014	11.51	20.79
19-Dec-19	409,140	115,325	49,233	24,051	36,824	6,919	12,410	17,132	12.03	20.85
2-Jan-20	414,245	115,460	58,821	22,620	37,283	6,927	21,538	15,693	14.20	19.59
16-Jan-20	429,289	110,831	56,381	21,235	38,637	6,649	17,744	14,586	13.13	19.16
30-Jan-20	426,522	111,942	58,175	21,118	38,388	6,716	19,787	14,403	13.64	18.87
13-Feb-20	429,792	113,965	45,685	21,661	38,682	6,837	7,003	14,823	10.63	19.01
27-Feb-20	425,482	114,151	52,771	22,367	38,294	6,849	14,478	15,519	12.40	19.59
12-Mar-20	430,735	116,517	55,352	23,734	38,766	6,991	16,586	16,744	12.85	20.37
26-Mar-20 ^{***1}	434,119	119,963	57,342	22,896	34,730	7,198	22,612	15,699	13.21	19.09
09-Apr-20 ^{***}	434,548	129,370	58,682	27,143	34,764	7,762	23,918	19,381	13.50	20.98

^{***} Provisional

¹ With effect from the maintenance period starting 13 March 2020, the average fortnightly CRR on rupee deposits is reduced from 9.0 per cent to 8.0 per cent, while the average fortnightly CRR on foreign currency deposits remained unchanged at 6.0 per cent.

² The deposit base is lagged by two weeks.

³ Cash balances consist exclusively of balances held by banks with the Bank of Mauritius.

⁴ It is to be noted that banks' foreign currency excess reserves increased as from November 2017 in line with the implementation of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio(LCR), which represents a standard that is designed to ensure that a bank has an adequate inventory of unencumbered high quality liquid assets(HQLA). The HQLA consists of cash or assets convertible into cash at little or no loss of value in market, to meet its liquidity requirements for a 30 days' liquidity stress period. Banks keep part of their HQLA with the BOM.

[^] MUR refers to Mauritian Rupee.

^{*} FCY refers to MUR equivalent of foreign currencies.

Source: Economic Analysis & Research and Statistics Department.

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