

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	
15-Feb-18	377,690	86,157	42,283	18,996	34,024	5,148	8,259	13,848	11.20	22.05
01-Mar-18	375,677	85,049	40,600	16,973	33,842	5,082	6,758	11,891	10.81	19.96
15-Mar-18	376,574	85,181	42,823	21,168	33,923	5,090	8,900	16,078	11.37	24.85
29-Mar-18	378,584	86,414	42,595	20,354	34,103	5,164	8,492	15,190	11.25	23.55
12-Apr-18	377,347	90,479	39,131	19,823	33,992	5,408	5,139	14,415	10.37	21.91
26-Apr-18	373,454	91,891	40,584	16,361	33,642	5,493	6,942	10,869	10.87	17.81
10-May-18	374,682	90,956	41,965	20,346	33,753	5,437	8,212	14,909	11.20	22.37
24-May-18	375,982	90,716	43,247	23,536	33,869	5,422	9,378	18,114	11.50	25.94
07-Jun-18	373,611	92,893	42,497	23,198	33,656	5,553	8,842	17,645	11.37	24.97
21-Jun-18	374,375	91,461	40,827	24,121	33,724	5,468	7,103	18,654	10.91	26.37
05-Jul-18	372,436	94,293	42,802	27,165	33,549	5,637	9,252	21,528	11.49	28.81
19-Jul-18	374,682	96,484	44,200	25,499	33,752	5,769	10,448	19,730	11.80	26.43
02-Aug-18	372,800	91,951	42,905	23,262	33,582	5,497	9,323	17,765	11.51	25.30
16-Aug-18	373,685	90,492	42,566	21,527	33,661	5,410	8,905	16,117	11.39	23.79
30-Aug-18	372,414	93,905	48,733	28,199	33,546	5,615	15,187	22,584	13.09	30.03
13-Sep-18	377,162	94,002	47,714	26,427	33,974	5,621	13,740	20,806	12.65	28.11
27-Sep-18	376,732	95,520	44,401	23,234	33,935	5,712	10,466	17,522	11.79	24.32
11-Oct-18	376,972	95,291	42,691	21,474	33,957	5,698	8,735	15,776	11.32	22.54
25-Oct-18	375,929	95,185	41,502	20,107	33,863	5,692	7,640	14,415	11.04	21.12
08-Nov-18	375,648	93,910	44,286	17,967	33,837	5,615	10,449	12,351	11.79	19.13
22-Nov-18	379,439	97,591	44,460	17,951	34,178	5,836	10,282	12,115	11.72	18.39
06-Dec-18	377,944	100,466	49,804	16,547	34,043	6,009	15,760	10,538	13.18	16.47
20-Dec-18	383,170	96,376	48,200	15,119	34,514	5,764	13,687	9,355	12.58	15.69
03-Jan-19	384,382	96,186	44,975	15,744	34,623	5,752	10,353	9,992	11.70	16.37
17-Jan-19	389,007	94,746	46,294	15,115	35,039	5,666	11,255	9,449	11.90	15.95
31-Jan-19	387,740	98,244	47,441	16,680	34,925	5,876	12,517	10,804	12.24	16.98
14-Feb-19	388,596	97,743	44,715	19,485	34,996	5,849	9,719	13,635	11.51	19.93

¹ With effect from the maintenance period starting 2 May 2014, the average fortnightly CRR on rupee deposits is 9.0 per cent and the average fortnightly CRR on foreign currency deposits is 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.

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