

Maintenance of Cash Ratio by Banks

Period Ended	Deposit Base ¹ (1)	Average Cash Balances Held for the Period (2)	Required Minimum Cash Balances 4.5% of (1) (3)	Excess Cash Holdings (2) - (3)	Average Cash Ratios (2) / (1) (Per cent)
	(Rs million)				
14-Jan-10	263,116	15,672	11,840	3,832	5.96
31-Dec-09	259,197	13,223	11,664	1,559	5.10
17-Dec-09	256,159	13,206	11,527	1,679	5.16
03-Dec-09	253,774	12,711	11,420	1,291	5.01
19-Nov-09	254,313	13,075	11,444	1,631	5.14
05-Nov-09	254,063	12,448	11,433	1,015	4.90
22-Oct-09	253,658	12,912	11,415	1,497	5.09
08-Oct-09	253,997	12,834	11,430	1,404	5.05
24-Sep-09	255,445	13,810	11,495	2,315	5.41
10-Sep-09	256,295	12,827	11,533	1,294	5.01
27-Aug-09	258,676	13,255	11,640	1,615	5.12
13-Aug-09	260,252	12,778	11,711	1,067	4.91
30-Jul-09	260,676	13,972	11,730	2,242	5.36
16-Jul-09	261,743	14,101	11,778	2,323	5.39
02-Jul-09	256,813	14,773	11,557	3,216	5.75
18-Jun-09	253,062	16,909	11,388	5,521	6.68
04-Jun-09	252,211	12,296	11,350	946	4.88
21-May-09	249,804	12,739	11,241	1,498	5.10
07-May-09	250,490	12,173	11,272	901	4.86
23-Apr-09	250,123	13,271	11,255	2,016	5.31
09-Apr-09	249,016	13,101	11,206	1,895	5.26
26-Mar-09	248,637	13,627	11,189	2,438	5.48
12-Mar-09	245,313	12,869	11,039	1,830	5.25
26-Feb-09	244,289	13,427	10,993	2,434	5.50
12-Feb-09	242,719	13,556	10,922	2,634	5.59
29-Jan-09	242,838	14,710	10,928	3,782	6.06
15-Jan-09	243,515	14,479	10,958	3,521	5.95
01-Jan-09	238,077	13,045	10,714	2,331	5.48

¹ The deposit base is lagged by two weeks.

With effect from the maintenance period ended 1 January 2009, the cash ratio that banks are required to maintain has been set at 4.5 per cent.

The cash balances consist exclusively of balances held by banks with the Bank of Mauritius.

Source: Statistics Division.