

BPR140

Market Risk

Purpose of document

This document sets out the methodology a bank must use to calculate its total capital requirement for market risk exposure. The market risk capital requirement is a component in the calculation of capital ratios, as defined in BPR100, which a bank must carry out to determine its compliance with minimum regulatory capital requirements. This document applies to both standardised and IRB banks.

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Conditions of registration

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989 (the **Act**) permits the Reserve Bank to impose conditions of registration (**conditions**) on registered banks¹.

This document BPR140: Market Risk forms part of the requirements for the following conditions:*

- A New Zealand-incorporated registered bank is normally subject to a condition requiring it to maintain capital ratios above specified minimum levels, and also to a condition imposing restrictions on its dividend payments when its prudential capital buffer ratio falls below specified levels.² This document sets out the calculation framework for market risk capital requirements that will be needed by such a bank to allow it to calculate its day-to-day values for the capital ratios and the capital buffer ratio, and hence monitor its compliance with these capital adequacy conditions.

** All of the material set out in this document forms part of the requirements of the applicable condition, except material that is expressly identified as guidance by being included in a shaded box like this.*

¹ The conditions can relate to any of the matters referred to in sections 73 – 73B, 78 and 81. The standard conditions are contained in Appendix 1 of document BS1: Statement of Principles.

² These conditions of registration relate to the matter referred to in: section 78(1)(c) (capital in relation to the size and nature of the business).

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Part A: Capital requirement for market risk

A1 Overview, definitions, and general requirements

A1.1 Overview

- (1) This document sets out the methodology a bank must use to calculate its total capital requirement for market risk exposure, which is needed to calculate the capital ratios defined in BPR100.
- (2) This methodology applies to every New Zealand-incorporated registered bank for the purpose of meeting its minimum capital ratio requirements, whether the bank uses the standardised or the IRB approach to capital adequacy.
- (3) The methodology must also be used for the information on market risk exposure that is included in the disclosure statements that both New Zealand-incorporated banks and branches of overseas-incorporated banks are required to publish under the Reserve Bank's disclosure regime.

Guidance: The methodology measures a bank's potential exposure to economic loss arising from adverse movements in interest rates, equity prices and exchange rates.

Source: adapted from BS2A, para 124; BS2B, para 7.0, BS6 para 1.

A1.2 Scope of market risk capital requirement

- (1) The market risk capital requirement captures changes in the economic value of financial assets and financial liabilities of a banking group arising from movements in interest rates, exchange rates, and equity prices.
- (2) However, the framework does not include fixed assets (including, for example, land and buildings), commodity instruments, and those equity instruments that constitute the banking group's own shareholders' equity.

Guidance: The values of fixed assets are influenced by movements in interest rates, exchange rates, and equity prices, but are not included in the framework, because of a desire to reduce complexity, and because fixed assets are generally not an important component of banks' asset holdings. Similarly, commodity risk (that is, economic losses arising from adverse movements in the price of commodity instruments) is not included in the market risk measurement framework, because registered banks in New Zealand generally do not have significant exposures to commodity risk.

Guidance: Equity instruments representing the shareholders' equity of the banking group are excluded from the market risk framework, since the potential for change in the value of these instruments due to market risk mirrors the potential for losses captured by the market risk capital requirements (because equity represents the difference between assets and liabilities). A bank's own equity represents its capacity to absorb losses arising from market risk exposures.

- (3) The framework captures end-of-day exposures only.

Guidance: This means that market risk exposures which arise in the course of a business day (intra-day exposures) are not covered.

The market risk capital methodology provided in this document is based on the Basel Committee's standardised approach set out in its January 1996 document Amendment to the Capital Accord to Incorporate Market Risks <https://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs24.pdf>. Key differences are –

The Reserve Bank does not give registered banks the option of becoming approved to use their own internal models for market risk, as provided for in the Basel approach.

The Reserve Bank's approach does not include commodity risk.

The Basel approach only covers interest rate risk in a bank's trading book, whereas the Reserve Bank approach measures interest rate risk across the whole of a bank's business.

Source: adapted from BS6, paras 2 to 5, and paras 13 and 14.

A1.3 Definitions

In this Part,

core rate-insensitive asset means a **rate-insensitive asset**, or part thereof, the amount of which does not temporarily increase and decrease with a regular seasonal pattern, and **core rate-insensitive liability** has the corresponding meaning

core rate-insensitive product means either or both of a **core rate-insensitive asset** or a **core rate-insensitive liability**

interest rate repricing date, as that term applies to a financial instrument or to a part of a financial instrument, means the earlier of—

- (a) the next interest rate reset date (being the date on which the rate of interest payable in respect of the financial instrument can or will alter); and
- (b) either—
 - (i) the date on which the principal sum is due and payable; or
 - (ii) if no principal sum is due and payable, the maturity date of the instrument

rate-insensitive asset means a financial asset, or part thereof, that the bank determines to be a rate-insensitive asset in accordance with section B3.2(1), and **rate-insensitive liability** has the corresponding meaning

rate-insensitive product means either or both of a **rate-insensitive asset** or a **rate-insensitive liability**.

seasonal rate-insensitive asset means a **rate-insensitive asset** the amount of which temporarily increases and decreases with a regular seasonal pattern, and **seasonal rate-insensitive liability** has the corresponding meaning

seasonal rate-insensitive product means either or both of a **seasonal rate-insensitive liability** or a **seasonal rate-insensitive liability**.

Source: BS2A, para 125; BS2B, para 7.1.

A2 Calculation of total capital for market risk

A2.1 Total capital charge for market risk

The total capital charge for market risk is the sum of—

- (a) the aggregate capital charge for interest rate risk, calculated in accordance with Part B; and
- (b) the aggregate capital charge for currency risk, calculated in accordance with Part C; and
- (c) the aggregate capital charge for equity risk, calculated in accordance with Part D.

Source: BS2A, para 134; BS2B, para 7.13.

Guidance: The methodology for interest rate risk directly produces a figure for the amount of capital at risk from interest rate exposure, and this is the

capital charge. The capital charges for currency risk and equity risk are determined by first calculating the gross risk exposure and then multiplying that amount by 8%. This ensures that the measures of exposure to different forms of market risk are placed on a comparable scale: that is, the value at risk.

Source: BS6, adapted from para 15.

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Part B: Capital requirement for interest rate risk

B1 Overview

B1.1 Aggregate capital charge for interest rate risk

The aggregate capital charge for interest rate risk is calculated by–

- (a) calculating the total interest rate exposure in each currency, including NZD, in which the bank has interest rate exposure, following the methodology set out in Subparts B2 to B6; then
- (b) summing the interest rate exposure figures across all currencies for which the figure calculated in accordance with subsection (a) is positive; then
- (c) summing the interest rate exposure figures across all currencies for which the figure calculated in accordance with subsection (a) is negative; and
- (d) taking the greater of the sum in subsection (b) and the absolute value of the sum in subsection (c).

Source: BS2A, para 131; BS2B, para 7.8.

Guidance: This aggregation rule accounts, at least in part, for correlations in interest rate movements across currencies, and is less conservative than the standard Basel model which requires the aggregation of the absolute positions across currencies.

Source: BS6, para 51, with some disclosure-related text cut.

B1.2 Steps in the calculation of interest rate exposure in each currency

To calculate the interest rate exposure in each currency a bank must–

- (a) in accordance with subpart B2, determine which matched long and short positions can be excluded from the exposure measurement; and
- (b) in accordance with subpart B3, for each instrument that is not excluded under subsection (a), –
 - (i) allocate the value of the instrument to the specified time band in the currency in which the instrument is denominated; or
 - (ii) where applicable, allocate portions of the value of the instrument to more than one of the specified time bands, and where also applicable, to more than one currency; and

Guidance: For example, a cross-currency interest rate swap is treated as separate asset and liability positions in the respective currencies (see section [B1.4]).

- (c) using the amounts allocated across time bands and currencies under subsection (b), calculate total interest rate exposure in each currency as the sum of–
 - (i) the net open interest rate risk position (directional interest rate risk), calculated as the sum of all asset values (positive) and liability values (negative) in the currency, risk-weighted according to where they sit in the repricing schedule, as detailed in subpart B4; and
 - (ii) the basis risk exposure within each time band for the currency, using the vertical disallowance methodology specified in subpart B5; and

- (iii) the yield curve risk exposure for the currency, using the methodology of horizontal disallowance across time bands specified in subpart B6.

Source: New material: replaces BS2A, para 126; BS2B, paras 7.2 and 7.3.

Guidance: The net open position in each currency may be a positive or negative number, and the calculations of exposure to basis risk and yield curve risk includes a step to give each of those measures the same sign as the net open position in the currency. This means that there is no offsetting between directional interest rate risk, basis risk and yield curve risk, and the aggregate for each currency may be positive or negative.

B1.3 Scope and valuation

- (1) For the purpose of calculating the capital charge for interest rate risk in accordance with this part, the bank must include all financial instruments within the scope specified in section A1.2, other than long or short positions in equity instruments.
- (2) Derivatives other than options must be decomposed into corresponding notional instruments for inclusion in the calculation, as applicable, in accordance with section B1.4.
- (3) The value of a financial instrument to be included in the calculation must be expressed in NZD and is,—
 - (a) in the case of an unrecognised financial instrument, the face or contract amount of the financial instrument; and
 - (b) in the case of a derivative other than an option, the principal amount of the underlying or of the notional underlying instruments, updated in line with the current market valuation of corresponding actual instruments; and
 - (c) in the case of an option, the value determined under the methodology in section B1.5; and
 - (d) in the case of other financial instruments, the carrying amount of the financial instrument.
- (4) To obtain the NZD value of an instrument denominated in a foreign currency, for the purpose of this section, the bank must convert the relevant foreign currency amount to NZD at the mid-point of market bid and offer rates applying at the close of business on the relevant day.

Source: BS2A, para 127(2) (and part of 127(1)); BS2B, para 7.4(b) and part of 7.4(a); expanded drawing on BS6 paras 30 and 59.

Guidance: Appendix 1 contains an example which illustrates the methodology for the interest rate risk capital calculation set out in Part B. [TO BE ADDED IN FINAL VERSION]

Source: BS6, last part of para 16.

B1.4 Treatment of derivatives other than options

- (1) For the purpose of allocating derivatives to time bands, including interest rate derivatives that have a foreign exchange component such as cross-currency basis swaps, a bank should have regard to subsection (2) and to the following guidelines—
 - (a) an interest rate swap in which the bank agrees to swap fixed rate interest payments (or receipts) for floating rate payments (or receipts) should be treated as—

- (i) a financial asset (or liability) with a maturity equivalent to the term of the underlying fixed rate agreement; and
- (ii) a financial liability (or asset) with a maturity equivalent to the term of the underlying floating rate agreement; and

Guidance: The principal amount of the notional financial asset and financial liability for an interest rate swap agreement is the notional value of the swap contract.

- (b) a forward rate agreement under which a bank agrees to invest (or borrow) funds for a fixed term, at an agreed interest rate, after a *specified elapsed time* (spanning today and the agreed future start date) should be treated as–
 - (i) an interest bearing financial asset (or liability) with a maturity equal to the fixed term plus the specified elapsed time; and
 - (ii) an interest bearing financial liability (or asset) with maturity equal to the specified elapsed time; and

Guidance: The principal amount of the notional financial asset and liability underlying a forward rate agreement should be the contract amount.

- (c) a compound or hybrid financial instrument, comprising more than one notional underlying financial instrument of any of the types specified in this subpart or an option, should be decomposed into separate financial instruments and treated in the manner applying to the instrument in this Subpart, or in the case of an option, as specified in Section B1.5.

Source: BS6, para 30 omitting 3rd bullet.

- (2) Where different components of a derivative are in different currencies, each component must be allocated to the time band and currency applicable to that component, and then included in the calculation of the capital charge for interest rate risk for that currency.

New text.

B1.5 Treatment of interest rate risk on options

A bank may either–

- (a) separately determine the interest rate risk in a single currency arising from options using its own methodology and add this risk to the total interest rate risk in that currency; or
- (b) use one of the methods for measuring risk on options contained in the Basel Committee’s January 1996 document Amendment to the Capital Accord to Incorporate Market Risks <https://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs24.pdf>, and incorporate that measure of risk on interest rate options into its calculation of total interest rate risk in accordance with the chosen methodology.

Guidance: Banks that trade significantly in options should use the Basel “delta-plus method” to capture gamma and vega risks.

Source: BS6, para 30, 3rd bullet.

B2 Exclusion of matched positions

B2.1 Criteria for exclusion

A bank may exclude a matched long and short position from the calculation of the capital charge for interest rate risk in this Part if the matched position–

- (a) relates to financial instruments with the same issuer, coupon, currency, and maturity; or
- (b) is–
 - (i) of a kind referred to in section B2.2, B2.3, or B2.4, as the case may be; and
 - (ii) meets the conditions specified in whichever of those sections applies.

Source: BS2A, para 128(1); BS2B, para 7.5(a).

B2.2 Futures

A bank may exclude a matched position in futures from the calculation if the underlying financial instruments to which the futures relate–

- (a) are for the same product; and
- (b) have the same value or notional value; and
- (c) are denominated in the same currency; and
- (d) mature within seven days of each other.

Source: BS2A, para 128(2); BS2B, para 7.5(b)(i).

B2.3 Swaps and forward rate agreements

A bank may exclude a matched position in swaps (including separate legs of different swaps) or forward rate agreements from the calculation if the underlying financial instruments to which the swaps or forward rate agreements relate–

- (a) are for the same product; and
- (b) have the same value or notional value; and
- (c) are denominated in the same currency; and
- (d) have reference rates (for floating rate positions) that are identical; and
- (e) have coupons that are either–
 - (i) identical; or
 - (ii) do not differ by more than 15 basis points; and
- (f) have future interest rate repricing dates that differ by no more than the limit specified in column 2 of Table B2.3, in the row corresponding to the shortest time that any of the instruments has until its next repricing date specified in column 1.

Table B2.3
Swaps and forward rate agreements

| <i>Shortest time to next repricing date of any of the instruments</i> | <i>Maximum permitted gap between next repricing date of all instruments</i> |
|---|---|
| one month or less | on the same day as each other |
| more than one month and less than one year | within seven days of each other |
| one year or more | within thirty days of each other |

Source: BS2A, para 128(3); BS2B, para 7.5(b)(ii).

B2.4 Forwards

A bank may exclude a matched position in forwards from the calculation if the underlying financial instruments to which the forwards relate—

- (a) are for the same product; and
- (b) have the same value or notional value; and
- (c) are denominated in the same currency; and
- (d) have maturity dates that differ by no more than the limit specified in column 2 of Table B2.4, in the row corresponding to the shortest residual time to maturity of any of the instruments specified in column 1.

Table B2.4
Forwards

| <i>Shortest residual time to maturity of any of the matched instruments</i> | <i>Maximum permitted gap between maturity dates of all the matched instruments</i> |
|---|--|
| one month or less | on the same day as each other |
| more than one month and less than one year | within seven days of each other |
| one year or more | within thirty days of each other |

Source: BS2A, para 128(4); BS2B, para 7.5(b)(iii).

B3 Allocating instruments to time bands

B3.1 Use of interest rate repricing schedules

- (1) A bank must allocate financial instruments to specified time bands in accordance with this subpart, and in a manner that reasonably reflects its assessment of the interest rate repricing date of those instruments.

Source: BS6, para 17 first sentence.

- (2) This subpart provides separate methods of allocation to time bands for—
 - (a) financial instruments that are determined to be rate-insensitive, provided in sections B3.2 and B3.3; and
 - (b) other financial instruments, provided in sections B3.4 and B3.5.

B3.2 Determination of rate-insensitive products (RIPs)

- (1) A bank must treat as a rate-insensitive product (**RIP**) any financial asset or financial liability, or part thereof, on which it considers that it does not have to promptly adjust the interest rate it earns, or pays, to maintain customer balances in response to a change in the general level of interest rates.

Source: BS6, para 24.

Guidance: RIPs comprise mainly retail savings and transaction accounts with zero or near-zero interest rates, for example, cheque account balances or saving accounts earning, say, 0.5 per cent interest or less. RIPs can also include zero or low interest lending, for example credit card balances.

Source: BS6, para 25.

- (2) A bank may allocate—
- (a) up to 20% of its total rate-insensitive assets in a given currency to the seasonal rate-insensitive asset category; and
 - (b) up to 20% of its total rate-insensitive liabilities in a given currency to the seasonal rate-insensitive liability category.

Source: BS2A, para 125; BS2B, para 7.1 (Definitions of seasonal rate insensitive assets/liabilities).

Guidance: A seasonal RIP is an RIP that is sensitive to intra-year seasonal patterns, for example, tax or Christmas flows. Observed variations in RIPs over more than one year, or expected variations in RIPs arising from future marketing strategies or technological change, are not seasonal variations.

- (3) Any asset or liability (or part thereof) that the bank has determined to be an RIP but not a seasonal RIP must be treated as a core RIP.

Source: BS6, para 26.

B3.3 Time bands for rate-insensitive products

- (1) A bank must allocate the aggregate value of all core rate-insensitive assets and of all core rate-insensitive liabilities to the time bands specified in Table B3.3 in accordance with the percentages set out in that Table.
- (2) A bank must allocate the aggregate value of all seasonal rate-insensitive assets and of all seasonal rate-insensitive liabilities to the time bands specified in subsection (3), with the percentage allocated to each time band reflecting the dates on which the bank expects seasonal increases and decreases to occur.
- (3) The time bands referred to in subsection (2) are as follows:
- (a) up to 1 month:
 - (b) 1 to 6 months:
 - (c) 6 to 12 months.

Source: BS2A, para 127(5)(b) and (c); BS2B, para 7.4(e)(ii) and (iii).

Table B3.3
Allocation of value of core rate-insensitive products
across time bands

| <i>Time bands</i> | <i>Percentage of aggregate value</i> |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 month or less | 5 |
| more than 1 month but less than 6 months | 5 |
| more than 6 months but less than 1 year | 10 |
| more than 1 year but less than 2 years | 20 |
| more than 2 years but less than 4 years | 40 |
| more than 4 years but less than 6 years | 20 |

B3.4 Interest rate repricing bands for rate-sensitive instruments

For any financial instrument not excluded from the interest rate risk calculation in accordance with subpart B2, and not a rate-insensitive product, a bank must allocate the value of the instrument, or a proportion of it, to one of the time bands specified in Table B3.4—

- (a) in a manner that reflects the date on which the interest rate applicable to the financial instrument, or part of the financial instrument, can be reset, or the date at which the principal, or a part of the principal, will be paid; and
- (b) following the principles set out in section B3.5.

Source: BS2A, para 127(4); BS2B, para 7.4(d); subsection (1)(b) added.

Table B3.4
Interest repricing time bands

| |
|--------------------------------------|
| 1 month or less |
| more than 1 month and up to 6 months |
| more than 6 months and up to 1 year |
| more than 1 year and up to 2 years |
| more than 2 years and up to 4 years |
| more than 4 years and up to 6 years |
| more than 6 years and up to 10 years |
| more than 10 years |

Source: BS2A, Table 10.1; BS2B, Table 10.1.

B3.5 Principles for allocating financial instruments to time bands

- (1) A bank is generally free to allocate instruments to the relevant time bands according to its assessment of the interest rate repricing dates of those instruments but, in doing so, is expected to comply with the guidelines set out in subsection (2).
- (2) The guidelines are that–
 - (a) a security should receive the same treatment regardless of whether it is held for trading or held to maturity; and
 - (b) a bank may treat an impaired asset as non-interest bearing, and may make its own judgement about the time band for the asset; and
 - (c) subject to subsection (d), the time band for an asset that is not impaired should generally be determined by its contractual repricing date or residual maturity, whichever is the earlier; and
 - (d) despite subsection (c), if a bank has an element of discretion in applying interest rate changes to an asset, it can make its own judgement about the effect that any lag in adjusting the interest rate has on the time band for the asset; and
 - (e) a bank should not generally take embedded options into account, except that if a bank has hedged an embedded option, it may treat the overall hedged position as the contractual position; and
 - (f) a bank should treat term deposits and other term liabilities (other than those that are rate-insensitive) according to their contractual term.
- (3) If a bank's systems allocate financial instruments to a different set of time bands than those specified in Table B3.4, it may use its own systems and re-allocate instruments to the time bands in that table on a pro-rata basis.
- (4) If a bank has a near-hedge arrangement, whereby an asset and liability are in adjacent time bands in Table B3.4 and their repricing dates are no more than a few days either side of the boundary between the time bands, it may allocate the asset and liability to the same time band.

Guidance: A bank may allocate financial instruments to the specified time bands after adjusting for the actual duration of the instrument. However, in calculating the risk-weighted position in each time band for the purpose of the market risk capital requirement, the bank must use the assumed changes in interest rates shown in Table B4.1.

Source: BS6, paras 19 to 22, revised, some deletions.

B4 Directional interest rate risk in each currency

B4.1 Calculation of net open interest rate exposure (directional interest rate risk)

- (1) The net asset (positive) or net liability (negative) position in each time band for a given currency is calculated by summing–
 - (a) positive values for the value of each asset instrument or portion of an asset instrument allocated to that time band in accordance with subpart B3; and
 - (b) negative values for the value of each liability instrument or portion of a liability instrument allocated to that time band in accordance with subpart B3.

Based on BS6, para 34.
- (2) The **risk-weighted net position** in each time band is calculated by multiplying the net asset/liability position in each time band calculated in accordance with subsection (1) by the percentage risk-weight for the time band given in column 3 of Table B4.1.

Source: based on BS2A, para 127(3); BS2B, para 7.4(c), and parts of BS6 paras 35-36.

- (3) The net open interest rate risk exposure in the currency is the sum across the eight time bands of the risk-weighted net position in each time band calculated in accordance with subsection (2).

Source: BS6 para 37; also based on BS2A, para 127(1) and (3); BS2B, para 7.4(a) and (c).

Guidance: This measure of interest rate exposure is based on the assumed set of interest changes shown in Column 2 of table B4.1. The risk weight for each time band in Column 3 approximates to the duration of a financial instrument in that time band given the assumed change in interest rates. The result of this is that the risk-weighted net open position estimates the change in a bank's net financial assets for the assumed change in interest rates.

As the net asset/liability position in each time band can be positive or negative, the net open interest rate exposure can also be positive or negative.

Source: from BS6 paras 35 and 36, and new text.

Table B4.1
Risk weights for applicable time bands

| Time bands | Assumed interest rate changes (%) | Risk weights (%) |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| 1 month or less | 1.0 | 0 |
| more than 1 month but less than 6 months | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| more than 6 months but less than 1 year | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| more than 1 year but less than 2 years | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| more than 2 years but less than 4 years | 0.8 | 2.0 |
| more than 4 years but less than 6 years | 0.7 | 3.0 |
| more than 6 years but less than 10 years | 0.6 | 3.5 |
| 10 years or more | 0.6 | 4.4 |

Source: BS2A Table 10.1, BS2B Table 10.1.

B5 Basis risk in each currency

B5.1 Calculation of basis risk exposure

- (1) The total figure for exposure to basis risk in each currency is calculated by summing across all time bands the basis risk figure calculated for each time band for that currency in accordance with section B5.2, and changing the sign of the total if necessary in accordance with section B5.3.

Source: BS2A, para 129(1); BS2B, para 7.6(a).

B5.2 Calculation of basis risk in each time band

- (1) The basis risk exposure in each time band is calculated using the vertical disallowance methodology set out in subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) A bank must determine in each time band—

- (a) the matched position, defined as the lesser of the sum of the absolute values of the financial assets in the time band, and the sum of the absolute values of the financial liabilities in the time band; and

Guidance: This corresponds to the amount that is netted off in calculating the net open position for the time band in subsection B4.1(1).

- (b) the absolute value of the rate-insensitive products, defined as the sum of the absolute values of the rate-insensitive assets in the time band, and the absolute values of the rate-insensitive liabilities in that time band.
- (3) The vertical disallowance amount for the time band is calculated by multiplying the risk weight for the time band from Table B4.1 by the sum of the following:
- (a) 20% x the absolute value of rate-insensitive products; and
- (b) zero, or 5% x (the matched position less the absolute value of the rate-insensitive products), whichever is greater.

Source: BS2A, para 129(2); BS2B, para 7.6(b).

Guidance: The measure of directional interest rate risk calculated in subpart B4 matches off assets and liabilities in each time band to leave only the net open interest rate exposure. The calculation in this subpart accounts for the possibility that interest rate movements may not be perfectly matched, even for similar maturities, because of basis risk. Hence the calculation "disallows" a portion of the matching from subpart B4. The disallowance factor is significantly higher for rate-insensitive products, since they are by definition unlikely to change value much when interest rates generally change.

New text, adapts BS6 para 47.

B5.3 Basis risk to have same sign as directional interest rate risk

If the net open interest rate exposure number calculated in Subpart B4 is negative, the measure of basis risk calculated in sections B5.1 and B5.2 must be given a negative sign.

Guidance: The figures calculated in sections B5.1 and B5.2 are always positive, but basis risk should not offset the directional interest rate risk in a given currency. Hence, the basis risk measure in a currency must be given the same sign as the net open interest exposure calculated for that currency.

Source: BS2A, para 129(3); BS2B, para 7.6(c), also BS6 para 50.

B6 Yield curve risk in each currency

B6.1 Yield curve risk: horizontal disallowance in single currency

- (1) This subpart sets out the horizontal disallowance methodology, which is used to calculate the component of interest rate risk arising from yield curve risk, that is, changes in interest rates that differ at different maturities along the yield curve (non-parallel yield curve shift).
- Source: BS6 para 38.*
- (2) For the purpose of calculating the horizontal disallowance, the eight time bands from Table B4.1 are grouped into three wider time zones in accordance with Table B6.1.

Table B6.1
Time zones

| <i>Time bands (from Table B4.1)</i> | <i>Time zone</i> |
|--|------------------|
| 1 month or less | zone 1 |
| more than 1 month but less than 6 months | |
| more than 6 months but less than 1 year | |
| more than 1 year but less than 2 years | zone 2 |
| more than 2 years but less than 4 years | |
| more than 4 years but less than 6 years | zone 3 |
| more than 6 years but less than 10 years | |
| 10 years or more | |

Source: BS2A, para 130(a); BS2B, para 7.7(a).

- (3) The total horizontal disallowance in a single currency is calculated by–
- summing the **within-zone disallowances** calculated for each of the three time zones in accordance with section B6.2 and the **across-zone disallowances** for each of the three pairs of time zones calculated in accordance with sections B6.4 to B6.6; then
 - giving the total calculated in subsection (a) the same sign (positive or negative) as the bank's directional interest rate risk in the currency calculated in accordance with section B4.1.

Guidance: The measure of interest rate risk in a single currency needs to be adjusted to account for yield curve risk, that is, imperfect correlation in interest rates across different time horizons.

The measure of directional interest rate risk calculated in subpart B4 adds the net positive and negative positions across time bands. The implied assumption in fully offsetting these amounts is that interest rate movements in each of the time bands are perfectly correlated with each other: that is, a constant yield curve shift. The treatment in this subpart accounts for yield curve risk by disallowing a portion of those offset amounts. The method calculates standard horizontal disallowances.

The proportion of the offset which is added back varies according to the proximity of the time bands to one another. The further apart the time bands, the greater the add-on arising from imperfect correlation along the yield curve.

A within-zone horizontal disallowance is calculated for each of the three time zones to account for divergent yield curve movements across the time bands within that time zone. An across-zone horizontal disallowance is calculated between Zones 1 and 2, Zones 2 and 3, and Zones 1 and 3, to account for divergent yield curve movements across time zones.

The total calculated in this way is given the same sign as the directional interest rate risk position, which can be a net long (positive) or net short (negative) position in a given currency. This is to ensure that yield curve

risk always increases the absolute value of the interest rate risk in each currency.

Source: BS6, paras 38 to 40, and 46.

Source: BS2A, para 130(d) and (e); BS2B, para 7.7(d) and (e).

B6.2 Calculation of amount of within-zone disallowance

- (1) The amount of the **within-zone disallowance** in each time zone in a single currency is calculated in accordance with subsections (2) to (6).
- (2) The **aggregate risk-weighted long position** for the time zone is the sum of the **risk-weighted net positions** for each time band within the time zone for which that net position is a long position (positive number).
- (3) The **aggregate risk-weighted short position** for the time zone is the sum of the **risk-weighted net positions** for each time band within the time zone for which that net position is a short position (negative number).

Guidance: The risk weighted net position in a time band is the figure calculated in section B4.1(2).

- (4) The **risk-weighted matched position** in the time zone is the lesser of the absolute value of the **aggregate risk weighted long position** for the time zone and the absolute value of the **aggregate risk weighted short position** for the time zone.

Guidance: The matched position represents the amount that has been offset, within the time zone, between time bands with long positions and time bands with short positions. If the net positions in the time bands are all long, or all short, there is no offsetting, and the matched position for the time zone is nil.

- (5) The **residual position** in each time zone is the sum of the **aggregate risk-weighted long position** (positive) and the **aggregate risk-weighted short position** (negative) in that time zone.

Guidance: The residual position is the amount left over after any matching. It can be a positive (long) or negative (short) amount. It is used to calculate the across-zone disallowances, as provided for in sections B6.4 to B6.6.

- (6) The amount of **within-zone disallowance** in a time zone is the value of the **risk-weighted matched position** in that time zone calculated in subsection (4), multiplied by the disallowance factor for that time zone specified in Table B6.2.

Table B6.2
Within-zone disallowances

| <i>Time zone</i> | <i>Disallowance factor</i> |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| zone 1 | 40% |
| zone 2 | 30% |
| zone 3 | 30% |

Source: BS2A, para 130(b); BS2B, para 7.7(b).

B6.3 Order of calculation of across-zone disallowances

- (1) The across-zone disallowance factors that must be used to determine the across-zone disallowance amount are those specified in Table B6.3.

Table B6.3
Across-zone disallowance factors

| <i>Time zones</i> | <i>Disallowance factor</i> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| zone 1 and 2 | 40% |
| zone 2 and 3 | 40% |
| zone 1 and 3 | 100% |

- (2) Across-zone disallowances must be determined in the following order:
- disallowance across zones 1 and 2; then
 - disallowance across zones 2 and 3; then
 - disallowance across zones 1 and 3.
- (3) The methods for calculating the across-zone disallowances between each of the three pairs specified in subsection (2) are set out in sections B6.4 to B6.6.

Source: BS2A, para 130(c)(i); BS2B, para 7.7(c)(i).

- (4) The **residual position** in each time zone that is used for calculating the across-zone disallowances in each currency is the amount calculated in subsection B6.2(5).

New text.

B6.4 Zone 1/Zone 2 disallowance

- (1) If the Zone 1 **residual position** and Zone 2 **residual position** have the same sign, the **matched position** between Zones 1 and 2 is nil (no matching) and the Zone 1/Zone 2 **across-zone horizontal disallowance** is nil.
- (2) If the Zone 1 **residual position** and Zone 2 **residual position** have different signs, the Zone 1/Zone 2 **matched position** is the lesser of the absolute values of the two **residual positions**, and the Zone 1/Zone 2 **across-zone horizontal disallowance** is the **matched position** multiplied by the applicable disallowance factor from Table B6.3.
- (3) The Zone 1 **net residual position** is calculated by taking the difference between the absolute value of the Zone 1 **residual position** and the Zone 1/Zone 2 **matched position**, and giving the answer a minus sign if the Zone 1 **residual position** is a short position (negative number).
- (4) The Zone 2 **net residual position** is calculated by taking the difference between the absolute value of the Zone 2 **residual position** and the **matched position** between time zones 1 and 2, and giving the answer a minus sign if the Zone 2 **residual position** is a short position (negative number).

Source: BS2A, para 130(c)(iii), (c)(iv) and (c)(vi)(A); BS2B, para 7.7(c)(iii), (c)(iv) and (c)(vi) (1st bullet).

Guidance: The Zone 1 and 2 net residual positions are the amounts left over after matching between Zones 1 and 2, and are carried forward for the Zone 2/3 and Zone 1/3 disallowance calculations.

B6.5 Zone 2/Zone 3 disallowance

- (1) If the Zone 2 **net residual position** and the Zone 3 **residual position** have the same sign, the **matched position** between Zones 2 and 3 is nil (no matching) and the Zone 2/Zone 3 **across-zone horizontal disallowance** is nil.
- (2) If the Zone 2 **net residual position** and the Zone 3 **residual position** have different signs, the Zone 2/Zone 3 **matched position** is the lesser of the absolute values of the Zone 2 **net residual position** and the Zone 3 **residual position**, and the Zone 2/Zone 3 **across-zone horizontal disallowance** is the **matched position** multiplied by the applicable disallowance factor from Table B6.3.
- (3) The Zone 3 **net residual position** is calculated by taking the difference between the absolute value of the Zone 3 **residual position** and the Zone 2/Zone 3 **matched position**, and giving the answer a minus sign if the Zone 3 **residual position** is a short position (negative number).

Source: BS2A, para 130(c)(v) and (c)(vi)(B); BS2B, para 7.7(c)(v) and (c)(vi)(2nd bullet).

Guidance: The Zone 3 net residual position is the amount left over after matching between Zones 2 and 3, and is carried forward for offsetting against the Zone 1 net residual position.

B6.6 Zone 1/Zone 3 disallowance

- (1) If the Zone 1 **net residual position** and the Zone 3 **net residual position** have the same sign, the **matched position** between Zones 1 and 3 is nil (no matching) and the Zone 1/Zone 3 **across-zone horizontal disallowance** is nil.
- (2) If the Zone 1 **net residual position** and the Zone 3 **net residual position** have different signs, the Zone 1/Zone 3 **matched position** is the lesser of the absolute values of the Zone 1 **net residual position** and the Zone 3 **net residual position**, and the Zone 1/Zone 3 **across-zone horizontal disallowance** is the **matched position** multiplied by the applicable disallowance factor from Table B6.3.

Source: BS2A, para 130(c)(vii); BS2B, para 7.7(c)(vii).

Part C: Capital requirement for currency risk

C1 Aggregate capital charge for currency risk

C1.1 Capital requirement for currency risk

- (1) The exposure to currency risk in a single foreign currency is determined by subtracting the aggregate value of financial liabilities in the currency from the aggregate value of the financial assets in the currency.
- (2) The capital requirement for currency risk is calculated by–
 - (a) summing the currency exposure across all foreign currencies for which the exposure is a net long position (positive number); then
 - (b) summing the currency exposure across all foreign currencies for which the exposure is a net short position (negative number); then
 - (c) taking the greater of the amount calculated in subsection (a) and the absolute value of the amount calculated in subsection (b) and multiplying the result by 0.08.
- (3) For the purpose of the capital calculation in this section, a bank must include all foreign currency assets and liabilities within the scope of calculation set out in section C1.2, and must value foreign currency assets and liabilities following the valuation approach specified in section C1.3.

Source: BS2A, para 132(1) and (4); BS2B, paras 7.9(a) and 7.10; plus new text for subsection (3)t.

C1.2 Scope of currency risk calculation

- (1) The following items must not be included in the calculation of the currency risk capital requirement:
 - (a) a financial instrument that has been included in the capital of the banking group or issued by an associate of any member of the banking group; and
 - (b) an investment in premises; and
 - (c) any other structural position denominated in a foreign currency that is of a fixed long-term nature.

Source: BS2A, para 132(2); BS2B, paras 7.9(d); BS6, para 56.

- (2) All financial instruments not covered by subsection (1) that give rise to an identifiable and definite currency risk should be included in the measure of exposure.

Source: BS6, para 56.

- (3) The following financial instruments should be included in the measure of currency risk:
 - (a) recognised financial instruments; and

Guidance: This covers foreign currency assets and liabilities recorded in the bank's financial statements, including all foreign currency borrowings, deposits, loans, bills and investments, and liquid assets (including funds lodged with overseas banks and in money market securities).

- (b) unrecognised financial instruments; and

Guidance: This covers foreign currency transactions not recorded or disclosed under conventional double-entry accounting procedures, but which entail an identifiable foreign currency commitment. Gross amounts of outstanding sale and purchase contracts must be included.

- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b), unrecognised financial instruments include–

- (a) undelivered spot purchases/sales; and

Guidance: For the purpose of this methodology, a spot transaction is defined as one contracted for receipt or delivery within two business days from the calculation date. An undelivered spot transaction is an outstanding spot contract written but not delivered. This also includes forwards due to be delivered "within spot", all undelivered legs of "less than spot" swaps, and the undelivered "spot" legs of spot/forward swaps.

- (b) forward purchases/sales; and

Guidance: A forward transaction is defined as one contracted for receipt or delivery beyond two business days from report date. Forward purchases/sales refer to the gross amount of outstanding forwards, other than those to be delivered "within spot". These instruments also include both legs of forward/forward swaps and outstanding forward legs of spot/forward swaps.

- (c) futures/options contracts.

Guidance: This refers to all foreign currency futures and options contracts outstanding at the calculation date.

Source: BS6, para 60.

C1.3 Valuation of financial instruments for currency risk capital requirement

- (1) For an unrecognised financial instrument, a bank must use the face or contract amount of the financial instrument expressed in NZD.
- (2) For a derivative other than an option contract, a bank must use the market value of the principal amount of the underlying or of the notional underlying instruments expressed in NZD.
- (3) For an option contract in a single foreign currency, a bank must use the delta-equivalent value.
- (4) For any other recognised financial instrument, the value to be used is the carrying amount of the financial instrument expressed in NZD.
- (5) Despite subsections (1) to (4), if a bank has the capacity to value financial instruments on a present value basis, it may do so for the purposes of calculating its exposure to currency risk in a given currency.
- (6) To obtain the NZD value of a financial instrument for the currency risk calculation, the valuation of the instrument in its currency of denomination must be converted to NZD at the mid-point of market bid and offer rates applying at the close of business on the relevant day.

Source: BS2A, para 132(3); BS2B, paras 7.9(b) and (c); blended with BS6 paras 58 and 59.

Part D: Capital requirement for equity risk

D1 Aggregate capital charge for equity risk

D1.1 Capital requirement for equity risk

- (1) The exposure to equity risk in a single currency is determined by subtracting the aggregate amount of the value of all of the equity instruments in that currency that are financial liabilities from the aggregate amount of the value of all the equity instruments in that currency that are financial assets.
- (2) The capital requirement for equity risk is calculated by–
 - (a) summing the equity exposure across all currencies for which the exposure is a net long position (positive number); then
 - (b) summing the equity exposure across all currencies for which the exposure is a net short position (negative number); then
 - (c) summing the amount calculated in subsection (a) and the absolute value of the amount calculated in subsection (b) and multiplying the result by 0.08.
- (3) For the purpose of the capital calculation in this section, a bank must include all long and short positions in equity instruments within the scope of calculation set out in section D1.2, and must value those positions following the valuation approach specified in section D1.3.

Source: BS2A, paras 133(1) and (4); BS2B, paras 7.11(a) and 7.12; and new text.

D1.2 Scope of equity risk calculation

- (1) The following items must not be included in the calculation of the equity risk capital requirement:
 - (a) any structural position, such as an equity investment in an associate of any member of the banking group; and

Source: BS2A, para 133(2); BS2B, paras 7.11(b), combined with BS6 para 64.

Guidance: For the solo capital calculation, any equity investment in a subsidiary of the registered bank should also be excluded as a structural position.

Source: BS6, para 64.

- (b) non-convertible preferred shares that are included in the calculation of the capital requirement for interest rate risk.

Source: BS6 para 64.
- (2) The measure of equity exposure should include both recognised and unrecognised instruments that give rise to equity risk and that are not covered by subsection (1), including the following:
 - (a) voting and non-voting ordinary shares; and
 - (b) warrants that give the holder the right to acquire equity instruments; and
 - (c) convertible securities under the terms of which the holder has the right to convert the security into an equity instrument at a fixed conversion price; and
 - (d) commitments and other rights or obligations to buy or sell equity instruments; and
 - (e) equity futures; and
 - (f) equity swaps (treated as two notional positions in the same manner as currency swaps); and

- (g) equity options.

Source: BS6, para 67.

D1.3 Valuation of equity instruments

- (1) The value of an equity instrument is, in the case of–
- (a) an unrecognised equity instrument, the face or contract amount of the equity instrument expressed in NZD; and
 - (b) a net equity futures position, the marked-to-market value of the notional underlying equity position, expressed in NZD; and
 - (c) a net equity option position, the delta equivalent value, expressed in NZD; and
 - (d) an equity derivative not covered under paragraph (b) or (c), the market value of the principal amount of the underlying or of the notional underlying instruments, expressed in NZD; and
 - (e) any other equity instruments, the carrying amount of the equity instrument expressed in NZD.

Source: BS2A, paras 133(3); BS2B, paras 7.11(c) and (d).

- (2) The NZD value of an equity financial instrument denominated in a foreign currency is the value of that instrument converted to NZD at the mid-point of market bid and offer rates applying at the close of business on the relevant day.

Source: BS6, para 69.

Appendix 1
Interest rate risk calculation example
[to be added later]

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