

Notice on HSBC Standardised Base Rate

Effective 01 August 2022, Bank Negara Malaysia through the revised Reference Rate Framework has introduced the Standardised Base Rate (SBR) to replace the current Base Rate (BR) as a reference rate for the pricing of all new retail loans.

1. What is the Standardised Base Rate (SBR)

The Standardised Base Rate is and will be used as the common reference rate for all financial institutions for new retail floating-rate loans. The SBR is equivalent to benchmark rate. The benchmark rate shall be set as the prevailing Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) as set out in the Monetary Policy Statement of the Monetary Policy Committee of BNM. In the event of a change in the benchmark rate, Financial Service Providers (FSPs) are to adjust the SBR by the same quantum. Other components of loan pricing will continue to be reflected in the spread.

The new reference rate, SBR is at 2.25% p.a., which is the same as the new OPR rate broadcasted by BNM on 06 July 2022.

2. What are the objectives & benefits of the SBR?

This revised RRF outlines an industry-wide, standardised benchmark rate to be used by all FSPs to ensure that the requirements remain relevant and fit-for-purpose to:

- facilitate effective transmission of monetary policy decisions;
- promote a transparent reference rate that enables meaningful comparison of loan products across FSPs to allow consumers to make informed decisions; and
- reinforce sound and efficient practices in the pricing of floating-rate retail loans facilities by FSPs.

3. Published SBR for the Past 3 Years

