

Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) Accounts
{RFC (Domestic) Accounts}
Facility for Resident Indians

With a view to liberalise Exchange Control Regulations, vide their Circular letter AP(DIR.Series) 37 dated 1.11.2002 Reserve Bank of India have decided to allow person resident in India to open, hold and maintain with an Authorised Dealer in India, a Foreign Currency Account to be known as Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) Accounts {RFC (Domestic) Accounts}. Such accounts can be opened out of foreign currency acquired by person resident in India in the form of currency notes, bank notes and travellers cheques from the sources specified below :

- a) while on a visit to any place outside India by way of payment for services not arising from any business in or anything done in India, or
- b) from any person not resident in India and who is on a visit to India, as honorarium or gift or for services rendered or in settlement of any lawful obligation, or
- c) by way of honorarium or gift while on a visit to any place outside India, or
- d) represents the unspent amount of foreign exchange acquired by him from an authorised person for travel abroad.

Based on RBI Directives, we have finalised the captioned scheme, salient features of which are given as under :

Eligibility for opening account

A person resident in India is allowed to open, hold and maintain Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) Account.

Nature of Account

Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) Account will be maintained in the form of current account and *shall not bear any interest.*

Currency of Account

Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) Account will be opened in USD currency, for the present.

Credits

Foreign exchange in the form of currency notes, bank notes and travellers cheques from the sources specified at item (a) to (d) above only.

Debits

Debits to the account shall be for payments towards a current account transaction in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management (current Account Transactions) Rules 2000 and towards a capital account transaction permissible under the Foreign Exchange Management (Permissible Capital Account Transactions) Regulation 2000.

Cheque Book facility

Nature of the account being current account, cheque book facility will be available in the account.

Minimum and Maximum Balance

Minimum balance of USD 1000 to be maintained in the Account. In case balance falls short of the minimum balance of USD 1000, charges of USD 10 per half year will be deducted from the account.

There will be no upper cap on funds that can be held in such accounts.

Designated Branches

Branches presently authorised to open and maintain Resident Foreign Currency (RFC) Accounts are designated to open the proposed Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) Accounts also. List of designated branches is as under.

LIST OF DESIGNATED BRANCHES FOR RFC (DOMESTIC) ACCOUNTS

<u>SR.NO.</u>	<u>ZONES</u>	<u>NAME OF BRANCH</u>
1.	HYDERABAD	HYDERABAD, HYDERABAD OVS.
2.	VISAKHAPATNAM	VISAKHAPATNAM
3.	KARNATAKA	BANGALORE MAIN
4.	PATNA	PATNA
5.	RANCHI	RANCHI
6.	KOLKATTA	KOLKATTA OVERSEAS
7.	AHMEDABAD	AHMEDABAD MAIN, HMEDABAD NRI
8.	VADODARA	VADODARA MAIN, SURAT MAIN
9.	GANDHINAGAR	BHUJ NRI
10.	RAJKOT	RAJKOT MAIN
11.	INDORE	INDORE
12.	JABALPUR	JABALPUR
13.	GOA	MARGAO, VASCO, PANAJI
14.	MUMBAI SOUTH	MUMBAI OVS, MUMBAI NRI, MAHALAXMI
15.	MUMBAI NORTH	ANDHERI (W), GHATKOPAR (W), R.N. MARG , SION
16.	PUNE	PUNE MAIN
17.	NAGPUR	NAGPUR MAIN
18.	KOLHAPUR	KOLHAPUR
19.	NEW DELHI	NEW DELHI OVS., NEW DELHI NRI
20.	RAJASTHAN	JAIPUR
21.	CHANDIGARH	CHANDIGARH MAIN,
22.	LUDHIANA	AMRITSAR MAIN, LUDHIANA MAIN, JALANDHAR OVERSEAS, PHAGWARA
23.	BHUBANESHWAR	BHUBANESHWAR MAIN
24.	KERALA	ERNAKULAM NRI, TRIVANDURM, TRICHUR
25.	CHENNAI	CHENAI OVERSEAS
26.	LUCKNOW	LUCKNOW MAIN

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