

Immediate Credit of local/outstation/foreign currency cheques/instruments

No immediate credit of local cheques would be given in view of the Bank's efficient clearing procedures, which ensure that delays do not occur in realization of proceeds of the cheques. At centers where no clearing house exists cheques will be presented across the counter and the proceeds will be credited at the earliest.

Branches / extension counters of the Bank would grant immediate credit for outstation cheques / instruments drawn on Axis Bank centers up to the aggregate value of Rs.15,000/- (maximum limit outstanding per account at any one point of time) tendered for collection of individual account holders subject to satisfactory conduct of such accounts for a period not less than 6 months.

Immediate credit will be provided at the sole discretion of the Branch Head after carefully verifying the satisfactory conduct of the account, creditworthiness of the customer and the genuineness of the need of the customer.

The facility will be offered on savings bank/current/cash credit accounts of the customers.

Under this policy, prepaid instruments like demand drafts, interest/dividend warrants shall be treated on par with cheques.

Rs. 250/- will be charged on each such case as a flat fee over and above the normal collection charges.

For the purpose of this policy, a satisfactorily conducted account shall be the one, which fulfills all of the following: -

- a) Opened at least six months earlier and complying with KYC norms.
- b) Conduct of which has been satisfactory and bank has not noticed any irregular dealings.
- c) Where no cheques / instruments for which immediate credit was afforded returned unpaid for financial reasons.
- d) Where the Bank has not experienced any difficulty in recovery of any amount advanced in the past including cheques returned after giving immediate credit.
- e) Maintenance of Average Quarterly Balance (AQB) stipulation for at least 2 preceding quarters.

Immediate credit would also be subject to the following criteria.

- a) The account should be in Indian Rupees.
- b) The cheque / DD should be drawn on a scheduled commercial bank, payable in India (excluding a co-operative bank).
- c) The facility shall be extended to the customer at his / her base branch only.
- d) Cheques shall not be post-dated / out of date / nearing out of date (to avoid risk of return in clearing). The cheques must be at least 14 working days from the date of expiry of the cheque.
- e) The account shall not be „inoperative“.
- f) The amount of immediate credit, whether for a single or multiple cheques / DDs, shall not exceed Rs. 15,000/- in an eligible account, at any point in time.
- g) There should be no partial immediate credit of a cheque / DD.
- h) The cheque shall not be the customer’s own cheque from another account i.e. not self-drawn cheque.
- i) The facility of immediate credit would not be applicable to cheques collected under speed clearing arrangements.
- j) The policy of immediate credit would be reviewed annually considering the amount of losses, frauds and customer issues.

No immediate credit of foreign currency cheques shall be given in view of the greatly enhanced risk in such instruments. For low value cheques, the customer may approach the account holding branch requesting for a waiver of the cooling period (if any) to avail of the funds quickly.

Charging of interest on cheques returned unpaid where Instant Credit was given.

In the event the cheque is returned unpaid, the value of the cheque will be immediately debited to the account. Interest at the Bank’s Prime Lending Rate (PLR) will be charged from the date of credit of the cheque till the date on which the customer makes good the amount, in case of insufficient balance in the account on the date of return of the cheque.

Cheque return charges applicable will be levied in such cases.