

Exchange Rates

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Country and Currency	Range of Rates
Australia (Dollar)	0.9107- 0.9575
Austria (Schilling)	13.9270- 14.6412
Belgium (Franc)	29.4921- 31.9498
Canada (Dollar)	1.2321- 1.2953
China (Renminbi)	1.6143- 1.6970
Denmark (Kroner)	5.2786- 5.5493
Fiji (Dollar)	0.8552- 0.8990
France (Franc)	4.3839- 4.6087
Hong Kong (Dollar)	4.9605- 5.2149
India (Rupee)	8.3586- 8.7872
Italy (Lira)	863.3472-907.6205
Japan (Yen)	207.3063-217.9372
Malaysia (Ringgit)	2.2528- 2.3684
Netherlands (Guilder)	2.0544- 2.1597
New Caledonia and Tahiti (Franc)	79.7164- 83.8044
Norway (Kroner)	5.2311- 5.4994
Pakistan (Rupee)	10.1375- 10.6574
Portugal (Escudo)	49.9105- 52.4699
Singapore (Dollar)	2.2298- 2.3441
South Africa (Rand)	0.8698- 0.9144
Spain (Peseta)	71.0774- 74.7224
Sri Lanka (Rupee)	15.5765- 16.3753
Sweden (Krona)	4.4771- 4.7067
Switzerland (Franc)	1.7132- 1.8011
United Kingdom (Pound)	0.5107- 0.5369
United States of America (Dollar)	1.0282- 1.0810
West Germany (Deutschemark)	1.9009- 1.9983

Date: 27 February 1979.

Time: 9 a.m.

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Assistant Chief Cashier,  
Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.

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Country and Currency	Range of Rates
Australia (Dollar)	0.9138- 0.9606
Austria (Schilling)	14.0151- 14.7338
Belgium (Franc)	29.7587- 32.2386
Canada (Dollar)	1.2167- 1.2791
China (Renminbi)	1.6086- 1.6910
Denmark (Kroner)	5.3419- 5.6159
Fiji (Dollar)	0.8570- 0.9010
France (Franc)	4.3562- 4.5796

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Hong Kong (Dollar)	4.9528- 5.2068
India (Rupee)	8.3290- 8.7561
Italy (Lira)	866.4048-910.8350
Japan (Yen)	210.5274-221.3235
Malaysia (Ringgit)	2.2602- 2.3761
Netherlands (Guilder)	2.0586- 2.1642
New Caledonia and Tahiti (Franc)	80.1520- 84.2623
Norway (Kroner)	5.2351- 5.5035
Pakistan (Rupee)	10.1526- 10.6732
Portugal (Escudo)	49.0454- 51.5605
Singapore (Dollar)	2.2244- 2.3385
South Africa (Rand)	0.8688- 0.9134
Spain (Peseta)	71.2335- 74.8865
Sri Lanka (Rupee)	15.5215- 16.3175
Sweden (Krona)	4.4911- 4.7214
Switzerland (Franc)	1.7258- 1.8142
United Kingdom (Pound)	0.5089- 0.5351
United States of America (Dollar)	1.0270- 1.0796
West Germany (Deutschemark)	1.9092- 2.0071

Date: 5 March 1979.

Time: 9 a.m.

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Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington.

Trading Bank Reserve Asset Ratios

PURSUANT to section 33 of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1964, the Reserve Bank, acting with the approval of the Minister of Finance, hereby gives notice that as from the close of business on 1 March 1979, and until further notice, each trading bank shall maintain, during each calendar month, balances at the Reserve Bank plus holdings of Reserve Bank notes, and of New Zealand Government securities, such that the aggregate of the averages of those balances and holdings during that calendar month (determined in accordance with clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this notice) equals or exceeds the aggregate of:

- 32 percent of that trading bank's average demand deposit liabilities in New Zealand in the immediately preceding calendar month (determined in accordance with the provisions of clause 5 of this notice); plus
- 20 percent of that trading bank's average time deposit liabilities in New Zealand in the immediately preceding calendar month (determined in accordance with the provisions of clause 5 of this notice);

Provided that a trading bank may make up its balances and holdings as aforesaid for a calendar month to the amount hereinbefore required for that calendar month by way of borrowings from the Reserve Bank made during that calendar month or during the first 10 business days of the next following calendar month, and on terms and conditions to be determined by the Reserve Bank and the proceeds of all such borrowings shall be credited to the account of that trading bank with the Reserve Bank.

For the purposes of this notice:

- (1) Balances held by a trading bank at the Reserve Bank shall (subject to clause 6 of this notice) include both demand deposit balances and time deposit balances of that trading bank.
- (2) The average of a trading bank's holdings of Reserve Bank notes for a calendar month shall be the average of the figures shown in all weekly returns of Banking Statistics by that trading bank under the Statistics Act 1975 received during that calendar month.
- (3) The average of a trading bank's balances at the Reserve Bank and holdings of New Zealand Government securities for a calendar month shall in each case be the average of the figures for balances and such securities held by that trading bank on each day during that calendar month.
- (4) Government securities held by a trading bank shall consist of Government stock and Treasury bills (all at nominal value) held by that trading bank.
- (5) The average demand deposit liabilities and the average time deposit liabilities of a trading bank in a calendar month shall in each case be the average of the figures for days within that calendar month, as shown in that trading bank's weekly returns of Banking Statistics under the Statistics Act 1975.
- (6) The proceeds of any borrowings made by a trading bank pursuant to the proviso to this notice shall: