

COVID-19 RECOVERY SCHEME

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

This scheme is a loan facility initiated by the Government of Maldives to support businesses affected by Covid-19 to assist in managing their working capital requirements. Bank of Maldives is supporting the scheme by administering the funds.

2. What is the loan amount facilitated under Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

Bank of Maldives will be administering the funds under this scheme for the following two categories:

- Resort category: Up to MVR 7,710,000 for each resort
- Non-resort category: Up to MVR 1,000,000 for businesses

3. Who is eligible?

The Ministry of Finance will provide the Bank a list of all resorts and business segments that fit the Ministry's criteria for the Recovery Scheme. Please refer to the Ministry for details on the established criteria.

In addition to this, resorts and businesses will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

For businesses (non-resorts):

- Turnover in 2019 exceeding MVR 10 million
- Profitable in 2019
- Without any non-performing facilities at any financial institution

For resorts:

- Profitable in 2019
- Without any non-performing facilities at any financial institution
- Positive cash flow forecast for 3 years

4. What is the criteria for Bank's evaluation?

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5. What is the maximum tenor period for loans under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

The maximum tenor period for loans under this scheme is 3 years.

6. What is the interest rate for loans under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

The interest rate for loans under this scheme is 6% per annum.

7. What is the grace period for loans under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

The grace period for loans under this scheme is 6 months.

8. During the grace period for loans under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme, would interest repayment need to be made to the Bank?

Interest does not have to be paid during the grace period for loans under this scheme.

9. Is a security/mortgage required to apply for loans under Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

This is an unsecured facility and a security/mortgage is not required to apply for loans under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme.

10. Can a business apply for more than one loan under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

No, businesses meeting the eligibility criteria can only apply for one loan under this scheme.

11. How can I apply for a loan under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

You can apply for the loan via email to recoveryscheme@bml.com.mv.

Once the Application is received, the Bank will follow the regular credit evaluation process and once completed, our team will be in touch. Successful applicants will be required to visit the closest branch to formalize the loan agreement.

12. What documents do I need to apply for a loan under the Covid-19 Recovery Scheme?

Documents required to apply for the loan will be detailed in the Application Form:

Sole Proprietor:

- Proprietor's ID card copy
- Registration Certificate

Company:

- Registration Certificate
- Profile Sheet issued by Ministry of Economic Development

- Resolution of the Board of Directors, in line with the format provided by the Bank indicating the type of facility, amount of facility and authorized signatory for all documentations.

Partnership:

- Registration Certificate
- Profile Sheet issued by Ministry of Economic Development
- Resolution, in line with the format provided by the Bank indication type of facility, amount of facility and authorized signatory for all documentations.

Other documents required:

- Completed Application Form
- Financial accounts for the year 2019 (Audited or Management Accounts)
- GST Returns for 2019
- Summary of impact to the business from COVID-19 pandemic

