

**1. What is the pre-requisite to open an FC Fixed Deposit account?**

**Answer:** To open a FC fixed deposit account, opening a **Prime OBU FC Account or Prime OBU IB Account** is mandatory. To credit the funds for the Fixed Deposit account, the customer has to open a current account first. The current account will help to facilitate fund transfers, remittances and other account operations.

**2. What are the currency options for customers to open an FC Fixed Deposit accounts?**

**Answer:** Customers can open the account in USD & EURO currency only.

**3. What are the tenors available to open fixed deposit account?**

**Answer:** The available tenors are 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years and 5 years.

**4. Is there any minimum deposit threshold required to open FC Fixed Deposit accounts?**

**Answer:** Yes. For opening a FC Fixed Deposit account, the minimum deposit amount is USD/EUR 1000.

**5. Is there any maximum deposit limit for FC Fixed Deposit account?**

**Answer:** There is no maximum deposit limit.

**6. Can a customer open FC Fixed Deposit account in Islamic mode?**

**Answer:** Currently FC Fixed Deposit in OBU is available only in conventional mode.

**7. What is the interest rate in FC Fixed Deposit account?**

**Answer:** Maximum interest rate will be applicable as per below table:

Tenure of Deposit	Ceiling Rate
3M/6M/12M	Benchmark Reference Rate + <b>1.50%</b>
24M/36M	Benchmark Reference Rate + <b>2.25%</b>
48M/60M	Benchmark Reference Rate + <b>3.25%</b>

**8. Is interest rate fixed in FC Fixed deposit account?**

**Answer:** The interest rate is based on the benchmark rate of the respective currencies which may change on daily basis. Based on the benchmark rate of the respective currencies, the interest rate may vary. For the FC Fixed Deposit, the interest rate on the date of booking will be applicable till the maturity of the deposit.

**9. What is a “Benchmark Rate”?**

**Answer:** Benchmark or reference rate is a rate that reflects the cost of borrowing in a particular currency based on international demand and supply.

**10. How can I find out the interest rate for FC fixed deposits?**

**Answer:** To know the interest rates of different tenors that are applicable today, please visit Prime Bank website.

**11. What are the Benchmark Rates of the respective currencies?**

**Answer:**

<b>Currency Code</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>
US Dollar	Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)
Euro	Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR)

**12. What interest rate will be applied for premature encashment of FC fixed deposit?**

**Answer:**

- If the account is closed (early encashed) prior Three (03) Months, the account holder will get back only principal amount and no interest will be paid.
- If the account is closed (early encashed) any time prior to maturity but after completion of Three (03) Month, the account holder will get back the principal amount and the interest on the principal amount at Three (03) Months' Benchmark Rate (of issued/renewal date) of the respective currency. No mark-up rate will be paid in this regard.

**14. Is there any tax or Excise duty applicable on the deposit or interest?**

**Answer:** No. As per new Offshore Banking Act passed by National Parliament of Bangladesh on 14 March 2024, depositors are exempted from any tax on the balance of IB account and on any interest paid. Also no excise duty is applicable on the balance of the account.