

Nature of the product

Outward Investment account.

Benefits to the customers

- Interest Rate
Please refer to <http://www.peoplesbank.lk> for latest interest rates.

Eligibility

- Companies incorporated in Sri Lanka under the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 other than a company limited by guarantee.
- A Licensed Commercial Bank or Licensed Specialized Bank, in terms of the Banking Act No. 30 of 1988.
- Regulated/ licensed entities (excluding the eligible investors under (a) and (b) above), under the Central Bank, Securities Exchange Commission, Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.
- Employees' Provident Fund established under the Employees' Provident Fund Act No. 15 of 1958, or Approved Provident Funds declared by the Commissioner General of Labor.
- A partnership registered in Sri Lanka; and
- An individual resident in Sri Lanka or/with a sole proprietorship registered in Sri Lanka by such individual (as applicable).

Procedures to be followed to open the account.

- For individuals, account opening application, a photocopy of National Identity Card or Passport (pages depicting photo, details and alterations) KYC forms, FATCA declaration and any other documents stipulated by the Bank from time to time.
- For partnerships and companies, account opening application and identification documents as appropriate, KYC forms, FATCA declaration and any other documents stipulated by the Bank from time to time.
- Any other documents and Information required by the bank.

Opening and Maintaining the Accounts

OIA can be opened and maintained as Savings or Fixed Deposit (out of the returns derived from an outward investment) or Current (without overdrawing facility and cheque drawing facility) accounts, as a foreign currency account in any designated foreign currency i.e. USD, GBP, EUR, AUD, CAD, HKD, SGD, JPY, SEK, NZD, DKK, NOK, CNY, and CHF.

Minimum Balance Requirement

Currency	Savings & Current Accounts	Fixed Deposit Accounts
USD	100/-	1,000/-
GBP	100/-	750/-
EUR	100/-	1,000/-
AUD	150/-	1,350/-
CAD	150/-	1,300/-
SGD	150/-	1,500/-
JPY	12,000/-	110,000/-
HKD	800/-	8,000/-
NZD	150/-	1,500/-
CHF	100/-	1,000/-
SEK	900/-	9,000/-
DKK	700/-	6,500/-
NOK	900/-	8,750/-
CNY	700/-	6,750/-

Permitted Credits

- Sri Lanka Rupees converted into foreign currency, to the extent such limits specified for outward investments, in the regulations or the special permissions granted in terms of the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or FEA.
- Transfers from Business Foreign Currency Accounts or Personal Foreign Currency Accounts or OIA, of another person (i.e., buyer), being sale proceeds of an outward investment made through the same OIA.
- Transfers of proceeds of the loans obtained from a foreign lender by the account holder through an External Commercial Borrowing Account of the accountholder, for the purpose of financing outward investments permitted in terms of the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or the FEA.
- Transfers of proceeds of the loans obtained from a foreign lender by licensed commercial banks/ licensed specialized banks/ State Owned Enterprises, from an account outside Sri Lanka or an Inward Investment Account or an account maintained in the Offshore Banking Unit (OBU), of the lender, for the purpose of financing outward investments permitted in the regulations or in terms of the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or FEA.
- Transfer of proceeds of the loans obtained from a foreign lender by licensed commercial banks/ licensed specialized banks, from the Nostro Account of the borrower for the purpose of financing outward investments permitted in the regulations or in terms of the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or FEA.
- Remittances, as any income and any capital proceeds of the outward investments, made through the same OIA, as permitted in the regulations or in terms of the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or the FEA.

- Remittances, as settlement chargers under a court Order related to the outward investment made through the OIA.
- Remittances, as any income and any capital proceeds received from any asset/investment overseas acquired/held by the accountholder, for no consideration, as permitted in the regulations or the repealed Exchange Control Act.
- Remittances, as any income and any capital proceeds of shares received under an Employee Share Ownership Plan or Employee Share Option Scheme where the outward remittances for such investment was made by a company or branch office established in Sri Lanka (i.e., employer) on behalf of the accountholder (i.e., employee), as permitted in the regulations or the repealed Exchange Control Act.
- Remittances, as any income and any capital proceeds of any investment made through an OIA of another person which has been inherited to the accountholder from such person, subject to the regulations.
- Transfers from an Inward Investment Account of another person (i.e., investor) being proceeds of investments in shares, debt securities issued by a company incorporated in Sri Lanka (i.e., accountholder), if the accountholder intends to utilize such funds for an outward investment permitted under the regulations or the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or the FEA.
- Transfers from an OIA of another person, being outstanding balance of the OIA received by way of inheritance subject to the inheritance and succession laws in Sri Lanka.
- Proceeds of non-materialized Outward Investments made under the regulations, for which the funds were remitted through the same OIA, within three months of the date of payment made for the investment.
- Management fees, consultancy fees and commissions in relation to outward investments.
- Interest earned on the funds held in the account.

Permitted Debits

- Remittances relating to an outward investment undertaken by the account holder in terms of the regulations or the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or the FEA.
- Transfers to an OIA or Personal Foreign Currency Accounts or Business Foreign Currency Accounts of another person (i.e., seller), to purchase a permitted investment in overseas from the seller which was made through the same OIA or Personal Foreign Currency Accounts or Business Foreign Currency Accounts in terms of regulations or the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act or the FEA.
- Payments for current transactions of the account holder.
- Transfers to Personal Foreign Currency Accounts or Business Foreign Currency Accounts or an account maintained in the OBU, of the account holder, being any income and any capital proceeds received from an outward investment, where such investments had been made by debiting such Personal Foreign Currency Accounts or Business Foreign Currency Accounts or account in OBU, or by utilizing the funds transferred from such accounts into the OIA, proportionately to the contributions.
- Transfers to OIAs of the same account holder.

- Transfers to External Commercial Borrowing Account of the account holder, for the purpose of repayment of loans obtained from an overseas lender.
- Transfers of the outstanding balance to an OIA of a beneficiary/heir, subject to the inheritance and succession laws in Sri Lanka.
- Withdrawal in foreign currency notes or transfer of funds for uploading a Foreign Travel Card, up to the limits specified in the Directions No. 02 of 2021 on current transactions (or equivalent in any other foreign currency), for travel purpose of the account holder and/or immediate family members.
- Disbursements in Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka Rupees.

Documents and Information Required

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