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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 18 March 2022

Interest rates and threshold factor

In percent

Date	SNB policy rate ¹	SARON Close of trading ²	Special rate (liquidity-shortage financing facility) ³	Interest rate on sight deposits ⁴	Threshold factor
14.03.22	-0.75	-0.70	0.00	-0.75	30
15.03.22	-0.75	-0.70	0.00	-0.75	30
16.03.22	-0.75	-0.69	0.00	-0.75	30
17.03.22	-0.75	-0.68	0.00	-0.75	30
18.03.22	-0.75	-0.69	0.00	-0.75	30

1 From 3 January 2000 until 13 June 2019, the SNB set a target range for the three-month Swiss franc Libor. From 13 June 2019, the SNB policy rate is applied. Cf. also the press release on the [monetary policy assessment of 13 June 2019](#).

2 SARON is a reference interest rate for overnight transactions in the secured Swiss franc money market. The benchmark administrator, [Six](#), calculates and publishes SARON to six decimal places and is responsible for licensing.

3 The special rate is calculated as the current SNB policy rate plus a surcharge of 50 basis points. The special rate always amounts to at least 0%.

4 Charged only on sight deposit account balances which exceed a certain amount (exemption threshold).

Press release

Average of sight deposits in Swiss francs at the SNB for the week ending 18 March 2022

In CHF millions

Sight deposits of domestic banks	659,930
Other deposits on sight in Swiss francs	68,934
Total sight deposits in Swiss francs at the SNB	728,863

Minimum reserves: sight deposits of domestic banks averaged over the reporting period⁵

In CHF millions

Previous reporting period Average until	Sight deposits	Current reporting period Average until	Sight deposits
21.01.22	658,111	25.02.22	660,613
28.01.22	659,006	04.03.22	658,981
04.02.22	659,230	11.03.22	659,164
11.02.22	659,956	18.03.22	659,363
18.02.22	660,632		
Final figure for period	660,698		

5 The reporting period lasts from the 20th of a month until the 19th of the following month.

Minimum reserves: compliance during the last 12 reporting periods

In CHF millions

Reporting period	Requirement	Eligible assets ⁶	Swiss banknotes and coins	Sight deposits with the SNB	Compliance in percent	Interest rate ⁷ in percent
20.01.21 - 19.02.21	21,266	646,191	5,888	640,303	3,039	3.27
20.02.21 - 19.03.21	21,367	640,022	5,752	634,270	2,995	3.27
20.03.21 - 19.04.21	21,362	635,412	5,857	629,556	2,975	3.30
20.04.21 - 19.05.21	21,470	639,463	6,186	633,276	2,978	3.27
20.05.21 - 19.06.21	21,700	638,664	6,136	632,528	2,943	3.27
20.06.21 - 19.07.21	21,969	640,614	6,010	634,603	2,916	3.27
20.07.21 - 19.08.21	22,076	643,478	5,991	637,487	2,915	3.28
20.08.21 - 19.09.21	22,134	643,016	5,907	637,109	2,905	3.28
20.09.21 - 19.10.21	22,285	644,439	5,894	638,545	2,892	3.29
20.10.21 - 19.11.21	22,373	650,584	5,835	644,749	2,908	3.29
20.11.21 - 19.12.21	22,509	652,287	5,813	646,474	2,898	3.30
20.12.21 - 19.01.22	22,519	658,036	5,791	652,246	2,922	3.30

6 Sum of Swiss banknotes and coins as well as sight deposits with the SNB.

7 Interest obligation in the event of non-fulfilment of the minimum reserve requirements.