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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 27 March 2020

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
23.03.20	-0.75	-0.682	0.50	-0.75	25
24.03.20	-0.75	-0.666	0.50	-0.75	25
25.03.20	-0.75	-0.669	0.50	-0.75	25
26.03.20	-0.75	-0.672	0.50	-0.75	25
27.03.20	-0.75	-0.674	0.50	-0.75	25

- 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](#).
- SARON is a reference interest rate for overnight transactions in the secured Swiss franc money market. It is calculated on the basis of data (transactions and binding quotes) posted on SIX Repo Ltd's electronic trading platform. SARON is administered by [SIX](#).
- 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 50 basis points.
- 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 27 March 2020

In CHF millions

Sight deposits of domestic banks	528,965
Other deposits on sight in Swiss francs	91,491
Total sight deposits in Swiss francs at the SNB	620,455

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
21.02.20	502,432	20.03.20	522,567
28.02.20	502,257	27.03.20	528,165
06.03.20	502,844		
13.03.20	503,786		
Final figure for period	505,220		

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
20.02.19 - 19.03.19	17,162	491,903	6,533	485,370	2,866	3.27
20.03.19 - 19.04.19	17,200	488,606	6,756	481,850	2,841	3.26
20.04.19 - 19.05.19	17,284	485,912	6,644	479,268	2,811	3.29
20.05.19 - 19.06.19	17,425	474,966	6,578	468,388	2,726	3.27
20.06.19 - 19.07.19	17,400	477,326	6,553	470,773	2,743	3.26
20.07.19 - 19.08.19	17,369	477,248	6,489	470,759	2,748	3.26
20.08.19 - 19.09.19	17,366	483,195	6,542	476,652	2,782	3.26
20.09.19 - 19.10.19	17,492	487,661	6,669	480,992	2,788	3.26
20.10.19 - 19.11.19	17,752	504,626	6,511	498,115	2,843	3.30
20.11.19 - 19.12.19	18,084	507,587	6,498	501,089	2,807	3.30
20.12.19 - 19.01.20	18,362	510,802	7,002	503,799	2,782	3.30
20.01.20 - 19.02.20	18,373	510,215	6,568	503,647	2,777	3.29

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.