

Master Direction DOR.CAP.REC.No.61/21.01.002/2021-22 dated October 26, 2021 on [Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy for Local Area Banks \(Directions\), 2021](#):

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1	Annex 6	<p>.....</p> <p>E. Risk Weights for Forward Rate Agreement (FRA) /Interest Rate Swap (IRS)</p> <p>For reckoning the minimum capital ratio, the computation of risk weighted assets on account of FRAs / IRS shall be done as per the two steps procedure set out below:</p> <p>Step 1</p> <p>The notional principal amount of each instrument shall be multiplied by the conversion factor given below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="481 882 1162 1193"> <thead> <tr> <th>Original maturity</th> <th>Conversion factor</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Less than one year</td> <td>0.5 per cent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One year and less than two years</td> <td>1.0 per cent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For each additional year</td> <td>1.0 per cent</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Step 2</p> <p>The adjusted value thus obtained shall be multiplied by the risk weightage allotted to the relevant counter-party as</p>	Original maturity	Conversion factor	Less than one year	0.5 per cent	One year and less than two years	1.0 per cent	For each additional year	1.0 per cent	<p>.....</p> <p>E. Risk Weights for Forward Rate Agreement (FRA) /Interest Rate Swap (IRS) <u>and Foreign Exchange Contracts</u></p> <p><u>1. Foreign exchange contracts include- Cross currency swaps, Forward foreign exchange contracts, Currency futures and other contracts of a similar nature.</u></p> <p><u>2. Foreign exchange contracts with an original maturity of 14 calendar days or less, irrespective of the counterparty, shall be assigned "zero" risk weight.</u></p> <p><u>3. For reckoning the minimum capital ratio, the computation of risk weighted assets on account of FRAs / IRS <u>and Foreign Exchange Contracts</u> shall be done as per the two steps procedure set out below:</u></p> <p>a) Step 1:</p> <p>The notional principal amount of each instrument shall be multiplied by the conversion factor given below:</p>
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