

# Remittance and Banking by Non Resident of India

#### 1. Remittance from Non Resident for not permitted businesses/activities in India

- (i) Non Resident is **not permitted** to invest in the following businesses and activities
  - (a) Business of Chit fund company
  - (b) Business of Nidhi company
  - (c) Business of Real estate trading
  - (d) Construction of farm house
  - (e) Trading in Transferable Development Rights (TDRs)
- (ii) Business of Real Estate Trading is **not including** the followings:-
  - (a) Development of townships, construction of residential and commercial premises, roads and bridges in India
  - (b) Henceforth non-resident is **permitted** to develop the townships, construction of residential and commercial premises, roads and bridges in India

#### 2. Remittance from Non Resident for permitted businesses/activities in India

- (i) Non Resident is **permitted** to remit from outside India through normal banking channels
- (ii) **And also** to Debit to the following accounts
  - (a) FCNR (B) Account
  - (b) NRE Rupee Account
  - (c) NRO Rupee Account

### 3. Remittance to Non Resident against the sale proceed of Asset in India

(i) AD Bank is **permitted** to remit against the sale proceed of assets.

- (ii) Assets are including the followings:-
  - (a) Deposit with bank, partnership firm or company
  - (b) Balance in provident fund or superannuation benefits
  - (c) Amount of claim or maturity proceeds of Insurance policy
  - (d) Sale proceeds of shares, securities, immovable property or any **other** asset
- (iii) AD bank is **permitted** for remittance in accordance with the provisions of Act, Rules or Regulations of the RBI

#### 4. Remittance from NRO Rupee Account in India

- (i) AD bank is **permitted** to remit from NRO rupee account.
- (ii) However AD bank is **not permitted** to remit to the **citizen of Nepal or Bhutan**.
- (iii) List of eligible persons for remitting from India is following:-
  - (a) Retired person from employment in India
  - (b) Person who had acquired the credit into NRO rupee account when he was resident in India
  - (c) Person who had acquired through inheritance from a person who was resident in India
  - (d) Widow as resident **outside India** who had inherited the assets of her deceased husband
  - (e) Person who has come to India for study/training and also completed his study/training

#### 5. Remittance with approval from the RBI

- (i) AD bank is **permitted** for a remittance where amount is **exceeding** USD 1 million per financial year from NRO rupee account with approval from the RBI
- (ii) AD bank is **permitted** for a remittance where amount is required for **not permitted** purpose with approval from the RBI

#### 6. Computation of Monetary Limit USD 1 Million Per Financial Year

Monetary limit USD 1 million is not including the sale proceed of shares and immovable properties
which have already acquired by direct remittance through banking channel in foreign currency
on repatriation basis.

## 7. Remittance in Installments from Non Resident of India

• Remittances in installment are permitted through **same** authorized dealer bank only.

#### 8. Remittance of USD 1 Million to outside India by NRI / PIO

- NRI / PIO is **not permitted** to remit **exceeding** USD **1** million **without approval** from the RBI against the followings:-
- (i) Out of the balance available in NRO rupee account
- (ii) Out of Sale proceeds of assets acquired by way of inheritance, legacy or settlement with the close relatives

### 9. Lock-in-Period for NRI / PIO

• NRI / PIO is permitted to remit against sale proceeds of immovable property purchased by him out of rupee funds without lock-in-period but within USD 1 million per financial year

# 10. Remittance against Sale Proceeds of Residential Property as Purchased in Foreign Exchange

- (i) NRI / PIO is permitted to remit sale proceeds of **residential property** purchased in Foreign exchange restricted to **amount paid at time of purchase** in foreign exchange.
- (ii) However **balance sale proceeds** over and above amount paid at time of purchase is to be credited to NRO rupee account
- (iii) Remittance against NRO rupee account is permitted USD 1 million per financial year

## 11. List of Eligible Repatriation

- (i) AD bank is permitted without monetary limit USD 1 million for the following repatriations
  - (a) Out of refund of application or earnest money
  - (b) Out of purchase consideration paid by house building agencies/seller on account **non allotment** of flat, plot or cancellation of booking or deal for purchase of residential or

    commercial property along with interest, if any **without monetary limit** as prescribed

    through NRO rupee account i.e. USD 1 million per financial year
- (ii) However **original** investments should be made out of FCNR (B) account, NRE rupee account or

direct remittance from outside India

(iii) Moreover NRI/PIO is **also** permitted to get credit into FCNR (B) account or NRE rupee account instead of remittance **outside India** with the submission of Form – **15** CA and CB to the AD- bank

# 12. Remittance against Sale Proceeds of Residential Accommodation Purchased through Bank Loan

- (i) AD banks is permitted to remit the sales proceeds of residential accommodation as purchased through bank loans **after** making payment against **outstanding loan**
- (ii) However loan should be repaid through direct foreign inward remittances, debit to FCNR (B) account or NRE rupee account

# 13. Remittances against the Current Incomes

- (i) Current Incomes Includes the followings:-
  - (a) Rental Income
  - (b) Dividend Income
  - (c) Pension Income
  - (d) Interest Income
- (ii) Remittances against the **current incomes** are permitted **without monetary limit** i.e USD 1 million per financial year
- (iii) Moreover remittance against current incomes is also permitted without routing through NRO rupee account

#### 14. Credit of Current Incomes into NRE Rupee Account

- (i) NRI / PIO is **also** permitted to get credit against the current incomes into NRE rupee account where AD bank is satisfied that credit represent **current incomes only**
- (ii) And also Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) is to be deducted and deposited with the Income tax deptt.

# 15. Issue of the International Credit Cards to NRI / PIO

- (i) AD banks is permitted to issue an International Credit Cards to NRI/PIO without approval from the RBI
- (ii) (a) However settlement of International credit Cards should be made through direct foreign currency inward remittance
  - (b) **Or** debit to FCNR (B) account, NRE rupee account or NRO rupee account as maintained in India

# Banking Facilities for Returning NRI / PIO to India

# 1. Banking Facilities for Returning NRI / PIO to India

- (i) (a) Returning NRI / PIO is permitted to continue to hold, own, transfer or invest in foreign currency outside India
  - (b) **Or** in Foreign Security or immovable property **outside India**
- (ii) However these assets should be acquired during his non-resident of India status

# 2. Resident Foreign Currency (RFC) Account for Returning NRI / PIO to India

- (i) Returning NRI / PIO is permitted to open, hold or maintain a RFC account for transferring his balance available in **existing** FCNR (B) account or NRE rupee account.
- (ii) And also NRI/PIO is permitted to get credit into RFC account out of sale proceeds of the assets as held outside India
- (iii) (a) Balance available in RFC account is permitted as **free from all restrictions** regarding utilization
  - (b) And also for investment in any form outside India
- (iv) Types of RFC Account are followings:-
  - (a) Current Account
  - (b) Saving Account
  - (c) Term Deposit

#### 3. Change of Residential Status from NRI / PIO to Resident of India

- (i) Impact on NRE Rupee Account
  - (a) NRE rupee account is to be redesigned as resident rupee account on change of residential status
  - (b) **Or** Funds is to be transferred to RFC account

#### (ii) Impact on FCNR (B) Account

- (a) Deposits in FCNR (B) account is to be allowed to continue till date of maturity where depositor so desired
- (b) However provisions relating to rate of interest and also reserve requirements against FCNR
   (B) account is to be treated as resident rupee deposits account from the date of returning NRI / PIO to India
- (c) Moreover AD banks is required to convert the FCNR (B) account on maturity into resident rupee deposit account **Or** in RFC account in India
- (d) Henceforth **new** rate of interest is to be applicable **after conversion** into resident rupee account **Or** in RFC account in India

#### (iii) Impact on NRO Rupee Account

- (a) NRO rupee account is to be redesigned as resident rupee account  $m{Or}$  in RFC account in India
- (b) Henceforth **new** rate of interest is to be applicable **after conversion** into resident rupee account **Or** in RFC account in India

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